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THE HAY STACKS MURDER.—It is unknown to most of our readers that a man has been lying in the watch-house since Sunday evening last, charged with a participation in the murder which was perpetrated on Hay street, on the night of Monday, the 8th inst. The name of this man, probably, is Hugh Adams; he is about nineteen years of age, and is a native of Hill Side, Westmoreland county. He was latterly employed as a driver on the canal.

On Saturday last, in a conversation in Florence, West moreland county, with a relative, Adams avowed a knowledge of the murder perpetrated in this city. On Sunday he was arrested by a Mr. John Carey, brought to this city, and lodged in the watch-house. On Monday he was taken before Alderman Lewis, (in the absence of Mayor Biddle) and a very singular story he related.

He stated that he had been induced to leave his home and come to Pittsburgh by a man named John Simms, who was accompanied by an accomplice whom Adams knew as "Andy." When they arrived in this city, Simms told him that they had followed a man from the Mountains, who had a great deal of money, and that they intended robbing him. Adams agreed to assist him and "Andy" in the robbery. A rendezvous was agreed upon; and on Monday Adams met Simms, "Andy" and a stranger on the wharf, in front of the Monongahela House. The party walked around the city, drinking liberally, until nightfall, when the three parted from the stranger, and returned to the Mansion House, on Liberty street, where they stopped. In the evening they called forth again, and about eleven o'clock met the stranger on Penn street, near the Point. A pistol was given Adams, by Simms, to load; after loading it, he handed it back to Simms, who deliberately fired at the stranger. The shot did not take effect, and the party walked away. They shortly afterwards met the stranger coming down a cross street from Liberty to Penn. Simms went up to him and plunged a dagger into his breast. The party then ran away, and the next morning Simms and "Andy" left on the Fort Pitt for Cincinnati. Before they left, Adams demanded from Simms a portion of the money. He said they had not got any—that the person robbed was not the right one. After the departure of the two, Adams returned home.

This is substantially the story, as told by Adams, of the death of Donahoe. Upon the strength of this well connected yarn, Alderman Lewis proceeded to Westmoreland county, for the purpose of taking depositions, and officer Hague was despatched to Cincinnati on Tuesday morning, by the sale to "head" and arrest the "murderers." Alderman Lewis, on proceeding to Florence, took the deposition of an uncle of Adams, who testified that his nephew had not been from home for three weeks preceding the Monday night on which the murder was committed. At Bolivar the Alderman found the identical John Simms, the reputed "murderer," and ascertained that he had been confined to his bed for some time from a broken leg.

This story is very singular, and betrays that wonderful sagacity on the part of Adams which is at times discernable in the conduct of lunatics. He is in Jail at present, awaiting the arrival of his friends. There is hardly a doubt as to his insanity.

Hague will have rather a wild goose chase to Cincinnati.

HEALTH OF CITIES.—The Philadelphia Bulletin, a few days since, in giving some statistics in regard to the health of cities, in the United States, said, "that Philadelphia is by far the healthiest of all northern cities, and with the exception of Charleston, which is this year unusually favored, is the healthiest city in the Union." The figures do not bear the Bulletin out in the claim it sets up for the Quaker City. Pittsburgh, by all odds, is the healthiest city in the Union. It has never been visited by a disease that assumed an epidemical form, and for general good health the figures show, conclusively, how much we of the Iron City have cause to be thankful. The bills of mortality in this city rarely run over twenty deaths per week; however we will take the Report of the Board of Health, for the week ending on August 8th, when the deaths reached twenty-seven, which is a much higher figure than the average during the year. The following table shows how we compare with the great cities of New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston, during the same week:

	Deaths.	Population.	Ratio of Deaths.
Philadelphia,	209	400,000	1 to 1587
New York,	585	515,000	1 to 876
Baltimore,	152	160,000	1 to 1052
Boston,	134	130,000	1 to 1000
New Orleans,	1218	120,000	1 to 98
Pittsburgh,	110	110,000	1 to 1000
St. Louis,	34	80,000	1 to 952
Charleston,	13	43,000	1 to 2536
Mobile,	29	40,000	1 to 1103
Pittsburgh,	27	80,000	1 to 2962

The average number of deaths in this city, for an entire year, will not run over twenty per week.

THE POLICE COMMITTEE AND THE MAYOR.—From present appearances, the difficulties between the Mayor and the Police Committee, which have been a source of such trouble and vexation to our citizens during the past few years, will be revived during the administration of Mayor Biddle. A short time since, Mayor Biddle very properly, and for sufficient cause, discharged a member of the day police. The Committee placed the man (Thomas Gillespie) on the night watch. Mayor Biddle suspended him several times, but during the late absence from the city, of the Mayor, the Committee reinstated Gillespie. This led to a difficulty, of which the *Journal* gives the following version. It occurred on Wednesday night:—

"The Police Committee, while the night watchmen were assembling, and just prior to the roll call, went down to the watch house, and some of them insisted that the Captain of watch should put Gillespie on. Mr. Biddle, we learn, informed them that it was time for the roll to be called, and that they should retire until let the Captain discharge his duties—that they ought not not to interfere between the Captain and him. Some of them remained, insisting that Gillespie should be put on. Mayor Biddle requested them to retire, when Mr. Splane said he had as good a right there as the Mayor, and refused to go.

"Mr. R. informed him that he was interfering with the business of the office, and respectfully requested him to leave the room. He again refused, and Mr. R. again asked him to go. On his once more refusing, the Mayor called on Capt. Elisha Cook to arrest, and lock him up, which was done.

"He was subsequently discharged, Messrs. Howard and Mackin giving security for his appearance in the morning, to answer a charge of disturbing officers while in the performance of their duty."

Yesterday morning Mr. Splane was brought before the Mayor, and discharged. If the statements made by the *Journal* are correct, we think Mayor Biddle erred in not imposing the same fine on Mr. Splane that he would have imposed on any person who had been guilty of the offence "disturbing the officers in the discharge of their duty."

We hope the time will soon come, when that unnecessary and troublesome appendage to our system of city government, the Police Committee, will be abolished.

FIRE CASE.—Samuel West was yesterday bound over to court by Alderman Ochmer, by Ald. Mayhold to bail for an assault and battery, committed on Saturday morning last. The parties reside in the Fifth Ward. West is a cooper, and the assault took place on his premises. Mary Gabby was arrested yesterday, on a charge of assault and battery, committed on Saturday last. The parties reside in the Fifth Ward. The assault took place on Mary Gabby was arrested yesterday, and held to bail for an assault and battery, committed on Saturday last. The parties reside in the Fifth Ward. The assault took place on the premises of the complainant, Mr. West.