

on the contrary, considered him quite shrewd in a trade. Hutchinson saw nothing unusual in his conduct; he appeared perfectly rational, and demeaned himself as travelers usually do.

Major Wright thinks (upon the supposition that he killed Gordon) that his conduct at the place of the homicide is wholly inexplicable; thinks a sane man would have concealed the body in the thicket. To my mind it is perfectly consistent with reason, and exhibits a degree of shrewdness, and a knowledge of human nature, which few men possess. It was necessary to conceal the body as soon as possible, and the gully afforded a ready means of doing it; whereas, it would have required some time to carry the body any distance into the thicket; besides, he could not leave it in the woods without depositing it on the surface of the ground, as the ground was frozen too hard to admit of digging a hole, even if he had had the implements for digging. In addition to this he very naturally supposed that if suspicion fixed upon that vicinity as the probable place of the murder, the persons in pursuit of the body would be most likely to search the thicket, and in this he was correct, for Major Walker tells you that he, Wentz and others were busily engaged searching the thicket, and but for the dog that scented the blood in the track of the road, it is not probable that the body would have been discovered until the snow had entirely disappeared from the ground. The gully was just wide and deep enough for the purpose, and so situated that persons following the usually traveled portions of the road would not be likely to notice it. It was snowing hard at the time, and their tracks were almost immediately obliterated. We have been asked why he left the saddle in the thicket half a mile from the road. The reason is obvious. He could not have put it on the horse he was leading without exciting suspicion, and by leaving it in the thicket it was calculated to draw attention from the road. Considering the time they had to operate, the whole thing was managed with considerable adroitness.

Major Wright has discovered evidence of insanity in the fact that on Saturday night he went to the theater in St.