HISTORY OF THE BEAVER VAL-LEY:

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette. BEAVER VALLEY, Dec. 20, 1872. [Paper No. 3.] MORAVIAN MISSIONARIES AND INDIAN. MAB-

The first settlement ever made in Beaver Valley by white men, was by a party of Moravian Christians, whose primary object in taking up their abode in the valley wilds, was to do good among the ignorant and benighted aboriginals.

They had great influence with the Indians, gained as William Penn gained his, by exercising a spirit of kindness toward them. The history of this settlement is related briefly as follows: A party of Moravians were located at Sawanakhannah on the Allegheny river, and hearing of the great fertility of soil and the excellent prospects of doing good in Beaver Valley, they left this town, under the leadership of Rev. Daniel Zeisberger, on the 17th of April, 1770. They passed down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, to the mouth of the Beaver, thence up this stream in canoes to the falls, where they were compelled to stop, water navigation being no further practicable. They transported their canoes and goods around the falls by land and after a great deal of labor and effort, arrived at the Indian town Kushkushkee, already mentioned, being there kindly received by the Indians.

In a short time they founded a settle ment of their own, building a town and calling it Friedstadt, or the "town of Peace," where they resided several years. While here they instructed the Indians in the principles of the christian religion, and it is said of them that they lived most exemplary lives, and died in the full faith of the religion taught them. In deed, it is related of a part of the Christian Indians, that at one time a few of them fell into the hands of a band o white desperadoes and were doomed to death. They underwent the most excruciating tortures without a murmur, singing praises and christian asongs learned from the Moravians, and were even exulting in the prospect that in a few brief hours, they would be with their Redeem-

THE FIRST FORT BUILT.

During the progress of the Revolutionary war, in the spring of the year 1778, a fort was built on the side of the town of Beaver, and named Fort McIntosh, in honor of the general who built and first occupied it. It was built to protect the frontier from the attacks of the Indians, who had become very troublesome to the Americans under the incitements of the British troops. History relates that General McIntosh was sent by the American government with a small force of troops, to the defence of the frontier outpost.

He descended the Ohio river from Fort Pitt, with his little army of regulars and militia, stopping at the mouth of Beaver river, and built the fort on the elevated grounds fronting the Ohio river.

The fort was made of strong stockades. with four bastions and was defended by one six pounder. The location was an excellent one as a point from which to pursue or intercept the war parties of the Indians, who were especially annoying the settlements on the opposite side of the river. It commanded the country for miles in every direction, and at the same time its soldiery were excellent targets for Indian sharp shooters on the opposite side of the Ohio river. They became so yery troublesome that the commander of the fort, had a shed built over the path to the river, under the cover of which water was carried from the river to the fort. The spot on which the old fort stood, is pointed out with pride to this day, by the people of Beaver, and is one of their sacred spots.

fort, a block-house was built on the grounds now covered by New Brighton. The location of this old relic of the Indian wars, is now occupied by a new frame house just built by James Thornily, Esq., on Main street. The selection of this point certainly showed skill and foresight, as it commands the whole region of access.

This block house contained a garrison as late as 1793, commanded by Major Tooney, prohably as an outpost during

the Indian war of that period. CAPTAIN BRADY'S ADVENTURE.

We have handed down to us, from the tongues of the early fathers of the coun-Brady, which will bear putting on paper. tion, and the Indians very troublesome. expeditions, he found himself within the walls of Fort McIntosh, awaiting orders . for future movements. In a short time, he received instructions to return to Fort P.tt, which required him to pass through a part of the country continually infested with roving bands of hostile Indians.

To prepare himself for any emergency, that might arise on the route, he chose for his campanions, two men, equality as brave and daring as himself, though not so well accustomed to Indian warfare, out of bad scrapes, nor so good judgment were on, or the opposite side. Brady's ad. this most terrible tragedy and swift retrivice was adopted and they remained on bution.

the side of the river they were then on, which the sequel proved to have been a wise choice. They took up the line of march and moved rapidly forward until they came near to where Sewickly now stands, where lived a man and his family by the name of Gray. Gray was one of those dare-devil fellows, who feared nothing, and is always found in the advance of the outposts. He had settled in a little log cabin with his family and was to all appearance enjoying undisturbed prosperity. Upon this day he was away from home hunting and left his wife and family in the cabin. Upon arriving near this settlement, Brady had reason to suppose that there were Indians near, and bidding his men to remain behind, he pushed forward to reconnoitre the ground. He had gone but a short distance when he saw Gray ahead of him and immediately stepped back into the woods to await his ap-

When Gray arrived before him, he suddenly stepped forth and jerked him from his horse, much to the astonishment of Gray, who was about to offer a determined resistence to such summary proceedings, whem Brady said to him, "I am Captain Brady; for God's sake keep quiet."

This short sentence put to rest all combatative proceedings on the part of Gray, to whom Brady at once explained the Valley. meaning of such treatment, which was to keep him from falling into the hands of the Indians who were then uncomfortably close. They advanced together quietly to where Brady supposed the Indians to be, when to their horror they saw in the

THE BURNING OF GRAY'S CABIN, and upon nearing it, found what was few hours before a quiet, peaceful home. now a shapeless mass of ruins. The feel ings of Gray can be better imagined than described, while viewing this heart-sickening scene. They examined the ruins, but finding no bodies, knew at once that the members of the family were captives. Vengeance was sworn against the savages but as no time could be lost, preparations were at once made to pursue the Indians. It was evident from the trail, which was very plain, that there was a dated January 17, 1788, and was addressed er and beyond the pains and tortures of large party of Indians and upon joining the other two men a conference was held as to the best course to be taken. There was a division of opinion, some wishing to go to Fort Pitt and another to Fort McIntosh for help, but they were satisfied to submit to Brady's judgment, who, upon considering the matter, simply said "come." His idea was that they must be overtaken that night or pursuit would be futile. The pursuit was then begun, with the most eager anticipations, especially on the part of Gray, who had such large interests at stake. The pursuit was begun about 2 o'clock P. M. Brady knewthe country so well, that he seemed to know by intuition what course the Indians would take, and was not long in making up his mind as to the shortest way to go, by which to intercept, if pos-

sible, the party. Feeling certain that they would endeavor to cross the Beaver river at a ford by New Brighton, he shaped his course to either intercept or overtake them at this point. His conclusions were well founded, for upon arriving at a place where he could see the course of the river for some distance, he observed 13 Indians, with the captives, filing up a deep ravine at the base of the hill on which stands the alum rocks, near the bridge now connecting Beaver Falls and New Brighton. They passed up this ravine, and from their movements Brady concluded that they would encamp near what is now known as Brady's River, as it was an excellent point there for camping and for secreting themselves from the observation of any one. A fight was now unavoidable and the odds seemed all against the pursuing party, About the time of the erection of the and all were appalled at the prospect except Brady. They all looked to him for counsel, perfectly willing to trust to his advice and leadership, knowing from a long experience that when he said fight, that it meant victory. Gray saw his wife and children surrounded by the lndians, and terrible was the vengeance he swore against the captors. Brady took above it, beyond rifle shot, and was easy his men and advanced quietly to a point at the Run where he could watch the movements of the Indians. They got within a very short distance of the

INDIAN CAMP AFTER DARK, and awaited their opportunity. The Indians ate their evening meal, during which time Brady gave his orders for the subsequent action of his men. They were try, the following adventure of Captain to depend altogether on the knife and the tomahawk in their fight with the Indians, It occurred, probably, about the close of and were quietly to crawl to the side of the Revolutionary war, while the count the Indians while asleep, and in detail try was in a somewhat unsettled condi- stab to the heart each sleeper until the whole party was despatched. When the It is related that upon one of his scouting | Indians had fallen asleep, the advance was made, and when near the first sleeper a twig was snapped which aroused him and compelled a halt. In the course of an hour, all was again quiet when another advance was made, and this time they got to the side of the sleeping and unconscious savages, when the bloody work was begun and kept up until every savage but one was killed, who, when struck, raised up with a great noise, but was quickly despatched by a blow from a tomahawk. The captives ran in alarm, but and not possessing the facility of getting finding that friends were at hand, returned and were again restored to their friends as that of Brady. Before leaving the fort, and homes. The spring by the side of they debated for some time which side of which the Indians camped was afterwards the river they should take—the one they called the "Bloody Spring," in memory of

The settlement of all lands northwest of the Obio river was discouraged by law in TOLEDO MUTUAL October, 1769, on account of the unsettled

state of affairs in the Indian territory, and LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. the continued depredations of the Indians, rendering it very unsafe for settlers any distance beyond the outposts. As we have seen, the Moravians settled in Bea-TOLEDO, OHIO. ver Valley one year after that time, but they were on terms of friendship with the Indians among whom they settled. But

efforts were constantly being made to gain possession of this vast region, and it was finally accomplished after an immense sacrifice of life and a great deal of PAID UP CAPITAL treaty making. On the 21st of January, 1785, a treaty was held at Fort McIntosh, between representatives of the United States Government and the chiefs of the

Wyandot, Delaware, Chippewa and Ottowa tribes of Indians, by which certain reservations were granted and set apart for the sole use of the Indians, and a large extent of country was ceded to the United States. This treaty, in connection with that at Fort Stanwix, in 1784, was the first step taken, and the means by which the United States secured the Indian titles to all the vast realms beyond the Ohio, within certain prescribed limits, and which embraced the whole of the extent of country called the Beaver

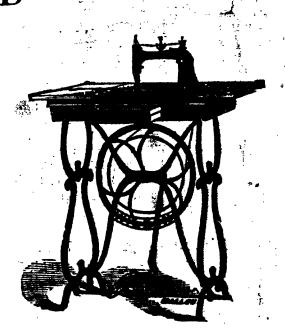
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Sunday School every Sunday at 9½ o'clock at same place. T. Noble, Sup't.

United Presbyterian—Rev. J. I. Frazier, pastor.
Services on Sabbath at 10½ o'clock, A M and 7½

Services on Sabbath at 10½ o'clock, A M and 7½ PM. Sabbath-school at 21/2 PM.

PM. Sabbath-school at 2½ PM.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Beaver Valley Lodge, A. Y. M., 478—Meets every second and fourth Monday of each month. Wm. H. Grim. W. M.; Wm. Bower, S. W.; J. L. B. Dawson, S. W.; S. M. Hawkins, Treas; Ch. Molter, Scc. Harmony Chapter, 206. Meets first Monday each month. E.A. Noble, H.P.; W. H. Grim. K.; A. Tomilinson, S.; P. MartsolfTreas.; H. C. Patterson, Sec Valley Echo Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 622—W. H. Hoom, N. G., James M. Nugent, Sec'y. Meet every Thursday evening ut 7½ o'clock.

Eco 'omy Savings Institute—Henry Hice, Pres't. John Reeves, Cashier.

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Methodist Episcopal—Rev. Huddleston Pasto Services, 10% o'clock, and evening, 6% o'clock Sunday School every Sabbath at 2 P. M.

Latheran—German—Rev. Mr. Borm, Pasto Services every other Sabbath at 10% o'clock, at Sabbath School at 4 o'clock. English—Rev. M. Jacobs, Pastor. Services avery other Sabbath 10% o'clock and Sabbath School at 2 o'clock.

Presbyterian—Rev. W. G. Taylor, Chaplain Pennsylvania Institute for Soldiers' Orphans. Services in Chapel at 2 o'clock, and lecture in tevening at 7 o'clock. Sabbath School at 10 o'clock.