

HISTORY OF THE BEAVER VALLEY.

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

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 aborigines.

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 Saw-snakbannah 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.

In a short time they founded a settlement 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.

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.

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.

About the time of the erection of the 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.

This block house contained a garrison as late as 1793, commanded by Major Toney, probably 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 country, the following adventure of Captain Brady, which will bear putting on paper.

To prepare himself for any emergency that might arise on the route, he chose for his companions, two men, equally as brave and daring as himself, though not so well accustomed to Indian warfare, and not possessing the facility of getting out of bad scrapes, nor so good judgment as that of Brady.

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.

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 resistance to such summary proceedings, when Brady said to him, "I am Captain Brady; for God's sake keep quiet."

THE BURNING OF GRAY'S CABIN, and upon nearing it, found what was a few hours before a quiet, peaceful home, now a shapeless mass of ruins. The feelings of Gray can be better imagined than described, while viewing this heart-stickening scene.

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.

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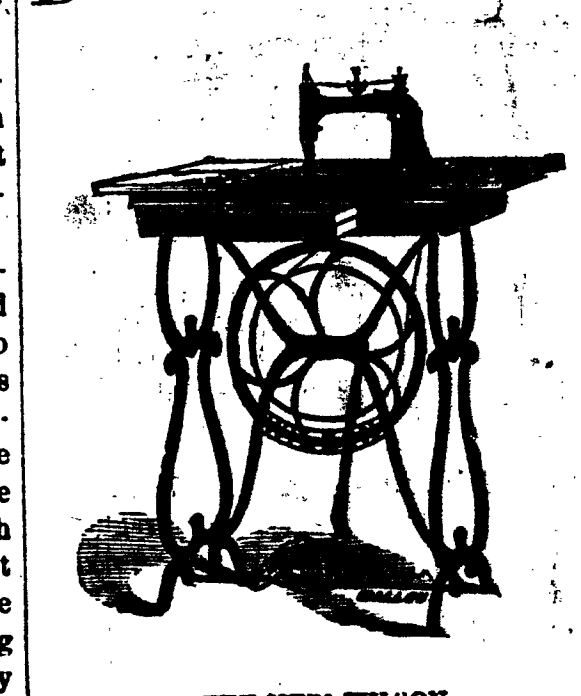
The settlement of all lands northwest of the Ohio river was discouraged by law in October, 1769, on account of the unsettled state of affairs in the Indian territory, and the continued depredations of the Indians, rendering it very unsafe for settlers any distance beyond the outposts.

After all the costly and fearfully exhausting wars that had been waged for the supremacy in this fine heritage, the arts of peace and of diplomacy gave the decision in favor of the white man with his civilization and enlightenment, without materially wronging the original occupants of the soil.

As showing the importance of this valley, as a national thoroughfare between the great lakes, and the Ohio river and its outlets, it is a source of pleasure to notice a letter written by General Washington on the subject. The letter was dated January 17, 1788, and was addressed to Maj. Gen. Butler, written at the instance of a committee of business men.

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