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BRADDOCK'S GRAVE. INTERESTING EXAMINATION.

The Uniontown (Pa.) American Standard, after giving an account of the planting of spruce trees at the grave of Gen. Braddock, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, adds the following interesting historical sketch of events and incidents connected with Braddock's expedition and death, and the customs of that period:

In connection with Braddock's grave, we cannot resist the temptation to give some historical incidents derived from the Hon. Andrew Stewart. About the year 1802 Mr. Stewart's father lived about two miles east of Braddock's grave, on what is called "Braddock's Old Road"—the old military road. Being supervisor of roads, he went with some hands to repair the road, taking with him Mr. Stewart—then a boy ten or twelve years of age. While the men were at work on the east bank of Braddock's Run, Thomas Fawcette, (born in 1712, and died in 1816, aged 104 years, and who was with Braddock's army at the time of his defeat and death), an old mountain hunter, then living on the road less than a mile east of Braddock's grave, in a cabin, some of the rains of which are still visible, came along with his rifle on his shoulder, a hunting knife in his belt, dressed in a blue hunting shirt, bearskin cap, and buckskin pants, standing straight as an arrow, about six feet six inches in his moccasins. Fawcette said: "Take care, men, or you will dig up Braddock's bones. We buried him where he died, right on the bank of the run. We dug away the bank, and drove the haggard wagons over the grave, so the enemy could not find the grave. I will show you the spot. The water has washed down nearly to the bones. Dig down here a foot or two and you will find them." The men did so and found the bones.

"Braddock," said Fawcette to the workmen, "was a brave man, but to save his men I shot him."

"Why so?" was asked.

"I will tell you," brother Joe and I were fighting behind trees when Braddock came riding along and struck Joe, saying, "You coward, stand out and fight like a man." Considering him our worst enemy, I turned around and shot him instead of an Indian. When Washington took command of us he told us to free. We did so, and the remnant of us were saved."

In confirmation of Fawcette's story, history says that it was thought at the time that Braddock was shot by one of his own men, and it was upon this occasion that Braddock, when Washington advised him to let the men free, said:

"High times, when a Virginia buckskin undertakes to teach a British General how to fight."

Mr. Stewart further says the bones were reinterred at the foot of a large white oak tree, except a few which his father took home, and afterward sent by some Western merchants, going East, with directions to put them in the Museum at Philadelphia.

The merchants, Mr. Stewart says, then traveled in companies, armed with pistols, to protect their money, consisting of Spanish dollars. Each pack horse carried two or three thousand dollars in small bags. The merchants would carry but on the small horses, iron, salt, and other merchandise, for the supply of the Western people, the whole in a year amounting to perhaps not much more than one "iron horse" now takes over the mountains in a single train. Slaves from Virginia were driven through Uniontown in those days corralled together like horses, for the Western market. This may seem strange to young ears, but there are many old persons still living who witnessed it.

An Eventful Life.

In the lower shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in this city, is employed an individual, a painter by trade, who has experienced many changes in this strange life as generally fall to the lot of man, and which we condense for publication. He graduated with high honor at Jefferson College and subsequently assisted in the building of the first railroads in Illinois and Upper Canada. Six months of his life were spent with the Huron Indians on the Monto Islands, in the Georgian Bay. He has been the editor and proprietor of two weekly papers, and the editor of three others—two of them daily. He was a captain under General Wm. Walker in his last fatal expedition to Nicaragua, on which occasion he was captured and condemned to be shot, but subsequently made his escape, and after wandering for three months in the forests, succeeded in returning safely to his country.

At the breaking out of the late civil war he was commissioned a Lieutenant Colonel by Secretary of War Cameron, and assigned to the staff of Major General McCollum, of the Construction Corps. By this latter officer he was assigned to General Sherman's department both to General Sherman and Secretary of War, Stanton. At the close of the rebellion, in settling his accounts with the government for property passing through his hands, he was adjudged a defaulter to the amount of over six hundred thousand dollars, although he steadfastly maintains that he has never wronged the government out of a solitary copper.—Altoona Tribune.

TAKING UMBRAGE AT ADVICE.—The New York Tribune, thoroughly posted as to the corrupt appliances brought into requisition by the Federal party in all election contests, calls upon the Connecticut Republicans to be honest in the pending canvass, and not corrupt voters, as was the case in New Hampshire. At this some of the leading Radical journals take umbrage, and plainly intimate that the Tribune had better mind its own business.—The N. Y. State Gazette, mildly Radical, snappishly shows its chagrin, by saying: "Can't it think of some other nice plans for helping the Democrats along?" Could a more unblushing admission of gross Radical desire to corrupt the ballot be cited than this? But that is their only road to success.

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