

Arnold's Treason.

During the entire period of the War for Independence, the possession of the Hudson River was an object of first importance. With this in view, General Burgoyne, with the flower of the British Army, had undertaken to gain control of the River by descending it from its sources early in the campaign of 1777, but had been compelled to surrender with his entire army, at Stillwater. Early in the war, West Point was fortified by the Americans, as commanding the river and securing safe communication at all times between the Eastern and Middle Colonies. Washington, by his diligence in completing its works of defence, had rendered that citadel of the Highlands apparently impregnable, so much so that the British Commander, although strengthened by the arrival in the summer of 1779 of three thousand fresh troops, and an abundant supply of stores and munition of war, had not sufficient force to warrant any further attempt up the Hudson. The following year found the American Army occupying positions on both sides of the river preparatory to an attack on New York, in conjunction with the French fleet then in our waters. At this critical moment Benedict Arnold obtained command at West Point, and at once hastened to perfect his plans to betray this key of the whole country into the hands of the enemy. He had already, under an assumed name, been eighteen months in secret correspondence with the Adjutant General of the British Army in New York. The real matter in negotiation was the betrayal of West Point and the Highlands to Sir Henry Clinton. This stupendous piece of treachery was to be consummated at the time when Washington, with the main body of his army, would be drawn toward King's Bridge, and the French troops landed on Long Island in the projected co-operation against New York. The immediate results of this surrender, it was anticipated, would be the defeat of the combined attempt upon New York; and its ultimate effect might be the dismemberment of the Union, and the dislocation of the whole American scheme of warfare.

The plot for the betrayal of West Point and its dependent posts was discovered by the capture of Major Andre, with plans of the works and explanatory papers upon his person. He was tried and executed as a spy, and Arnold, the traitor, sought safety in the service of the enemies of his country. After a few years of disgraceful service he died, loathed and despised by the civilized world. In a letter to Governor Reed, Washington writes: "Arnold's conduct is so villainously perfidious, that there are no terms that can describe the baseness of his heart. That overruling Providence which has so often and so remarkably interposed in our favor, never manifested itself more conspicuously than in the timely discovery of his horrid intention to surrender the post and garrison of West Point into the hands of the enemy. The confidence and folly have marked the subsequent conduct of this man, are of a piece with his villainy, and all three are perfect in their kind." The part taken by Major Andre in this dark transaction, and the universal sympathy awakened even among those of the country against which he had practiced, forms one of the touching themes of the Revolution, and the story will ever remain one of undiminished interest to readers of American History. "Indeed a romance has been thrown around the memory of the unfortunate Andre, which increases with the progress of years; while the name of Arnold will stand sadly conspicuous to the end of time, as the only American officer of note, throughout all the trials and vicissitudes of the Revolution, who proved a traitor to the glorious cause of his country."

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A Strange Story.

The following is from the Phoenix (Arizona) Herald: Some excitement is being created among the Mexican population of Phoenix by the story of a Mexican who arrived recently from Reno mountains. He came into town under cover of darkness, as he was nearly naked. His hands and feet were torn and bloody, and his face was gashed in a terrible manner. His story was told with the air of a man who had been terribly frightened and had not recovered. With a companion he started out prospecting about a month ago, going up Salt River. They left the river when opposite Superstition mountain. Their prospecting began at this point. While climbing up the mountain, in a little gully, through black sand, and down which a large stream of water had evidently passed years ago, they were astonished to find that in this sand were large quantities of fine gold. In some places the sand was only about an inch deep over the granite. The gold in pieces the size of a bean and smaller, was found in the little fissures in the face of the bed rock. Very little washing was necessary, and they found a little spring of water which furnished them with what they needed. They obtained, they think, about \$300 worth in half a day's work. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon they were surprised to see an Indian woman come to the top of the gulch above the spring and start to come down. Upon seeing them she ran back over the hill again. In less than ten minutes they were surrounded by fifty or sixty savages. The Indians were very small and seemed to be of a different nature than they had ever seen in Arizona. The Mexicans were not armed except with knives, and the survivor says they were almost instantly caught with lariats. The Indians took them up the mountains and put them in a cave. They tortured and killed his companions, and his fate would have been the same but for his escape. He succeeded in getting away with only a few knife gashes on his face. They lost their gold with all their outfit. The Indians seemed to be cave dwellers and were evidently found over the place being found by outsiders. Our reporter's limited knowledge of the Spanish language makes it impossible for us to obtain all the particulars of the affair. For the benefit of non-residents we will say that Superstition mountain derives its name from the fact that no white man has ever been seen again who attempted its ascent. It is a tradition among the Mexicans that large deposits of free gold are to be found in its gulches and ravines. It is not known whether there is any water there or not.

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The Standard says that Judge Upton and Mrs. Ogden are the only Oregonians employed in the Government departments of the thousands who find positions in Washington.

Beicherton, Mass., imprisoned John Brown Smith because he refused to pay his poll tax (fifty cents). Smith has been in jail for ten months, at an expense to the town of \$70.

Kentucky dresses the female prisoners in the State Penitentiary in sacks and without skirts.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., Dec. 9, 1879. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: Daniel G. Otto, Homestead application No. 2411, for the lots 1, 2 and 5, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 15, T. 41, S. R. 13 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: D. B. Cooley, of Curry county, and James Cooley, of Curry county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., Dec. 19, 1879. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: John E. Hare, Preemption declaratory statement No. 2065, for the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 20, W 1/2 of SW 1/4, section 21 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, section 28, T. 30, S. R. 14 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: John Langlois of Curry county, and Frank Langlois of Curry county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Notice of Final Proof. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., Dec. 27th, 1879. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: John Morris, Homestead Application No. 2420, for the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4, section 30 T28 S R 12 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Samuel Belien of Coos county, and John Kodabangh, of Coos county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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