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BATTENKILL OR ONDAWA, AND SAN COIK.

BY GEORGE W. HARMAN.

In your issue of 9th June, 1887, is an item headed "Manchester," respecting a change from "Battenkill" to "Ondawa" of the name of the stream which, starting from its several heads in Dorset and Peru near the summit of the water shed between Lake Champlain and the Bay of New York, flows southerly and westerly to the State of New York and then northerly and westerly into the Hudson River near Schuylerville.

Appended to the item are conies, *first* from the facile pen of Charles Hallock that "Ondawa is the baptismal Indian "name" and "Battenkill from the name "of a Dutchman who once shantied on "its banks;" *second* from a contribution to the press by that distinguished archæologist, the Hon. James Gibson, of Salem, N. Y., in which he suggests the Dutch word "baten," siznifying fertilizing, combined with "kill," meaning a stream, as the origin of the modern name in Dutch; and the English word "batten," signifying to fatten, or to fertilize, as the origin of the same name in English. Judge Gibson also says that the present name of the stream is said to have been derived from one Bartholomew who lived on its banks; and was gradually shortened into Batts; and that a "church at Greenwich was long called "the 'Batts Kill Church';" but he thinks the name could not have been derived from Bartholomew.

I should hesitate long before calling in question the conclusions of my learned friend. Still, I must say that, the transition from Bartholomew through Bart to Batt is quite easy and in harmony with the shortening of numerous words by eliminating the *r*. Every one, by a little reflection, can call to mind instances of the kind; like that of a well known gentleman in this region, whose christian name being Marcus, is never, when both syllables are not pronounced, called otherwise than Mac.

Judge Benson, in his work upon the names of places, says that the stream in question was named from the christian name of Bartholomew Van Hogeboom, first settler above Stillwater. On the other hand it is claimed that the stream was named from one Botts, who lived somewhere in its neighborhood; and it is true that the church before referred to was called "Bottskill Church;" and the writing of its name——"Battskill," by Judge Gibson was, as he says, a mistake.

It is probable that the Dutch bestowed upon the stream which before had been known as *Ondawa*, the name, *Battenkill*; in the first syllable of which, the English tongue, following the Dutch pronounciation, gave the broad sound of *a* so nearly like *o* as to be mistaken for it—and so Battskill became Bottskill. I have known several people who pronounced the present name of the stream as if written Bottenkill. I do not think, however, that the English had anything to do with bestowing this name upon the stream; but took the name previously given by the Dutch and pronounced it as best they could. If they had searched their dictionaries to find an appropriate name and had decided to call it Batten, hardly would they have compounded the English verb with the Dutch noun, kil.

My theory of the nomenclature of this stream is this:—

The Indians, perhaps of the Mahican nation, passing up the Mahicanituck, (Hudson,) came to a tributary stream of no mean proportions, flowing between hills and rocks, in allusion to which, they called it *Ti-on-een-do-gah-e*; and to the falls upon it near the place now called Galesville they gave the name *Di on on-dah o wa*, otherwise, *Di on on-de ho we*. Following up the stream, or, perhaps, approaching it at another time, from the south, by a route lying nearer to the mountains on their right, they found it in the vicinity of what now is Cambridge, just emerged from the passes of the lofty Taghkanick range, and bestowed upon it the name *On-da-wa*, pronounced *On da-wah*, or *On-dah-wah*; though I think the former the correct mode; meaning "Flowing from the mountains;" a near approach to the meaning of the name first given.

So early as 1687, the site of the present village of Schuylerville was called *Saratague*, which by its more modern name of *Saratoga*, is said to signify "Swift water;" which exists in that locality. Subsequently, the Saratoga Patent was issued, comprising the present towns of Saratoga and Saratoga Springs west of the Hudson and Easton east of it. The stream whose name is in question constituted the northern boundary of that patent, east of the Hudson, and came to be called Saratoga River. In my judgment, this name was not applied to this stream by the Indians, but by the English, induced thereto by its proximity to the Saratoga Patent. At what time it was thus *first* applied, I am unable to say.

In May, 1748, Capt. Eleazer Melven, returning from a scout to Lake Champlain, in passing from what is now North Dorset village, southeasterly, over the Green Mountain to the West River, crossed several streams which he, in his journal says, he "supposed to be the "head of the Sarratogo river."

Judge Gibson tells us that, "the colony of New York early granted the "lands on the south bank of this stream "to Dutch people exclusively. The patentees, or their grantees of the same "race, and speaking the Dutch language, "entered upon the occupation of these "lands before August, 1745.?" This being so, there would seem to be no doubt that the Dutch, alone, bestowed upon the stream the name of *Battenkil*; but at what precise time, may never be ascertained. This, its new name, had not reached Capt. Melven, in 1748.

In the State Library at Montpelier is an English atlas of the British possessions in America after the peace with France, of 1763, and upon two of the maps this stream is called "*Batten Kill*;" and I am not aware of its having been otherwise designated, since then, until somewhat recently, the old and very significant name of *On-da-wa* has again been applied to it, though it has not come into general use. The lover of the beautiful, the romantic, and the historic, would desire that it might.

Kindred to this subject is that of the small stream which runs from White Creek and discharges into the Walloomsack just below the village of North Hoosick.

In the year 1609, Samuel Champlain discovered the lake which bears his name. After that time, but how soon, I have been unable to ascertain, French Jesuit missionaries, seeing that the *Wallomschock*, as the Indians called it, joined with the Hoosick, nearly at right angles, and that the small stream referred to joined with the former at an angle of about forty-five degrees, thus forming two resemblances to their sacred emblem, applied to the small stream and to the circumjacent territory the local designation of *Saint Croix*—signifying Holy Cross. I have the authority of Prof. A. L. Perry, of Williams, who has expended much research upon the archæology of the Hoosick valley, for saying that this name was "applied to both "banks of the Walloomsack, from the "field of the first Battle of Bennington "to the mouth of the Walloomsack, and "then along the north bank of the Hoosick as far as Eagle Bridge. The name "gradually contracted from these extreme limits to the neighborhood of "the present North Hoosick, the old mill "on Little White Creek, and just about "there." The French pronounciation of this name was *San Croi*—and when in later years, the English came into the possession of the country, probably they pronounced it San Croiks, which, by dropping the final *s* and eliminating the *r* became *San Coik*.

The locality is designated under the following spellings. On each of the two maps before mentioned, in dates ranging between 1763 and 1776, appears the name "Sanhick Fall." In "The Vision "of Junus, the Benningtonite" from the Connecticut Courant of Sept. 22, 1772, its inhabitants are called "Saintcoichites." On 13th Aug't, 1777, Jonas Fay, Vice President of the Vermont Council of Safety, writes it "St. Koik." Aug't 14, 1777, Lieut. Col. Baum, in his dispatch to Gen. Burgoyne, spells it "Sancoick." And on Aug't 16, 1777, Paul Spooner, D. Sec'y of the Council of Safety, in an order to Col. John Williams, spells it "St. Cork." While Lieut. Glich, an officer under Baum, in his account of the battle, spells it "Sankoik" and "Sankoick;" Col. Breyman, in his account of the affair, spells it "St. Coyk;" and General Burgoyne, in his letter to Lord George Germaine, writes of "a place called San-"coix Mills." It is probable that, in all these instances, the spelling was phonetic; each one composing the name with letters expressive of the sound as it fell upon the writer's ear.

Notwithstanding these mutations, the little stream still retains among its many names, its original of Saint Croix—pronounced according to the taste or skill of the speaker.

The old mill, which Baum captured with its stores of grain and flour, is now standing and in active use; and the surrounding hamlet is called by its French name, or by the suggestive *sobriquet* of "*Dublin*."

I had proceeded thus far—when Judge Judge Gibson put into my hands the following:

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

In the December issue of the Magazine of American History, edited by Mrs. Martha G. Lamb, we notice an inquiry as to the location of *Sintryck*, from which Lewis Van Voort transported flour a distance of thirty-two miles, to Saratoga for the use of the Continental troops in the war of the revolution.

Sintryck was doubtless the grist mill located near where the "Battle of Bennington," so called, was fought in the State of New York.

In Burgoyne's Orderly Book, Munsell's ed., 82 and 83, referring to the same mill it is called the "*Saintwick Mill*." In the New York Rev. papers (ii, 364, 365,) it is written *St. Kaick*, and mentioned as the place where certain rioters from the Hampshire Grants had assembled.

In *Hadden's Journal and Orderly Book* (120 and 121) the same locality is described as *St. Coick's Mill*.

At the time of the war this mill was owned by one Van Schaick, and was called *San Coick*, (*Per Hon. George W. Jermain*, formerly of Cambridge, now deceased.) It stood at or near the junction of the Walloomsack river with a smaller stream then known as *Little White Creek*, to distinguish it from a larger stream called White Creek, located in the the town of Salem. *See Burgoyne's Orderly Book* 83 *note*.

The place where this mill was located was called by the Indians *Suhan-kuim-soick*. See *Book G. of Deeds in Albany Co. Clerk's office, p.* 223. From this by abbreviation could readily come *San Coick*, or it may have arisen from an attempt to pronounce the Dutch name of the owner *Van Schaick*.

The attempt to trace the meaning of the Indian name of this locality, *Suhan-kuim-soick*, has been made under difficulties. This was an outlet of a stream and *Sakunk* in the Deleware means at the outlet or mouth of a river or stream. *Heckewelder's Indian Nations*, p. 440. Sancoick and Sakunk, might by an English tongue be sounded alike. *Suhan* means tempest and *oick* means locality or place and *Suhan oick* would signify the place or location where a storm arose or occurred.

JAMES GIBSON.

And now, the question arises, whether the name of this small stream and of the locality is of Indian or French origin.

In the Indian compound furnished by my learned friend are letters and sounds enough to form the name by which the territory involved has generally been called; *Sancoik*; but it would seem that all the variations in the orthography and pronunciation of the name are but corruptions of or are derived from the orignal French—*Saint Croix*.

Saintwick, Sintvyck, and Sanhick, unquestionably, are mere variations of the same word. In the first, the pure French spelling, and in the third, its pronunciation, are preserved in their first syllables; and in the second word of the trio, a change from the original is found similar to that made from Saint Clair which we observe in Sinclair, Sinclear and Sinkcler.

The termination "*wick*" in one, and "*vyck*" in another, are supposed to be derived from the Teutonic "*wyk*," "*weyck*," "*wich*," "*wick*," "*veihs*," or "*vik*," signifying an inlet or bay, and the "*hick*" found on the maps must be a corruption of the others. At the confluence of the Saint Croix with the Walloomsack is a small inlet made by a reversal in the current of a portion of the larger stream by reason of the influx of the smaller. Whether this Teutonic termination, or its English derivation, "*wich*," or "*wick*," signifying a village or a street, was substituted by Dutch or English residents of the vicinity may be conjectural. And it is a noteworthy circumstance that a locality possessing much historical interest by reason of its connection with an important battle of the American Revolution derived its name from one of two sources so very remote from each other.

MR MORRILL'S SPEECH.

Mr. Morrill addressed the Senate on the President's message. He began by constrasting the annual messages of Presidents Washington and Cleveland—the former giving encouragement to manufacturers; and the latter being unfriendly and denunciatory of manufacturers. A tariff for revenue only, the ban imposed by Kentucky on the Democratic party—was he said a synonym for free trade, and Henry George. A free trade propagandist had characterized the message and the new Democratic tariff bill as a deadly blow at the ugly fetich of protection.

In the face of the doctrines promulgated in the message of the President what encouragement for the future had the farmers guilty of having made investments in sheep husbandry, and of having labored for years to acquire the knowledge and skill of good shepherds in the management of their flocks? What encouragement did the message offer to any new, or even old, enterprise? Was there any growing city or town, which would have any hope of advancing its property upon the radical change of the tariff, as urged by the message of the President? What new fields of labor would be opened, or what old ones show increased activity? Rather which one among them all would not be slaughtered, which their occupations gone where would many thousands of discharged laborers go to?

The speaker said that since the Democratic party had got into power, it had pactically reversed its platform from end to end. That a Republican rather than a Democratic administration would be more likely to revise the revenue laws and reduce revenues to the requirements necessary for the support of the goverment, was demonstrated by the chronic failure of the House of Representatives during the control of a Democratic majority of ten long years to pass any bill reducing revenue. Judging by the past also a Republican administration could be more surely trusted to practice greater economy in expenditures.

There was another interest liable to be affected of vital importance to the country as a great commercial nation and that was the maintenance of the bi-metallic system of coinage and the preservation of a currency of both gold and silver. Were the rates of duties to be placed by any mistake merely a trifle in favor of foreign importations an excess of imports over exports would soon appear and turn the balance of trade against this country. This could not continue long before gold would command a premium and find its best market as a commodity to be shipped abroad.

Mr. Morrill then pointed out the benefits this country had received under a a protective tariff and gave figures to prove his assertions. If this so called reform tariff bill should ever reach the Senate, as it was very desirable that some revenue bill should reach it, he trusted the Senate would be able to amend and make it so much better that even its own good fathers would be glad that it fell into the hands of the Senate.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the bill to provide for the admission of the State of Dakota.

A BRIEF BETROTHAL.

They were in all the blissful transports of a couple who had been engaged three hours and a half. It was verging on to midnight but he manifested no sign of going and she trembled lest he should do so. Suddnly he drew a pencil from his pocket, and tore a blank leaf from his note book, and said:

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"Oh—ah—I—I—"

"I knew I'd surprise you, darling! Won't it be lovely? Then Aunt Harriet will have a room next to mamma's, and—"

"Aunt Harriet?"

"Why, yes, precious. She dotes on you, and I've always told her that if I ever had a home it should be hers, too, and you wouldn't want your little girly girly to break her word?"

"No—no—I—"

"And then we must calculate for a large, sunny room for my dear old grandmamma and grandpapa who made your little wife to be so happy when she was a little girl."

"Yes, dear; but I—I—"

"No buts about it, darling. Then sister Nellie will want a pleasant room and dear old Uncle Horace, and brother Tom won't want to be separated from dear mamma and me; and I've always said that dear old Auntie Miggs should be with me at least half of the time, and if we could spare a room for—"

Their engagement came to an end right there, and dear Albert has a breach of promise suit on hand now.

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