

Monday. December 6, 1872.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES.

Fanciful Story of the First Welsh Colony in America—The Founders of Mexico and Peruvian Civilization.

A New York paper says: On Monday appeared a communication from Col. Thomas Pictor relative to the origin of an Indian tribe which resides in the neighborhood of the river Gila, and which have generally been taken for a wild American Indian. A Welsh porter visited Col. Pictor, to obtain some further information on this interesting subject. The Colonel is a nephew of Sir Thomas Pictor, of Waterloo fame, was commander of the 88th New York, and is entitled to the rank of Count of Badajos. Being of democratic taste, in the content of his letter, he writes: "I am a Welshman." He has traveled extensively in the Territories and Mexico, and has rather a startling theory as to the origin of the semi-civilization of Mexico and Peru.

"The founders of the Mexican empire which Cortes discovered in such a flourishing and at the same time so desolate condition, were the Celts, the Celts were Welshmen." About five hundred years before Columbus, Madoc Ap Owen Guneyd, a Welsh prince, determined, on account of the inroads of Christianity, to seek a home beyond the ocean. He landed with his people, Druidical worshippers, and wished to remain one. Powell's history tells about his leaving Wales. Southey says that Madoc landed somewhere down near Mexico. The fact is, the Welsh landed here in the State of New York, perhaps in the very bay. There were four boat loads of them, about four hundred and fifty souls. No doubt they had Druid priests along, and some women.

"I have satisfied myself by personal research that they landed in this State and strolled somewhere in the neighborhood of Onondaga, where that giant fraud was perpetrated. They kept themselves isolated, and were pressed by the surrounding tribes of Indians. They gradually worked back through Ohio, and built those fortifications on the Mississippi."

"How could so few men build such great mounds, or fortifications, as you call them?" asked the reporter.

"They were driven from post to post. When forced from one they erected another, and so worked down the valley of the Mississippi, leaving their marks behind. The Welsh are a people, and they held together as long as they could. Gradually they retreated across the south-western country, and halted on the Gila river. There they found themselves compelled by circumstances to become amalgamated with the Indian tribes, replied the Colonel.

"How do you make out that these Welshmen founded the Mexican Empire?" required the reporter.

"The whole body of Welsh tribes did not move into Mexico, and commenced warfar on the Indians. Nor did they form one of the seven tribes which went from Aztec to Mexico. It was undoubtedly the Aztec over the other tribes. It has been said that the Aztec was situated in the neighborhood of the Gila, and in the neighborhood of the Gila is resident that strange and peculiar tribe, the Mohaves, who I am convinced are the mixed descendants of Madoc's Welshmen," said the Colonel.

"In what particular did the Aztecs resemble the Welsh?" asked the reporter.

"Their religious worship was almost entirely Druidical," he replied. "They worshiped the sun and the moon, and human beings. By the way, the impression conveyed by some historians that human beings were indiscriminately sacrificed is entirely incorrect. The sacrifice was of criminals collected from all parts of the empire, and killed on the same day to make a religious exhibition. I have seen Aztec remains, their monuments and their temples, the only difference I can see between them and the Druids is the inscriptions on the Aztec monuments. The Druids had no inscriptions. They presided from a blank monument. But I account for the Aztec inscriptions by the probability that the priests had all passed away, and the descendants of the Welsh had lost the purity of the old Druidical worship," replied the Colonel.

"The Welsh must have sadly degenerated to be used up by Cortez as easily as they were?"

"Well, I'm a Norman," replied the Colonel, coloring. "They call me a Welshman, and I will say for the Welsh that Cortez didn't have conquered Wales, as easily as he did the Mexican. But the Welsh element was no more to the Mexican empire than the Tartar element is to the Chinese."

"How do you make the Welshmen the founders of Peruvian civilization?"

"Manc Capac was undoubtedly a Welshman, who had wandered off or been lost from his companions. He introduced the Peruvian sun-worship and human sacrifice of the Druids," said the Colonel.

"The Mohaves are a small isolated tribe, perhaps not more than a thousand all told. They are different from all other Indians. The women are tall, well formed, cleanly, and less servile than most Indian women. Their language is peculiar, and I don't know what it is. In fact, there are Welsh words in more than one Indian dialect, which is accounted for by the probability that the Welshmen got scattered. Then near El Paso del Norte is a stone which I believe to be 'Druidical.'

Col. Pictor further assured the reporter that he did not hold to Catlin's theory that the Mandans were of Welsh descent. He thought the probabilities much more in favor of the Aztecs. He thinks that the same who are represented on the Mexican monuments as crossing an ocean are Madoc's descendants on the Atlantic from Wales to America.

EASTERN NOTES.

Granite and free stone, scrubbed under the influence of intense heat, while iron curl and mica. Blows appears to be the nearest fire-proof of any building material yet discovered.

New York calls for reform in the street car business, and wants Mr. Beach to inaugurate the English system in it, not permitting more passengers to get aboard than there are seats for.

An ordinance has been passed by the town authorities of Stirling, Ill., prohibiting windows or doors of drinking saloons from being obscured by means of screens, paints or other devices to conceal what is going on within.

Champagne dealers are beginning a heavy advance in the price of their aerated wines. The cause is the recent failure of the vintage in France.

But what that has to do with New York land ciders or New England turnips, fields from whence our cider apples are supplied, is mainly due, is one of those mysteries that goes now but a financial elder dealer can determine.

The New York and Brooklyn bridge when finished will be the largest suspension bridge in existence. The height of the towers above the high water mark will be 228 feet, the height of the centre of the main span by the same measurement, 196 feet, the length of the river 2400 feet, the outer approach, 1441; of the Brooklyn approach, 941 feet; and the total length of the bridge will be 5,870 feet.

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