

Saturday, May 21, 1870.

OLD SPANISH TOWNS.—There are events transpiring in Chile of some interest. With the growing power and increased resources of this country, the Chileans are determined to reduce the hostile Indians, the Araucanos, who have so long maintained their independence, and in alleged connection with whom some Frenchman in Paris calls himself King of Araucania. The country was occupied by the old Conquistadores, and Pedro de Valdivia with very slender forces made himself master of it, and planted seven towns called cities. These were conquered and destroyed by the Araucanos, and now for about two centuries no Spaniard or Chilean has seen even these ruins, so closely has the district been held by the jealous Indians. The help of small steamers, which can ascend the rivers, now enables the Chileans to assail their opponents, and as the bar of the Imperial and Villa Rica founded in the sixteenth century, and looked upon by the Chileans as antiquities. There can now be little doubt that the independent State of Araucania, one which may be regarded as the only organized Indian State now remaining, will soon cease to exist. Mosquitoes were approached Araucania in organization in an unbroken line of Chilean culture, and its approach to the Straits of Magellan.

A REMARKABLE PHENOMENON.—A short time since the residents of Far Rockaway (L. I.) awoke from their slumbers to find that a most remarkable phenomenon had occurred during the night. Several years ago an island began to form about half a mile distant from the beach, and continued to grow until it was sufficiently large to push back the sea and prevent the breakers from reaching the main land. During the night the beach took a slide out to the sea, entirely swamping the island, and covering many valuable oyster beds. A house was carried away with the avalanche, and entirely demolished. The cause of this marvelous freak of nature is a mystery to the inhabitants of Far Rockaway, but many of them openly express their joy at once more seeing the waves of the sea break on the old beach as they formerly did. Hundreds of persons visited the place for the purpose of witnessing the wonderful change that had been wrought. This singular phenomenon may prove a blessing to the Far Rockaway people, who, for some years past, have prayed for a return of the scenes they used to witness when Rockaway beach was known as one of the best surf-bathing beaches in the country. The sea has at last come back to them, or rather, they have gone back to the sea.

CONGRESSIONAL NICKNAMES.—Speaking of General Logan being known as "Dirty Jack," reminds me of the curious nicknames given certain prominent members by the occupants of the Reporter's Gallery. For instance, Butler is generally spoken of as Cockey Butler, or "Old San Domingo," and his Committee is known as the "Inquisition." Then we have Pig Iron Kelley, old Civil Service Jenkins, Postal Telegraph Washburne, Old Spades and Shovels Ames, Fur Seal Dixon, Blathering Garfield, Drunken Dick Hildeman, Popp Judd, Crazy Julian, Baltimore and Ohio Swann, Little Ham Ward, and Booby Brooks. These Twitchell is known as "Sailor Gang," Mangan as "Fiddler Bill," Maynard as "Enlist Pogram," Farnsworth, of Chester County, as "Old Muddle Brain," Charley O'Neill as "Little hop o' my thumb," McCarthy as "Old Onondaga Salt Works," Dawes as "Fussy Jack," and Fernando Wood as "Bob Macaleer."

IN THE SENATE.—Chandler is known as "Old Putty Face," Yates as "Drunken Dick," Tipton as the "Tipton Slasher," Harlan as "Cherokee," Harlan, and Cameron as old "Wigwag." Then we have "Honest" Jim Nye (this is satire of the first order) as "dy Stewart," "Cardinal" Casserly, Turkey Gobbler Conkling, Pecksniff Fenton, "Seddy" Handibal, and Tim Howe. Most of these names arise from some particular measure in Congress, which the receiver thereof makes a specialty in his advocacy, or from the looks or peculiar character of the person named. —Philadelphia Star.

DEATH OF A WATERLOO VETERAN.—James Joy, of Haddington, Terrick, Acton, a pensioner of the 1st Life Guards, died on March 21. He was born about the year 1790, and at the age of seventeen, was balloted into one of the militia regiments then existing in Yorkshire, and was very soon afterwards drafted into the 1st Life Guards, in which regiment he served with a first-class character for twenty-eight years. Besides being in the battle of Waterloo, where he fought at the right hand of the celebrated Shaw, he was engaged at the battle of Toulouse, and also in the Peninsula War, for which medals were awarded him. After leaving the army he obtained an appointment as park-keeper at Regent's Park, which he retained for twenty-six years. He has since lived in Acton. We believe he was the last of the troopers of the 1st Life Guards who fought at Waterloo. He leaves a wife and son to mourn his loss. The son, like the father, has seen a great deal of service. He was one of the gallant six hundred (immortalized by Tennyson) who escaped with life out of the unfortunate charge at Balaklava. —European Mail for April.

A lawyer built him an office in the form of a hexagon, or six square. The novelty of the structure attracted the attention of some Irishmen who were passing by. They made a full stop, and viewed the building very critically. The lawyer, somewhat disgusted at their curiosity, raised the window, put his head out, and addressed them: "What do you stand there for, like a pack of blackheads, gazing at my office? Do you take it for a church?" "No," answered one of them, "I was thinking so, till I saw the devil poke his head out of the window."

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