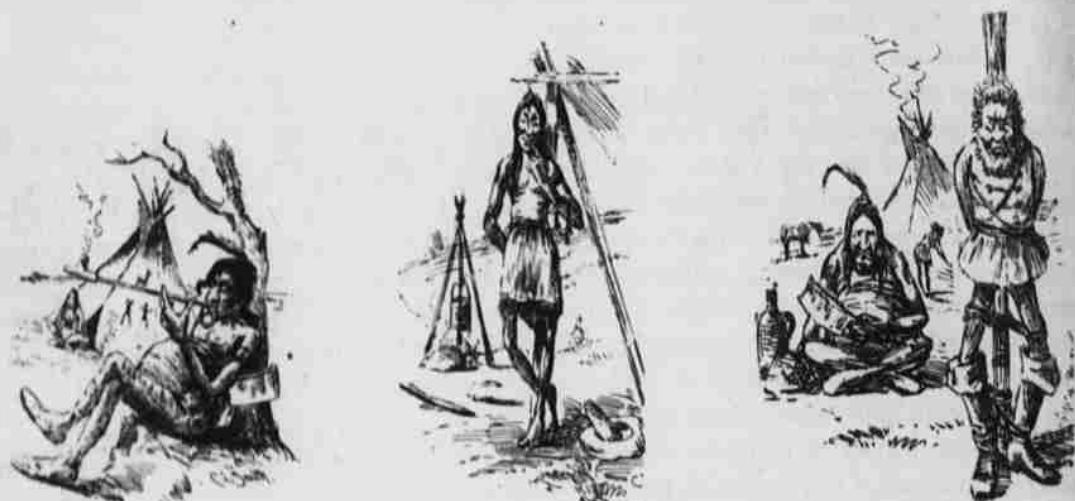




Oh, it was a portly chieftain, and he ruled
a dusky clan;
He was heap big mighty Injun, and his
name was Powatan.
In his nose a dizzy earring, and exceeding
proud he felt
With a feather in his helmet and a meat
axe in his belt.

Now this much big noble Injun had a
daughter fair to see—
Pocahontas was as lovely as a maid could
ever be;
She was black as starless midnight, and
was very gay and pert,
Clad in sombre crimson blushes and a lit-
tle overskirt.

Captain Smith, an English officer—an
usurping pale-face man—
Was a captive in the clutches of the
mighty Powatan,
And the braves had been invited to be
present, and to see,
On this great, select occasion, an artistic
killing bee.

Senator Mitchell's proposition to elect United States senators by popular suffrage, though not a new one, will commend itself as a measure calculated to secure to the people more of the benefits of popular government. At the time the federal constitution was adopted the wisest statesmen were disinclined to disregard all established precedents in setting up the new government. Republicanism on a large scale was then experimental and it was deemed unwise to introduce too great an innovation on established customs. History then taught that some of the dangers of democracy rested in the liability to violent and sudden changes. If all people were guided by reason instead of emotion no harm would result from unrestricted power in this regard, but in order to reduce the evil of a capricious public sentiment, should such a sentiment be developed, to the minimum, the machinery of presidential and senatorial elections was introduced. This plan also conformed to the English division of bodies with which the people were familiar. The senate was supposed to be a very dignified body and it was more in harmony with the popular idea of the day that its members should go no farther than the legislatures of the states for support. This idea was long since outgrown. The abuses of which the present system is susceptible are rapidly bringing it into disrepute. The United States senate is too fast becoming a mere aggregation of moneyed men, some of whom have obtained their seats by notoriously corrupt methods. A demand for reform in the manner of choosing the members of the upper house is growing in every part of the country and it

will not be many years before the people will take direct control of the senatorial selections instead of permitting legislatures to exercise that right for them. But at the same time presidential elections should also be made popular. The ridiculous form of an electoral college is a most useless relic of the past. Bring the high offices down to the people and then guard the ballot box from pollution and we shall have popular government.

At last the Northern Pacific is taking steps to enter Seattle over its own line. Every man who gave the subject any thought at all knew long ago that the Northern would be compelled to make Seattle a full terminal point. The certainty of that city soon securing two new eastern routes, one by the Canadian Pacific and one by the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern and connections, has made the Northern realize that Seattle can not be kept bottled up any longer, and if any portion of the large trade is to be secured, as good facilities as the other roads will offer must be provided. To this end arrangements are being perfected to purchase the Puget Sound Shore line, the one over whose track the Northern now enters the city. With this road operated as a portion of its own line, and with ample terminal facilities, the Northern will be in a position to offer to Seattle the railroad accommodations she should have long since received.

The Canadian government has temporarily suspended the order requiring bonded goods enroute