

Quill Points.

A revolution is brewing in Guatemala. They brew about once a year in that country, but it is chiefly froth.

Cherokee strippers are invited to come further west where there is enough vacant land to make a hundred Cherokee strips, and where the president can not fire proclamations at them.

Representative Lodge, of Massachusetts, has introduced a bill in congress establishing the Australian ballot system in national elections. It will be referred to a committee and there it will lodge.

Another private who was knocked down with a saber and jumped upon with a lieutenant and sent to jail with a court marshal, has dared to appeal to the authorities at Washington for redress. If this thing keeps on our army officers will have to act like gentlemen, instead of simply being such.

Wanamaker wants to know why so many letters are undelivered. Possibly it is for the same reason that so many are delivered too much. Dearth of brains is the reason, and when the postal department solves the problem of how to get a dollar's worth of brains for a quarter the whole thing will be settled.

New York journalism is becoming so scandalously sensational that there is talk of a press censor in that city. Recently the *World* and *Sun* indulged in a piece of competitive sensationalism that ought to lose them thousands of readers among the class who want a newspaper to be something solid and reliable.

The pot on the republican central committee for Multnomah county is calling the kettle black in good, plain English. You are both right, gentlemen, and we would scour you both up if it were not too big a job. As it is it will be better to clean you out—and get some new utensils not so foul with dirty political tricks.

When Seattle proposed to send an old Indian woman to tag Citizen Train around the world, it was generally considered a rich piece of sarcasm leveled at Tacoma, but it transpires that the project was undertaken in earnest. Is a dirty Indian squaw the best representative Seattle can send out into the world to advertise her advantages and attractions? One wonders where so many fools come from. The squaw "princess" had sense enough not to go, which averages up the city again above the Tacoma level.

The January issue of a Southern California magazine contains three poetical—or, rather, rhyming—laudations of the climate of that region. Climate is pretty poor food for starving men, as thousands learned who were stranded in Southern California when the boom collapsed, and climate poetry is equally innutritious for the intellect.

Bismarck has resigned and there is agitation in Europe in consequence. If the peace of Europe depends upon one man, and he the one who is responsible for making that continent a vast military camp where 3,000,000 men are constantly under arms, then a revolution in political conditions is absolutely necessary. When the people govern the soldiers can go home.

A certain almost fictitious town recently headed one of its boom letters to the press "Skinning the Gudgeons." When the boomers thus plainly announce their object, the gudgeons ought not to complain when they are skinned. The town has organized a "chamber of commerce" (in the boom letters), and has "limited" the membership to 500, including gudgeons and clams.

It is a sad story that comes from North Dakota, where the Chippewas, remnants of one of the most powerful tribes of America, are dying of starvation because of the failure of the government to fulfill its obligations. Every year facts are disclosed to show that the author of "A Century of Dishonor" was right in that arraignment of the American government for its treatment of the Indians.

It is intimated in European papers that the American delegates will make a grievous error at the next prison reform congress if they refer to the Siberian outrages. 'Tis well. Let us make an error on the side of humanity and civilization. We can better afford to make a mistake than to keep silent on such a subject. Let the defenders of Russian barbarity hold up to us some of our own shortcomings if they will. It will do us good, and will be no defense of the almost inconceivable outrages upon humanity they would conceal or excuse but can not. Let the voice of America be raised in full tones against the unspeakable iniquity of the Russian penal system, and let her stand manfully by her opinion. Siberian exile is the greatest crime modern civilization has known, and the greatest nation of modern times should take the lead in its extinction.