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At the annual banquet of the Chicago Bryan club held on Jackson day, at which W. J. Bryan was the guest of honor, he took occasion to announce his retirement to private life.

"This is the fifth consecutive Jackson day banquet which I have celebrated with this club and I appreciate the honor which the members have done me in giving my name to the club, and am grateful for the support they have given to my candidacy in the two campaigns. I take this opportunity, however, to express the hope that this club and others which have born my name will substitute for my name the name of some Democratic saint, or a name descriptive to principle rather than of men.

"I am now a private citizen, with excellent prospects of remaining such. I intend to continue actively in the discussion of public questions and do not desire to be embarrassed by being placed in the attitude of a candidate for any office.

"In seeking journalism as the best field for usefulness, I am aware that I am placing myself in the position where I can give more aid to others than myself, but the field is chosen deliberately because I am more interested in the promulgation of Democratic principles than I am in enjoying any honors which my countrymen can bestow."

In a few days the work of electing senators in Oregon, Montana and Idaho will begin in earnest. In Idaho and Montana the senatorial waters appear to be quite well settled, but there appear to be still a few cuttle fish swimming around loose which may yet darken the waters and thereby create a senatorial muddle. In Oregon things are still a little mixed, with Ex-Senator Corbett, banker and millionaire, of Portland, in the lead and McBride, now rattling around in the position, a close second. Neither of these men are the choice of the people of Oregon. But the people have nothing to say about it and those who are delegated to elect senators will "do their duty" largely as they are instructed by the republican machine in Oregon and the nation. In short, the senator should be some good, able, efficient Eastern Oregon man, as at present this section has no representation at Washington, although it is more than one-third of the state. It would have representation and a big finger in the political pie, if Eastern Oregon republicans as a whole were not lame, halt and blind, and too backward to claim their own. They should be awakened to their rights.—East Oregonian.

The action of both houses in the legislature of Idaho in passing a memorial to congress by unanimous vote praying it not to pass a land leasing bill, should be brought to the attention of the members of the Oregon legislature. Not a dissenting vote was cast and it passed to third reading under suspension of rules. It is considered a menace to the best interests of the state, tending to largely decrease immigration, as most of the land would be "gobbled" up by large corporations.

While the matter was being agitated a year ago, Congressman Moody was considered to favor such a bill, in spite of the fact that practically his whole district as well as a large portion of the first congressional district opposed it.

A memorial to congress from the Oregon legislature would certainly prevent our delegation at Washington from supporting such a measure and such memorial should be pushed by Eastern Oregon members.

Mary Ellen Lease has decided to quit politics and settle down to a domestic life. Incidentally she has become reconciled to her husband and dropped the divorce suit which she had instituted against him. If she sticks to her resolve a long suffering public will have cause for thankfulness, but poor Mr. Lease—well, that is another matter, says an exchange.

A Nebraska woman who, a short time ago received \$5,000 for injuries caused by a defective sidewalk, has just lost her husband because of indigestion caused by a defective pie, and his relatives are threatening her with a dose of her own damage medicine.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, organizer of the railway, coal and other Titan trusts, evidently doesn't agree with the poet that "Man wants but little here below."

Maybe Mars is signaling to learn whether Hanna's trusts now own the earth and are reaching out through space for the remaining planets.

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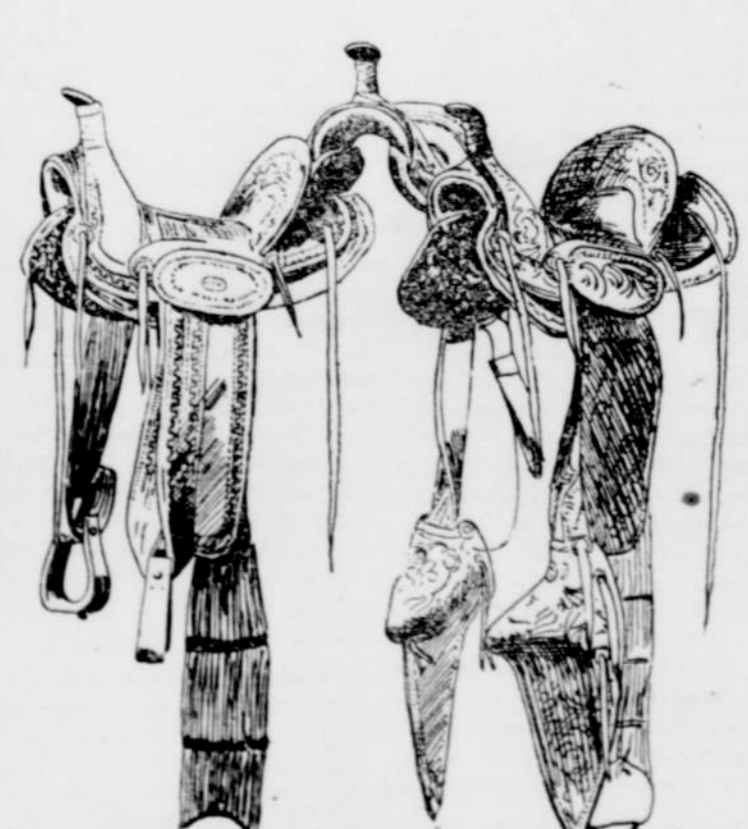
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