

MORGAN'S MISTAKE.

Senator Morgan is reported as saying that neither party is sincere in its purpose of controlling the trusts. The senator is a democrat and is considered to be good democratic authority.

But Senator Morgan has no shadow of authority to speak for the republican party, nor any sort of just reason for charging it with insincerity.

The party has expressed its purpose to control the trusts. A republican president has well and clearly expressed the party purpose.

Yet Senator Morgan says the party is not sincere, and he is good authority—good democratic authority. It is just possible, he is so good a democrat, he imagines that the miasma of insincerity which he well knows pervades the democratic camp has carried contagion to the republican.

A SAFE POLICY.

Senator Elkins advocates the rapid construction of an immense navy, especially strong in line-of-battle ships.

It is not probable congress nor the country will give much heed to his "honest convictions" in this matter. For the past twelve or more years congress has pursued a steady, systematic and intelligent scheme of naval armament.

The policy we have been pursuing will, in a few years, place us well in the front rank of naval powers. Neither our territorial and commercial expansion nor the equality of any foreign power calls us to change this policy of easy and efficient naval armament for one of feverish haste and extravagant expenditure.

Twice have we shown to the world that we know how to build a navy—a real fighting navy, in a short time. We have lost none of our skill nor energy.

Congress will increase our navy quite as fast as is desirable and necessary, which is a safe policy, and satisfies public sentiment in this regard.

CAN NOT CONSISTENTLY OBJECT.

If the attitude of the press of the state can be taken as a criterion of the sentiment of the people—and the country press is usually a safe barometer—the legislature at the coming session will vote an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair.

Whatever may be the feeling of the people of Benton county regarding the matter, we find ourselves in a position where opposition to the appropriation will come in bad grace. A summary

of the situation is evidence of this.

By an act of the legislature, approved February 27, 1901, prescribing the method by which state taxes shall be apportioned among the several counties, a radical change was made in the method of apportioning the revenue required for state purposes.

Stated briefly, the present law provides that until January, 1905, the proportion of the state tax to be paid by each of the several counties shall be according to a stated per cent, which was determined by ascertaining the average valuations in the several counties for the preceding five years, and the ratio of each county's valuation was in proportion to its percentage of the total valuation.

By this arrangement, Benton county is to pay 2 per cent of the amount of revenue to be raised by the state, while Multnomah will pay 31.2 per cent.

Benton county, therefore, will contribute \$10,000 to the 1905 fair appropriation, if \$500,000 is voted. At the same session of the legislature which enacted the above apportionment law, a bill was passed providing for an annual appropriation of \$25,000 for the State Agricultural College.

Under that act, Multnomah county will contribute \$7,800 each year for the next two years, or \$15,600 of the \$50,000 which will go to the Agricultural College in that time from the state treasury.

It is evident, therefore, that whatever may be the opinion of the taxpayers of this county regarding the merit of the fair appropriation, Benton will have to take her medicine with the best grace possible, and be as liberal with Multnomah as Multnomah has been with her.

New Good Roads Bill.

Hon. J. H. Scott, of Salem, president of the State Good Roads Association, is in receipt of information from Martin Dodge, director of the Public Roads Inquiry of the United States Department of Agriculture, stating that a bill has been introduced in congress carrying an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to be distributed among the several states in aiding the building and repairing of roads and highways.

The letter to County Judge Scott incloses a copy of the bill which was introduced by Representative Brownlow. The proposed bill is entitled a "bill to create in the Department of Agriculture a Bureau of Public Roads, and to provide for a system of National, state and local cooperation in the permanent improvement of the public highways."

The purpose for which it is proposed to establish the bureau is to bring about, "so far as may be, a uniform system of taxation for road purposes, and a uniform method of road construction, repair and maintenance throughout the states, and to co-operate with any state or political subdivision thereof in the actual construction of the permanent highways."

It is proposed to apportion the money among the several states with regard to population rather than with regard to the area of the respective states. Under the plan suggested for the disbursement of the funds, Oregon's share will be about \$112,000 or approximately enough to construct 100 miles of good, permanent road.

The plan of operation for the bureau as proposed in the bill in its present form, is about as follows: Whenever a section of any state desires the building of any road with the assistance of the government as offered in the measure, a formal

application is made to the Secretary of the road department, who then sends an agent to the site to estimate the probable cost of building the road and report to the department. In case the application is favorably reported upon by the examining engineer, then the local authorities are authorized to advertise for bids for the performance of the work, and in event the bids submitted are within the estimate as made by the government engineer, then the local authorities are directed to close the contract for the performance of the work. One half of the cost of building such a road will be paid by the government from out of the funds that have been apportioned to the state in which the road is established. The balance of the cost may be appropriated by the state, county, city or road district. This feature of the case will require local legislation in order that a uniform system may be in force and effect throughout the state.

County Judge Scott is of the opinion that the proper thing for Willamette Valley people, and, in fact, the people of the entire state, to do is to thoroughly organize the communities of the state into good roads clubs, and in that way formulate county and state organizations and a National association of good-road-workers.

Wren Items.

An epidemic of play parties has struck Wren and vicinity, but otherwise the health of our district is good.

The piling camp is doing a rushing business.

T. L. Read is batching, as his wife is visiting in Tacoma, Wash.

Can not our sports have their shooting matches on some other day than Sunday?

R. G. Read and Wm. J. Bryan, of Portland, visited their respective families during the holidays.

A social dance at the residence of Wm. Bryan, Dec. 24th, was attended by old and young.

Hollis King received a fine present on Christmas day. It was a fine ten-pound boy. The mother is doing well and Hollis is improving.

The piece of road known as the dugway, has been greatly improved and the work should be continued. Our road supervisor has several bridges to put in and some sign boards to put up as soon as the weather will permit. He is doing permanent work.

Bids for Wood.

Bids for furnishing School Dist. No. 9 with 70 cords fir and 25 cords oak grub wood for the ensuing school year will be received at the office of the school clerk up to January 19, 1903. For specifications and form of bid apply at the office of Miles Starr, Clerk for School Dist. No. 9, Corvallis, Or., Dec. 10, 1902.

Will Discontinue New Years.

The butcher shops of Corvallis will discontinue running their meat wagons after New Years, and will close their doors every evening at 7 o'clock. The city delivery wagons will accommodate customers of the meat markets on the morning and afternoon trips.

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Notice for Publication. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 3, 1902. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled 'An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory,' as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Samuel C. Dixon, of Philomath, county of Benton, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 588, for the purchase of the E. 1/4 of SW 1/4 and Lot 4 of Section No. 6 in Township No. 13 S., Range No. 6 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor F. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1903.

Notice for Publication. In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County. In the Matter of the Estate of Leslie M. Mattson, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, as administratrix of the estate of Leslie M. Mattson, deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said estate to present their claims, verified as required by law, to her at her residence in Summit, Benton County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: within six months from the 17th day of October, 1902.

Notice for Publication. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, November 29, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on January 12, 1903, viz: John Duffy H. E. No. 11810 for the SW 1/4 Sec 8, T. 13 S., R. 6 W.

Notice for Publication. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 29, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on December 19, 1902, viz: Ernest F. Snyder, Fred J. Smeral and the W. A. N. W. L. N. E. N. W. & N. W. 1/4 Sec. 10, T. 12 S., R. 7 W.

Notice for Publication. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Dec. 29, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on December 19, 1902, viz: Charles W. Wilkinson, H. E. No. 12889 for the S. E. 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 12 S., R. 7 W.

Notice for Publication. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON, November 1, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on December 19, 1902, viz: Charles W. Wilkinson, H. E. No. 12889 for the S. E. 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 12 S., R. 7 W.

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