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## FORESTRY AID TO IRRIGATION

PROMINENT LUMBERMAN DISCUSSES IRRIGATION MATTERS IN LETTER TO CONGRESS.

SPokane, Wash., March 17.—"Forestry should be considered hand in hand with irrigation, as without forestry it is only a question of time when the forests will be denuded, the rainfall very much decreased and the saving of the waters for irrigation more of a problem than under present conditions."

C. A. Smith, president of the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing company of Marshfield, Or., makes the foregoing statement in a letter to R. Ininger, chairman of the local board of control of the national irrigation congress, which will have its 17th session in Spokane the second week in August.

**Should Change Taxation.**

"To encourage forestry," he continues, "I am satisfied that state laws will have to be enacted changing the present system of taxation. This is certainly a very important question and should be taken up by these coast states as soon as possible."

"If laws could be enacted which would provide for a fixed nominal assessed valuation on all lands utilized for reforestation and then a large tax upon the crop when harvested, I believe the problem would be solved, or it might even be advisable to permit the state to receive title to the lands, giving the owner permission to lease for the forests and cut the same under state supervision, the state charging a certain fixed percentage of the value of the stumpage."

## NEW PORTLAND-FRISCO TRAIN A CERTAINTY

PORTLAND, Or., March 17.—News leaked from local railroad offices yesterday that the Southern Pacific company had concluded negotiations and early in April would inaugurate a through 24-hour train service between Portland and San Francisco. The present running time is from 22 to 28 hours.

The proposed train is to give a through service and will handle only through business. It will probably leave this city at 8 p. m. daily, arriving in San Francisco at 8 a. m. the following night. It has not been determined what changes in the operation of the other trains will follow the introduction of the 24-hour schedule.

## ALBRIGHT FAILED TO SHOW UP AT MATCH

Albright failed to show up in Medford Wednesday, as he promised to the community. He had a considerable amount of cash for buying the match. Albright is certainly trying to get the name, for he also "failed" to show up in Portland in his fight with Sullivan Tuesday night. Mr. Walters was pretty sure over the "champion" landed him in the person of an "unknown" sent down by Albright, so refused to go on with the substitute, giving the nut lovers their money back.

## SAY NEIGHBORLY ART FORGOTTEN BY WOMEN

CHICAGO, March 18.—The women of today, in the hurry and turmoil of modern city life, have forgotten the art of being neighborly—the art that distinguished her kindly, bustling grandmother. But it is not her own fault. It is the fault of city congestion, of science, of doctors and of hospitals. She still has the neighborly disposition, but has lost the opportunity to show it. Those, at least, are the contentions of Mrs. George D. Broome and Mrs. James L. Rowe, in communications to the Chicago Woman's club. Mrs. Broome is a native of the hospitable New England hills. Mrs. Rowe is from the west, where the spirit is as strong. No more, they declare, do we find the genial exchange of mince pies, of recipes, and of a standard home care which characterized the daily lives of women of early days.

## CHAMPION HOG IS TO BE FOUND OUT WEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—Champion hogs of the middle west in the period just closed by "A No. 1," who secured honors ago achieved notoriety by winning a contest to himself. He was killed in California, and is now being displayed along the Pacific coast.

"A No. 1" claims to have been a San Francisco hog, but has been a wanderer since 1885. He speaks four languages and has traveled in foreign lands extensively. Whenever he goes he carries his identification sign—"A No. 1."

In 1894 he received grand cash and a medal for traveling from New York to San Francisco. Out of that trip he expended \$70 for a comb in a country at Cambridge, Pa. The epitaph inscribed thereon is "A No. 1, the Rambler—resting at last."

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