

BAN ON CROUSES ARRIVES MEET

Addresses Show Enthusiasm of Men Interested in Reclamation. EASIER METHODS ARE SEEN

William Hanley Reviews Means of Watering Lands in Oregon in Early Days—President Farrell Sends His Greetings.

Irrigation under modern methods is easy compared with the practices that were necessary when "Bill" Hanley first came to Oregon, but it is just as well that things were not always so devoid of difficulties, as it is awful not to have a big job ahead.

Mr. Hanley says so himself. He told all about it at the closing banquet of the Oregon Irrigation Congress at the Commercial Club last night. He was introduced by Edgar B. Piper, the toastmaster, as "Bill Hanley, universal philosopher and friend of man—excluding a few women."

His pictures of the life of the social and domestic difficulties of those early days was amusing in the extreme. The story of the affliction of Mart Baker, the cowboy, who, after wearing the same woolen shirt for two years, put on a boiled shirt on the occasion of a dance at the home of the newest settler, who had three eligible daughters, is funny, but none other than "Bill Hanley" could keep a crowd like that in continuous laughter.

Then he told of the irrigation problems in the state and pointed out the fact that the irrigator has within himself the solution of its own problems. "The fact that the soil is in a valley," he said, "is proof that water once was there. If water once was there it is possible to put it there again."

He related, then, the experiences of his father and himself in "surveying" their first irrigation ditch. That was more than 30 years ago, and it is a good ditch yet.

Professor Thomas Shaw, agriculturalist for the Northern Pacific, gave another of his instructive talks to farmers. He said that within the next year he hopes to devote much personal attention to the soil problems of Oregon.

ARTIST'S DEATH LEAVES VOID IN MANY HEARTS

Native of Portland Realizes Youthful Ambition, but Wreath of Death Comes With Wreath of Glory.



LOUIS AKIN, NOTED ARTIST, NATIVE OREGONIAN, WHO IS DEAD.

BY LILLIAN LEWIS CRANE. THE death of Louis Akin has robbed America of one of the foremost of her younger painters, and here in Oregon, where he was born and where he spent his early years, scores of his old-time friends, knowing of his splendid achievements, regret the closing of his brilliant career, and silently pay their last tribute of loving thought and admiration.

The direct cause of his death was pneumonia, contracted upon his return to Flagstaff, after completing the field work in preparation for a commission given him by the American Museum of Natural History of New York City. Had he completed this commission, which was one of the greatest ever given to an American painter, it would have been a fitting and a lasting monument to the unswerving devotion given his life work.

REMEDY IS POINTED OUT

IRRIGATION MEN URGE RELIEF FOR SETTLERS.

Proposal to Have State Power Plant on Columbia Is Recommended and Bonding Measure Sought.

(Continued From First Page.) tion of the waters of the Silver River in Harney County and the early completion of the project was recommended.

Heavy indorsement was given the state forest work and attention of the Legislature was called to the necessity of maintaining and providing for it. The beneficial influence of forest cover for the run-off of streams and the hazard of denuded watersheds through fires were pointed out.

At the afternoon session A. M. Crawford, Attorney-General of the state, discouraged the idea of making the State Board of Control a judicial body and the following resolution was adopted in accordance with that idea:

of Oregon is morally responsible to some degree for the deplorable condition existing under the Columbia Southern Irrigation project, and, "Whereas, the project received the indorsement of certain state officials and no proper supervision and investigation as to the construction work of the same, and

"Whereas, many citizens of Oregon have been misled in making large payments for water contracts under the project without any chance to obtain title to their lands, and the reclamation of the same, and

"Whereas, the State of Oregon now holds title to the land, and all water rights in connection therewith, and, "Whereas, the title to the lands, as yet, to a great extent, has not passed from the Government, thus making impossible the adoption of the irrigation district plan, and

"Further, as it appears that the project is being carried on at a relatively low cost per acre, now, therefore, "Be it resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Oregon be urged to pass measures making provision for sufficient funds to complete the project—under the supervision of the State Land Board."

Good Roads Encouraged. Good roads enthusiasts received the vote on the following measure, providing for a county bonding act with hearty applause:

"Whereas, There is universally a great demand throughout the state for good roads, and more particularly hard-surfaced roads, and

"Whereas, the laying out and construction of said roads are retarded and kept back by reason of the need of funds, and

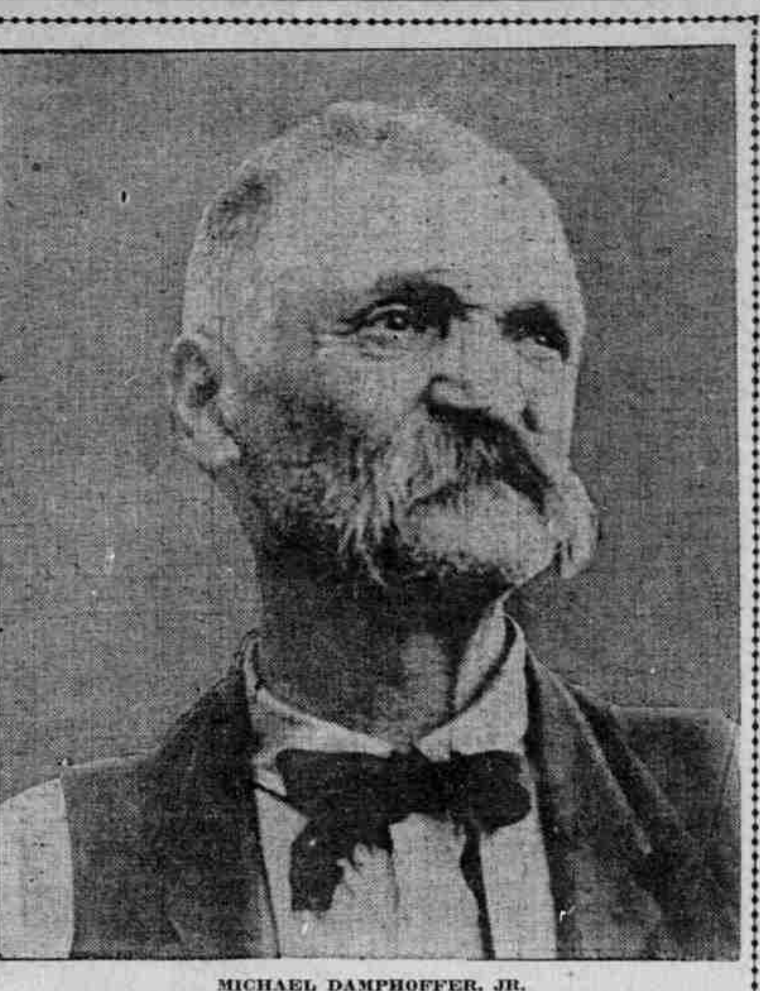
"Whereas, It is apparent that the only method of raising and providing the funds necessary to carry out through adequate legislation, authorizing or permitting the people to levy taxes, or issue bonds under proper regulations and control, and

"Whereas, It is apparent that the people manifest a preference for local taxation and county control, therefore, "Be it resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Oregon be urged to pass a county bonding act which will give each county of the state the right to issue bonds for roads under absolute county supervision and control."

Cello Project Indorsed. The gigantic power development plan on the Columbia River, which has been approved by the Federal Government, and which the Legislature is urged to appropriate money for a preliminary survey, was indorsed in the following language:

PATRIOT OF 2 NATIONS IS VETERAN OF 4 WARS

Michael Damphoffer Celebrates 97th Birthday in Vancouver Tomorrow. Resident of West Over 50 Years.



MICHAEL DAMPHOFFER, JR.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special).—The honor and distinction of having fought in four wars, for two countries—in the Civil War with his son by his side—and to have attained the good old age of 97 years, belong to Michael Damphoffer, Sr., of this city, who will celebrate his 97th birthday tomorrow at his home, Fourteenth and Reserve streets. And he still has the slide trombone he received when he entered the French army as a musician in 1836.

Strasbourg was the birthplace of Mr. Damphoffer, January 12, 1816. In 1836, when just 20 years old, he entered the French army as slide trombone player, and was given his brass instrument. It bears the date of 1835, and was a new instrument when he received it. The leather bag in which it is kept was made more than half a century before that time, and is probably 150 years old.

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With his wife he came to the United States at once, and enlisted in the United States Army during the war with Mexico. After the Mexican War he came West, and was active in the Indian war of 1855-58. During the Civil War, with his son, Michael Damphoffer, Jr., who yet lives with him, he enlisted in the Union Army here, joining the First Oregon Cavalry, Company C, First New York Department of Oregon. Michael, Jr., was to have been music boy, but fighters were needed, and he was armed with a sabre and gun instead of a flute.

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NEW CLUB FORMING

Clerks of Harriman and Associated Lines Eligible.

OFFICIALS LEFT OUTSIDE

Rooms to Be Secured Suitable for Entertainment, Paper Published and Ball, to Become Annual Feature, Will Be Initiated.

Preparatory to becoming identified with movements for the advancement of the interests of Portland, and the Northwest in general, 850 employees of the Harriman and its connecting railroad systems, with headquarters in Portland, are now engaged in perfecting a social organization to be known as the Harriman Club. It is to open its doors only to employees of the O-W. I. & N., Southern Pacific and Portland, Eugene & Eastern. The big officials of these companies will be left "on the outside looking in."

The Harriman Club is the direct outcome of the unique and original parade staged by the employees of the Harriman Land Products Show recently held in Portland. The enthusiasm with which the department clerks entered into that scheme to call attention to the show, has been shown in arranging and securing features and a large amount of talent suddenly uncovered among the occupants of the hundreds of desks will not be allowed to pass unutilized. It will be utilized both in public and within the closed doors of the proposed clubrooms. Present plans call for suites of clubrooms, one for women and the other for men, which can be thrown into one large suite when the club is giving any of the entertainments which are to feature its life.

In the organization of the committee which is arranging the affairs of the club a real election was conducted at the Wells Fargo building. Each floor was entitled to a member of the committee, and nominations were secured by circulating petitions. After the candidates were named many of them secured campaign managers and letters were freely circulated calling attention to the qualifications of particular candidates; all sorts of promises were made on condition of success at the polls, stump speeches were delivered in the halls at the noon hour, and by every well established method known to the Oregon system did candidates appeal for votes. "The Tooter," the official organ of the Harriman Club, issued a special election number. Precinct 6, otherwise the sixth floor of the big office building, developed an election scandal that later found its way to the club grand jury, but was dismissed on the ground that the ballot-box stuffers failed in their effort to defeat Guy L. Anderson, of the O-W. I. & N. freight department.

The feature of the club, and one which may be extended to cover the entire system along the coast, will be the Weekly Tooter, a magazine devoted exclusively to railroad news and the affairs of the members of the Harriman Club. The first big social event to be given under the auspices of the Harriman Club will be a ball at the Army on the night of January 24, the first of an annual series of events and one that will be marked because it inaugurates a new era in railroad circles. Invitations have been sent along the lines of the various roads, or will be mailed within the next few days.

The committee chosen to manage the club for the first four months is composed of Guy L. Anderson, chairman; Miss C. W. Landry, C. H. Grizmanich, M. H. Bottler, L. H. Lutten, T. J. Keenan, C. E. Moore, A. J. Hunt, G. C. Schaefer, Guy Hill, A. A. Lowe and Ward H. Rupp.

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