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A BANNER YEAR
This season opens with brighter prospects for the great Coos Bay and Coquille Valley country than ever before in its history. Foremen are in the making. Are you laying the foundation for yours?

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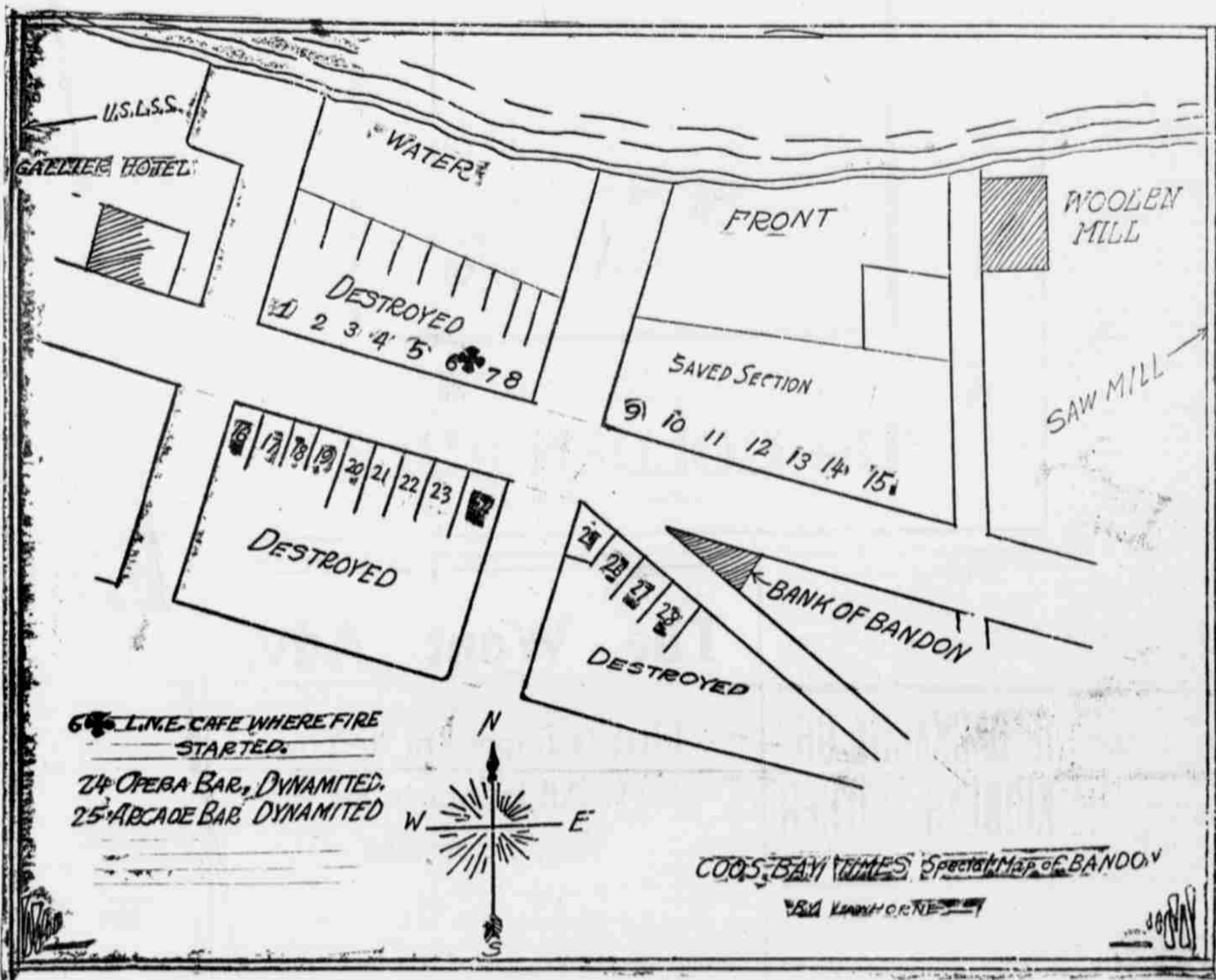
BUSINESS SECTION OF BANDON SWEEPED BY FLAMES NEARLY THREE BLOCKS WIPED OUT; LOSS \$300,000

FIRE PROTECTION WAS LACKING

Fire Starts at 4:15 a. m. From Defective Flue in the L. N. E. Restaurant
HEAVY WIND FANS FLAME INTO DISASTROUS FIRE
Buildings Dynamited in Effort to Stop Destruction of The Entire City.

- Jamieson & Page Saloon, \$6000.
- Bandon Hardware Company, Kronenberg & Nielsen) \$25,000.
- City Meat Market (Geo. Erdman, \$8000.
- Bandon Water Co., \$500.
- Geo. Erdman residence \$3000.
- Tom Anderson res., \$2000.
- H. Gross, residence, \$2000.
- Trowbridge Paint Shop.
- J. B. Marshal buildings, including Barrow's Bicycle Shop, Lillard's Electrical Shop and Grosh Barber Shop.
- Averill's dry goods Store, \$26,000.
- Javitz Bros.' Clothing Stock slightly damaged.
- Bandon Recorder, small damage.
- Bandon Hospital, \$6000.
- Gross Bros.' Saloon, \$8000.
- Manciet Bros.' Confectionery \$2500.
- Bandon Drug Co., stock and building (Dr. Houston), \$20,000.
- Old Bank building (Capt. Johnson) \$3000.
- Dr. Sorenson office \$2500.
- Dr. Endicott office \$2500.
- C. Y. Lowe Drug Store \$1800.
- Trowbridge Store (damage) \$3000.
- Rasmussen & Tuttle \$20,000
- L. N. E. Restaurant (Lela Benner) building owned by Elbert Dyer \$2000.
- Antler's Club (Whitsett & Laffaw) Dyer building \$2500.
- Club Saloon (Joe Coach) Dyer building \$10,000.
- C. Y. Lowe residence apartments burned.
- Dr. Leep's office fixtures, \$200.

Map of Bandon Showin Burned Section of City-by-the-Sea



(Special by Long Distance Telephone to The Times)
BANDON, Or., June 11.—Fire that started in the L. N. E. Restaurant practically wiped out three blocks in the heart of Bandon's business district early this morning. The loss is estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000. There is very little insurance on it. The fire raged for about five hours and it was not until after 8 o'clock this morning that there was any certainty of being able to save the balance of the down-town district. The fire first broke out about 12 o'clock last night in the L. N. E. Restaurant, run by Lela Benner in the Elbert Dyer building. Either defective insulation or a defective chimney caused the fire. It was extinguished without a fire alarm being turned in and was thought to be out. The people left the restaurant. This building was condemned about two weeks ago as a fire trap by the City Council. About 3 o'clock the fire broke out again and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The first general alarm of it was sounded by the steamer Speedwell which was just pulling out for Coos Bay. The Speedwell proceeded to sea, not anticipating a dangerous conflagration.

Within half an hour it had spread, rampaging across the street. Bandon has very poor fire protection, equipment or water service. A new fire engine was about to be purchased to supplement this. However, the firemen worked as best they could, but were not able to stay the flames. The tug Klytham rendered the most aid, but was not able to get in near where the fire was worst. However, the streams pumped by the Klytham were largely responsible for the fire being stopped when it was. The life saving crew was called out and by their team work did

her dock there on low tide, she hung up on a shoal and could not come. She has powerful pumps and the several streams of water that she would have been able to throw would have been most effective.
Dynamited One Building.
When it was realized that the fire could probably not be stayed by water, George Erdman's City Meat Market building was dynamited. This aided some, but not as much as was expected.
It was also reported that the Bandon Hardware and one or two other places were dynamited, but this was not correct, the report originating from the great noise that marked the collapse of the Bandon Hardware Company's building and the heavy stock going down with it.
Little Insurance.
There was comparatively little insurance on the places burned, owing to the prohibitive rate asked by the insurance companies as a result of the frame structures and inadequate fire protection.
For instance, in the block where the Averill store was located, there was only about \$7,200 insurance carried. Averill carrying \$7,000 on his stock and Lillard's Electric Shop about \$200.
The Bandon Hardware Company, owned by J. L. Kronenberg and Nelson Brothers, carried a stock worth about \$35,000. They had about \$8,000 insurance on it.
No One Injured.
As far as could be learned at noon, no one was seriously injured in the fire and no lives were lost.
A number sustained minor burns and bruises in their efforts to combat the fire.
Move Patients.
When it was seen that the Bandon Hospital was in danger, Dr. Houston had the six patients moved from there to the Bandon Emergency Hospital. Developments proved that this was wise, for soon after the patients were taken out the hospital caught fire and was destroyed with all its contents. The hospital building was owned by Mr. Hartman, but it was operated by Dr. Houston, who owned the fixtures, etc.
Saloon Losses Heavy.
The Eldorado Bar, conducted by Rasmussen Bros., who recently sold a half interest was one of the best in southwestern Oregon. All the fixtures including the bar and a beautiful fireplace, was made of select Myrtle wood. The loss on this

place is placed conservatively at \$8000 to \$10,000.

The Club Saloon, owned by Joe Coach, was the next finest place in the city, being equipped with elegant fixtures about a year ago. The loss is estimated about \$5000.
Gross Bros.' Opera Saloon, which was dynamited to stop the spread of the flames, will lose about \$3000.
The Arcade Saloon, owned by Art Jamieson, also blown up by dynamite, sustained a loss of about \$5000.

AUTO PARTIES GO TO BANDON

Automobiles were in demand early this morning, when the news came from Bandon telling of the heavy damage done by the fire. It is estimated that more than twenty auto parties left before 8 o'clock. Every car carried a capacity load. R. A. Copple and some others got away as early as 5:30 o'clock.
The North Bend auto stage line sent two cars and the Foots sent two. Tom Goodale, Ray Martin, Frank Catterlin and George Goodrum took as many as could be crowded into their machines. A number of others owing cars left early with several people in the machines.
The distance from Marshfield to Bandon is about thirty miles and it is understood that the road is in fairly good shape. Those who are not delayed by engine trouble or other mishap should have reached Bandon in less than two hours.
Every available car in Coquille and Myrtle Point was used to transport those who have property in Bandon as well as those who were going as sight seers.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.
Play is Opened for Qualifying Rounds at Troon, Scotland.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
TROON, Scotland, June 11.—Play opened for the qualifying rounds of the British open golf championship. Three Americans, Francis Outwater, John J. McDermott and Harry Erer, were entered.

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- 1.—McNair building containing millinery and barber shop owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrison; also a confectionery owned by Hansen and a shooting gallery.
 - 2.—Drug store owned by C. Y. Lowe.
 - 3.—Bandon Meat Market, owned by E. H. Reskey.
 - 4.—Laird-Lowe building, occupied by O. A. Trowbridge with immense stock of merchandise.
 - 5.—Eldorado Saloon, owned by Rasmussen Brothers.
 - 6.—L. N. E. Cafe, where fire started.
 - 7.—Tuttle's newsstand and Antlers Club cigar store.
 - 8.—Club saloon, owned by Joe Coach.
 - 16.—Bandon Recorder Printing Co., some damage.
 - 17.—Hartman Building.
 - 18.—Averill Dry Goods Store.
 - 19.—Barber shop.
 - 20.—O'Conn shoe shop.
 - 21.—Vacant building formerly occupied by bank.
 - 22.—Bandon Drug Co.
 - 23.—"Sugary" Confectionery, owned by Manciet Brothers.
 - 24.—Opera Saloon—Gross Brothers, owners.
 - 25.—Arade Saloon, Art Jamieson, proprietor.
 - 26.—Bandon Hardware.
 - 27.—City Meat Market.
 - 28.—City Waterworks Building.

MARSHFIELD MEN ARE LUCKY

Many Have Business Interests There But All Escape Without Loss
Marshfield luck is almost proverbial and it proved so in the disastrous Bandon fire. Several Marshfield men have extensive business interests in the stricken city and everyone of them escaped serious loss.
A. J. Mendel, of the Hub Clothing Store, has a large branch establishment in Bandon, located on the corner in the direct path of the flames, and while the building was on fire several times and sustained a loss of \$700 or \$800, the stock escaped without damage.
R. A. Copple, of the Golden Rule, also has a large branch store there and it also escaped the devastating flames.
E. E. Westerberg, of the People's 5, 10 and 15-cent store, has a large interest in the Bandon Dry Goods Co., which also was fortunately located in the saved section.
J. E. Ford Lucky.
Probably the luckiest of the Marshfield men having interests in Bandon was J. E. Ford, of the Union Meat Market, of this city. Mr. Ford has been the owner of the Bandon Meat Market, but sold out to E. H. Reskey. This

business was entirely destroyed, the only thing saved being the safe.
Another peculiar incident of this establishment was that it carried no insurance whatever until about a month ago when Mr. Ford decided that it was too risky and he placed \$1200 insurance on the stock and fixtures. When he sold to Reskey he advised the latter to continue the insurance and this morning had a telephone message from Reskey saying that he had followed Ford's advice and continued the insurance. The loss on this market is about \$2000, but Mr. Reskey has the \$1200 insurance to partially reimburse him. Mr. Ford received many congratulations from his friends this morning on his good luck.

BURNED SECTION LOSSES HEAVY

The Bandon fire wiped out all the business houses from the Eldorado Saloon to the Dyer cement block and all the buildings on the opposite side of the street, where the bank was formerly located. In the other block, the Bandon Hardware Store, Arcade Saloon and City Meat Market and three residences, those of Thomas Anderson, Geo. Erdman and "Father" Gross. The loss is estimated at upwards of \$250,000, some placing it as high as \$350,000. Proprietor Pressey, of the Bandon World, thought it might go higher. The estimated insurance amounted to