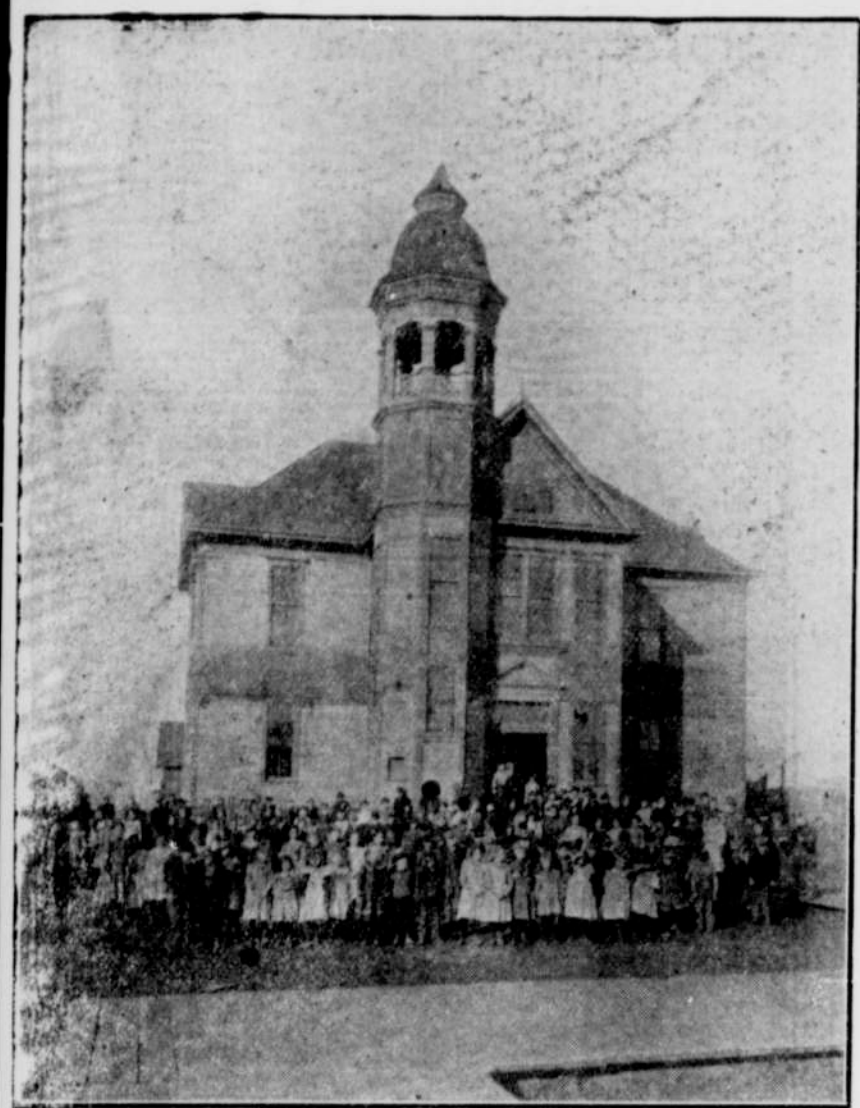


BANDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Home-seekers Will Find Excellent Educational Advantages in Bandon.



The first settlers of Bandon early showed their appreciation of educational advantages by including among their first acts a provision for building a school house and maintaining a school, and have ever since given the schools of the town their hearty support.

The educational advantages in Bandon are equal to those in towns of equal size.

The school building now in use is a fine structure with modern furniture throughout. The building also contains a library room, recitation room, closets, etc. The library room contains a library of about two hundred and seventy-five volumes.

This building is already insufficient for the needs of the school, and since the holidays another room in the G. R. Hall has been occupied, and the addition of two more rooms to the school building is needed.

Five teachers have been employed during the past year. Miss Pearl Walker had charge of grades one and two; Miss Bertha Wilkins taught grades three and four; Miss Annie Advoget the next two grades; Miss Florence Walstrom grades seven and eight, and during the latter half of the year the principal, Albert Gibbons, had charge of the two years' high school work.

In all probability an addition will be built this coming summer and more teachers added to the teaching force. The enrollment during the past year was very nearly two hundred and fifty.

The course of study of our schools is that prescribed by law for all the schools of the state, and the uniform series of text books is in use. Any pupil that has passed the eighth grade final examination has issued to him a diploma. This diploma entitles him to enter any high school in the state without further examination and without any conditions. Pupils of the eighth grade of the Bandon schools have no difficulty in passing the final state examination. Of the eighteen who took the examination the past year, fourteen passed with high standings.

About two years ago it was decided by a vote to establish a High School, and the ninth and tenth grades have been added.

The enrollment in the High School this year was thirty. Fourteen of this number successfully completed the tenth grade work. The graduating exercises were held the latter part of May.

The district is in an excellent financial condition, the assessed valuation being two hundred and twenty three thousand dollars, this being a very large increase in the past few years. There are no outstanding debts, and all school property is paid for, thus putting the district in excellent shape to make any needed improvements.

The educational prospect is good. The schools have done good work and the prospect for increased usefulness is excellent.

Coos County Timber

It is an undoubted fact that the entire United States must look to the Pacific States to supply the demand for building and manufacturing timber. Oregon timber is already recognized and sought for, and no section of the Pacific coast produces a greater variety of timber or timber of more value in the market than does Coos county.

The white or Port Orford cedar of Coos and Curry counties are, practically, the only localities where the famous Port Orford or white cedar grows, which is almost impervious to worms. Vessels built 35 years ago with white cedar frames are found to be as sound as the day they were built. This is one of the most valuable species found on the coast. It is fine of fibre, making an excellent finishing lumber, and can be used for so many purposes that it is much in demand. It is largely used for finishing lumber and brings a high price.

"Red cedar"—Grows along the water courses, though the amount is limited. "Fir"—Red and yellow fir predominate; grow to a large size, carry a good percentage of clear, and compares favorably with the best fir on the coast. Trees often run up to 100 feet to the first limb, and maintain their size well. Masts 115 feet long without a splice are often cut from the fir timber used here in shipbuilding.

The red fir is uniformly sound and of great strength. This timber is particularly adapted for joists, stringers, bridge and shipbuilding, and material of all kinds where great strength is required.

"Spruce"—Which grows in considerable quantities, is also a valuable timber. Its strength brings 50 per cent more than fir does. It makes a fine finishing lumber. The growth on the highlands carries a large percentage of clear.

"Hemlock"—Is found growing well all over the country, scattered at intervals through the other timber. It is also a valuable timber, there being absolutely no comparison of the hemlock of the coast with the hemlock of the east, so far as their relative values are concerned.

"Myrtle"—Is one of the finest woods for finishing that grows. It is very hard, fine grained, and susceptible of a very high polish. For fine hardwood finishings and furniture, it cannot be excelled. The largest stand is found above the tide water on the Coquille and Coos rivers.

"Maple"—Is found in considerable quantities. As regards size and locality, the remarks regarding myrtle will apply to maple. For furniture, flooring, and inside finish, this lumber has superior qualities.

"Alder"—Exists in large quantities all over the county. It is generally small in size, bears a good finish, and is used for the cheaper grades of furniture. Experience has demonstrated that for wood split pulleys it is the best wood found on the coast. After it is dried and polished it remains in place under almost all conditions. A spool factory would find Coos county an excellent location. Alder is also valuable for use in the manufacture of pulp.

"From a lumberman's standpoint Coos is an ideal county. The number of water courses susceptible of being driven, form a cheap and practical method of getting log to tidewater."

Snow in Coos County.

On Friday, January 19th, there was noticed in this city a few flakes of snow falling, the first seen in this part of the valley in two years, a thing which our new comers from the northern and middle western states in our a rule are loth to believe till they see it themselves. While our visitors have their disagreeable features mainly too much moisture for the big est needs of comfort, it is at times as being a climate far preferable to one subject to extreme low degrees of temperature, blizzards, yel nes, etc. During January just past, re-surbuses in the open yards in this place, while being full of last year's leaves, and had had roses during the whole winter up to that

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COQUILLE RIVER STEAMBOAT.

The Coquille river is navigable from Bandon to Myrtle Point, a distance of 38 miles. Sea-going vessels load at the Parkersburg mill seven miles up the river from Bandon and a little dredging is all that is needed to make the river navigable for this class of vessels to Coquille City, 28 miles.

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time, burst forth in new swarms which are two miles in length, and show every sign that spring is with us again. House flies have buzzed about all winter long and the frogs set in their merry evening racket the middle of January, while the birds are singing their spring songs. While our nights are cool, there being light frosts frequently, we have not seen ice thicker than window glass and the probabilities are we will not this winter, judging from the general appearance of things at this time. The farmers all along the river are getting their spring plowing well under way during the past two weeks of fine weather, while pastures look like April or May might be here. Coos county against the world for climate.