



Bandon, Coos County, Oregon

View of Waterfront

It was after a long ride down the Coquille River, seemingly doubly long by reason of the numerous stops at villages and dairy ranches to load and unload mail, freight and passengers, when the boat swung around a bend in the river, and the city of Bandon appeared in full sight, the great arc lights shining far in the distance, denoting a city of consequence, thriving in prosperity, and showing but a nucleus of what will follow. A closer approach shows all the mills lighted, and the busy hum of the saws gives a still better impression of the little city by the sea. The boat sweeps past the Cody Lumber Co.'s Mill, at this writing the largest in Coos County, its cavernous saws eating away a hundred thousand feet of Oregon's best lumber a day. Its brilliantly lighted wharves and yards, and the mill

ple have come; new and substantial enterprises have been started; and a great many new business and residence structures have been built, and even yet Bandon has not kept up with her progress. Most places that have had a boom usually overreach themselves, while as yet we of Bandon do not consider our ever increasing prosperity a boom, but only the realization of our numerous opportunities to the coming manufacturer, home seeker and laborer.

Bandon is situated at the mouth of the Coquille River, and the city limits are bounded on the west by the broad Pacific. Our business section of the town is located on the south side of the river and consists of one main street extending four blocks with side streets to the waterfront which is covered with wharves from end to end. Our residences

for any emergencies. A full supply of the usual paraphernalia found in a place of this size is now on hand for fire protection, and of course there are fire plugs at each corner in the business part of town and around the resident district. A chemical engine is held in readiness at all times for any small blaze where large quantities of water would probably do more damage than the conflagration.

We have almost all representatives of religious denominations; in fact, all of the leading churches. A hot bed of fraternalism exists here, which shows that much interest is taken in our several fraternal organizations and societies. What better conditions could exist to show the class of people in Bandon? There are no select circles. We all attend social functions together—employer and employee. A feeling of good fellowship exists among our townsmen which is one of our greatest factors in the assured bright future of our town.

Our resources are practically unlimited. The world's supply of lumber is yearly growing more limited. Here at our doorstep, almost, we have the great fir and red and white cedar forests. Years must pass before any marked impression is made upon them. Our natural water ways are another factor in favor of all lines of commerce. Dairying will be the chief industry after our forests are gone. Already we supply many tons of butter and crates of eggs to southern trade. Dairying will pay on the start. Small dairy ranches flourish and are indeed fruitful in their productions. There will be in operation in Bandon, this spring, one, if not two, of the largest creameries in the county, with payrolls each of \$5000 a month.

Fruit growing is in its earliest stages. We have no worms or insect pests, and we have again and again proven that our apples, pears and cherries are of the best varieties and will compete with those from any locality. This particular climate makes fruit thrive and bear very quickly. Exhibits from Coos Coun-

ty in Portland this last fall were a surprise to the outside world, and our fruit products will receive a greater prominence in the future. Likewise all farm grasses and grains flourish exceedingly well, giving us even more claim to the name of "The Garden Spot of Oregon."

Another advantage we have over almost all other locations endowed with the advantages we have is the immense beds of coal nature has laid under us. Hundreds and hundreds of acres of the finest coal, all in such shape as to make mining very profitable. There are places where the coal can be taken from the mine and loaded upon the cars, or taken a few feet further and loaded into deep sea going vessels, the loading to be done by gravity.

We have excellent transportation facilities with San Francisco. In fact this particular part of Coos County should belong to San Francisco. We have everything they want, that is, all of our products find a ready market at that place, while Portland markets are not so inviting, as they have their own lumbering facilities. Two fine steam schooners carry freight, one of which carries passengers, make regular trips to and from San Francisco, while a fleet of sailing vessels and gasoline schooners ply from that place in the lumber interests. We will say nothing of railroads surveyed or building. They are uncertain until even after the cars are on the tracks, but it is a sure thing that our wonderful opportunities must have great propositions for the transportation companies.

And now something about our climatic conditions. We have cool weather in the summer time. The north wind blows the summer through, making a healthful, refreshing breeze, entirely unlike the sweltering days of the valley. Hundreds of tourists and campers visit us yearly. A white city on the camp grounds is rebuilt year after year by the campers who have spent their vacations here.

This section is free from cyclones, typhoons, thunder storms, lightning

and what is greatly to the interest of our eastern friends who have to live through the tender cries of mosquito bar, we have no mosquitos, gnats, ticks and f-w flies. The winter weather is made warm by the south winds, and for about three months there is considerable rain. There is no use saying there isn't much rain, as all of Oregon has considerable in the winter. Better by far than icy winds and snow, sleet and 20 below zero.

And we could go on telling of the many opportunities offered to the man of brains and capital; to the man who wants employment; ranch property, which at present have nominal price, and the farmer, all who are desirous of a happy home in a healthy country, overflowing with chances for all. Bandon will become a great summer resort in

the government geologist and wells are now being drilled just south of town.

A cordial welcome is extended to any and all who are looking for a place to make their home. We are a home loving people and the desirable resident will not find our people secluded in "cliques" but of a sociable nature, more so than most Oregon towns, as a greater part of the people coming into Bandon in the past five years are from the east. We have tried to state what we have in a very conservative manner. You won't find gold dollars on trees, and you cannot exist as one of us by sitting with your hands folded, but we have plenty of employment and financial opportunities and a visit to Bandon-by-the-Sea only means a permanent location for you. People come,



Bandon High School

proper shows the latest and best appliances for converting our giants of the forest into the finished material for export trade. Another turn in the river takes the boat past the Spruce Shipyard, the Bandon Light and Power Plant, and the Steam Laundry and Bandon Shingle Mills, each a par excellence of its kind, the latter turning out countless bunches of the far-famed Port Orford Cedar shingles whose popularity is fast increasing. The boat is at the landing now and busy teamsters and crowds of people who throng the wharves in the evening as the boats come in, again give additional signs of liveliness and energy. The Bandon Woolen Mills, running at full capacity and giving employment to a large number of girls and men, is a short distance from the landing, and its busy looms send forth a glad-some sound of universal happiness and good cheer, for where there is plenty of desirable labor, what else could come if not happiness and good cheer?

This is but the daily experience of any new visitor to Bandon, and any person who has not been here in the past few years, is in a strange community, for the Bandon of today is far from the Bandon of five, yes, even a single year ago. New pro-

are located on the hill back from the business section proper. Many new buildings have been built the past year, and lumber orders are now in for a number for this coming summer. Lumber is cheap here, and the structures are for the most part substantial and portentous. Bandon is justly called the "Home City" as its people are lovers of anything that will aid and better the moral and social conditions.

Our population is approximately 2,000. A census has not been taken for some time, but this figure is a very conservative estimate, and another year will give us at least double that number. Our people are well educated, all nationalities, the American predominating by over seventy five per cent. The new comers are mostly from the east and are very progressive. Our educational facilities are of the highest order and our high school ranks among the first class in the State, a full four year's course obtainable in regulation high school course.

A water system is maintained by private individuals, and the city officials are soon to have a heavy eight inch main installed for fire protection. A \$5000 fire engine is at this writing on the road, and is a modern, first-class engine, adequate



Tug Bringing in Schooner Over the Bar

not the very distant future. We have not said anything regarding the beach—the scenic beach of the west. Our beautiful rocks, mountain streams filled with trout, forests with game, the oysters, clams and crabs, wild fruits, all are great attractions for the summer visitor, and once a railroad is running into this country our little city will take mighty strides along toward becoming a great city. These various topics are more or less touched upon in our different articles throughout this edition.

Our present manufacturers, consisting of Saw, Shingle, and Woolen Mills, Broom Handle Factory, Cannery, Ship Yard, Foundry, Brewery, and Steam Laundry are all running full blast and several more projects are rapidly materializing. The Bandon Pulp and Paper Mills, incorporated for \$300,000 will be in full operation by the first of April, the paper plant to be installed within the year following. Two fine creameries, the largest in the county, will be in operation shortly after the first of the year, are substantial expectations which will bring many new people who will move here with their families to locate. Oil has been discovered by

sometimes, move away again, but inevitably they yearn for our sunny climate, the healthful sea breezes, and the hundred and one things that have made their former residence in Bandon-by-the-Sea a pleasure, and then we soon see them returning. It is "My, how things are changing, but Bandon is good enough for me."

How to Get to Bandon

There are three ways of getting to Bandon. You can take the Steamer Elizabeth from San Francisco, fare \$10; you can take either the Alliance or Breakwater from Portland to Marshfield, then take train to Coquille at 9 o'clock, connecting with the Coquille River boat, landing you at noon the same day in Bandon, combined fare, not counting lodgings, is approximately \$12; and over stage from Roseburg, Ore., to Myrtle Point, from which place you take river boat to Bandon as before, fare being \$5 for stage and \$1 boat. We recommend boat clear through, in the winter time at least. It is quicker and pleasanter for those not afflicted with sea sickness.

Some Bandon Beach

