

New Cody Mill

The Cody Lumber Company have spared neither time nor money in making their mill of the latest pattern, and have equipped it with the most modern machinery on the market. Labor saving devices and appliances are in evidence everywhere, and today we have right here in Bandon the largest operating mill in Coos County.

The location is probably the best on the river. It is in deep water and vessels can load at its docks and be towed out over the bar without any unnecessary delay. The mill proper is 50x350 feet. This gives ample room to handle the finished product without crowding, and makes the working parts of the machinery available from all sides.

Counting all of the wharfs, yards and the log booms, the plant covers something over thirty-five acres of ground. The capacity of the log booms is something in the neighborhood of 15,000,000 feet of logs, and on the start they had 6,000,000 feet of available logs ready to be run through the saws. The output is at present, when the mill gets in full running capacity, 100,000 feet of finished product per day. In the course of the next year a pony band saw will be added, and with the

vice much time and labor are saved. Another feature and a money maker in the end, is the live rolls that are in evidence every place where the lumber has to be handled.

At present the mill can be handled with thirty-five men, but we understand that a sash and door factory and a box factory will be considered in the future by the company, and the working force will necessarily have to be increased to 150 at least.

The plant and yards are lighted by electricity. Incandescent lights are used in the buildings for the most part, and the wharfs and yards are lighted by arcs.

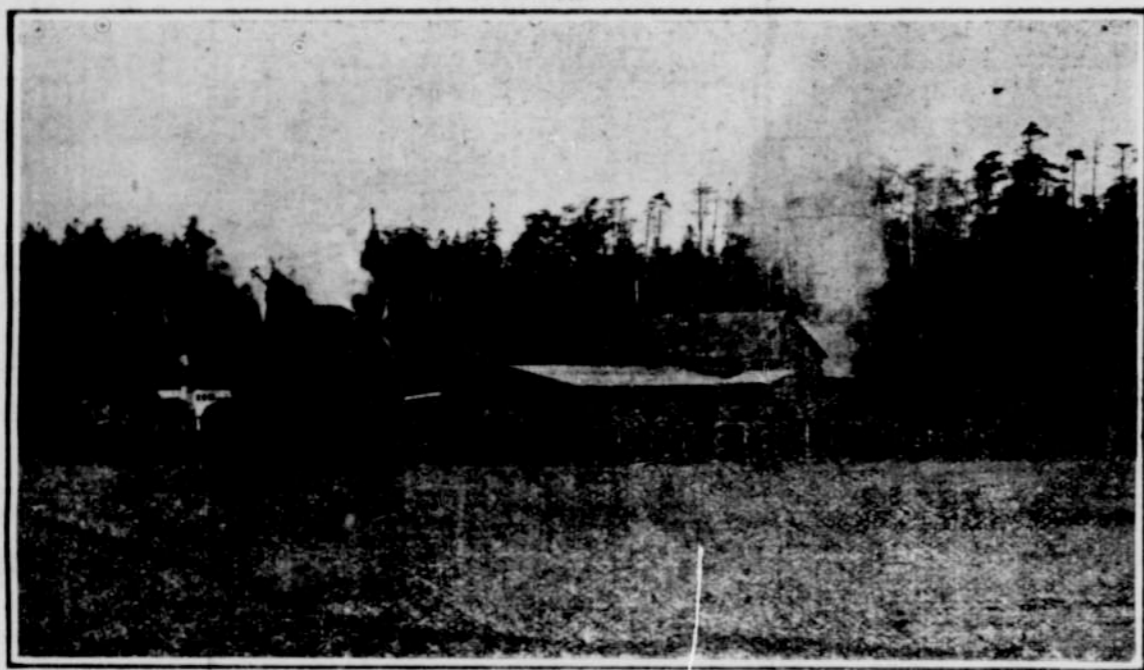
An essential addition to a plant of this kind, which has not been overlooked, is an adequate fire system. A pump and several hundred feet of hose will serve for any fire that might break out. A 20,000 gallon tank has been erected in the rear of the mill proper and is filled with fresh water at all times. This comes from a spring near the plant. City water is used throughout the structures for drinking purposes. This gives them three means of securing water.

A new shed, 90x100 feet has been

apple known as the "Coos River Beauty." The amount of agricultural land on this River is very limited, for the valleys are narrow, and the hills rocky and very precipitous, and most suitable for grazing and dairying purposes. Some very good timber is found on this river, but the river is small and does not extend to the interior a great distance, and the amount of such timber will soon be limited.

The river at its mouth, together with several sloughs, forms a large tidal estuary, navigable to Ocean going crafts of moderate draft, and this is widely known over the West as Coos Bay, whereon is located two thriving little cities, Marshfield and North Bend, situated about two miles apart, destined no doubt to grow together into one compact city, which, under some new name now under consideration by the two places, will become a very important factor in the Pacific coast-wise trade. Empire City farther down the bay is west and about equi-distant from the two other cities, and even should the three of them grow into one city, its area would be not more than half of that of Portland.

The population of Marshfield, according to her most enthusiastic



The Cody Mill Company, Bandon, Showing Steamer Bandon Loading

assistance of two re-saws the capacity of the mill will be 150,000 feet of lumber per day.

The machinery with which this plant is equipped, came from Belmont, New York. The large engines to furnish power for the plant, are of the Ames Co. manufacture, and very desirable for this class of work. They are twin model which have an aggregation of 800 horsepower, with a capacity to develop still additional power. A battery of four boilers furnish steam to run these engines. The engine room is a building 50x60 feet, and has a solid foundation of concrete and rocks built up around piling, driven all through it, making a permanent foundation.

The location of the new ship yard is such as to conveniently and quickly receive supplies from this mill on short notice. In constructing the buildings a special feature was made to be able to provide ship timbers 120 feet in length. At present there is no other mill in the county that can furnish such timbers.

In the top of the mill a saw filing and repairing room 40x20 feet, is equipped with the latest filing appliances. These are in charge of an expert filer and crew. All of the machinery has been placed with the view of labor saving and rapidity.

The large carriage is equipped with power set works, an appliance used only in mills of the most up-to-date type. It is especially famous for the

built, and everything has been housed to protect the employes from the rain and wind, excepting the yards. The company have 1100 feet of water front which will all be utilized.

The steam schooner Bandon was constructed at Coos Bay for the purpose of carrying lumber for this new mill. It has a carrying capacity of 600,000 feet of lumber, and is so constructed as to draw little water when loaded. She is equipped with the latest twin screw marine engines.

The Cody Lumber Company is composed of the following members: L. J. Cody, President; Col. Coach, Vice-President and M. J. McKenna, Secretary and Treasurer. These three gentlemen are residents of Bandon and take an active interest in the mutual welfare of the community. They manufacture fir, spruce, hemlock and white cedar lumber, shingles and lath. Price's shipyard get their long ship timbers here, which can be sawed to over 120 feet in length.

promoters is 5000 people which, perhaps is not greatly over estimated, when including several new additions to the town, and really a part of the town yet not within the corporate limits. The Marshfield payroll is small compared to other Coos County towns because she has few mills, but she has under construction the C. A. Smith saw mills, which when completed will be the largest on the Coast, since the destruction of the Port Blakely Mills in Washington, and the daily output of which other mills in the United States will be only second to the C. A. Smith mills in Minneapolis.

The North Bend mills are smaller, but more numerous, and her payroll is perhaps the largest in the County, with Bandon a close second. The North Bend population is no doubt very nearly 2500. Empire is now little more than the deserted

scene of the former County seat, and where a large and prosperous village once thrived, now perhaps 200 people will be a very liberal estimated. The second of the valleys above mentioned in the opening paragraph, and which it may be incidentally remarked, comprises about three-fifths of the area of Coos county, is the Valley of the Coquille River which, unfortunately, is less widely

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