

Largest Ship Yard on the Coast of Oregon A Modern Ship-Building Plant

One of the leading industries of Bandon, and which is held high in the esteem of our citizens is the Price Ship Yard, owned by J. H. Price & Co. While this is one of our latest industries, it is by no means small, and we say with pride that Bandon has the largest ship-building concern on the coast of Oregon.

There is a great demand for vessels topped with Port Orford cedar, more commonly known as white cedar. This wood is in a way a preservative. It is impregnable to worms and will last many times as long as ordinary lumber. Vessels in use for over 40 years are in service today and are as good as new, from the standpoint of their durability.

J. H. Price was connected with the Bendixon Shipbuilding Company of Eureka, and then went into business for himself in San Francisco, where he conducted a general repair business for vessels of all kinds. The

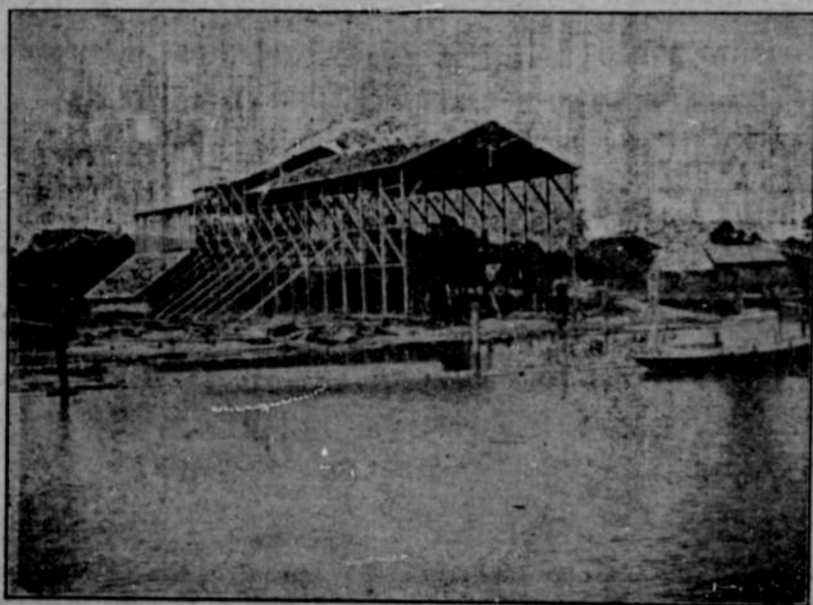
commenced on the new yard, which was built right at Bandon. The new site was far superior to the old one, and the close proximity to the Cody Saw Mill, which makes a speciality of ship timbers, and better fire protection, gave it prestige over rebuilding at the old place. A more modern plant has been installed, and a great deal of wharfing has had to be built before work on rebuilding the new vessels could be commenced. All of the companies were anxious to have their boats rebuilt, but only the contract for the Daisy, for S. S. Freeman, of San Francisco, and the McKay vessel for the McKay Company of Eureka, were taken.

The fire occurred the 9th of last June, and matters have been rushed to such an extent that the framework of the Daisy is all up and the work of ceiling has commenced. Inside of two months the vessel will be in the water, meantime the

deed welcomed in our midst. Their enterprise provides labor for many and their payroll reaches several thousands a month when running to capacity. The work is desirable, everything being done labor-saving as far as possible. Their machinery is such as to provide winches and derricks for all of the heavy work, and the plant is equipped throughout with every modern convenience necessary to turn out vessels which are a credit to Coos County in general and Bandon in particular.

Lampa.

Lampa is situated midway between Bandon and Coquille City on the Coquille river. It is the only point on the river where the Bandon-Myrtle Point wagon road connects with the river. Lampa postoffice is supplied with mail twice a day. A general store in connection with the postoffice is doing a good business. There is a neat little school building with school six months during the year. The country around Lampa is a fine



Price's Old Shipyard, Destroyed by Fire.

earthquake and fire destroyed his plant completely, and foreseeing the demand for boats built of white cedar, he commenced operations near Bandon.

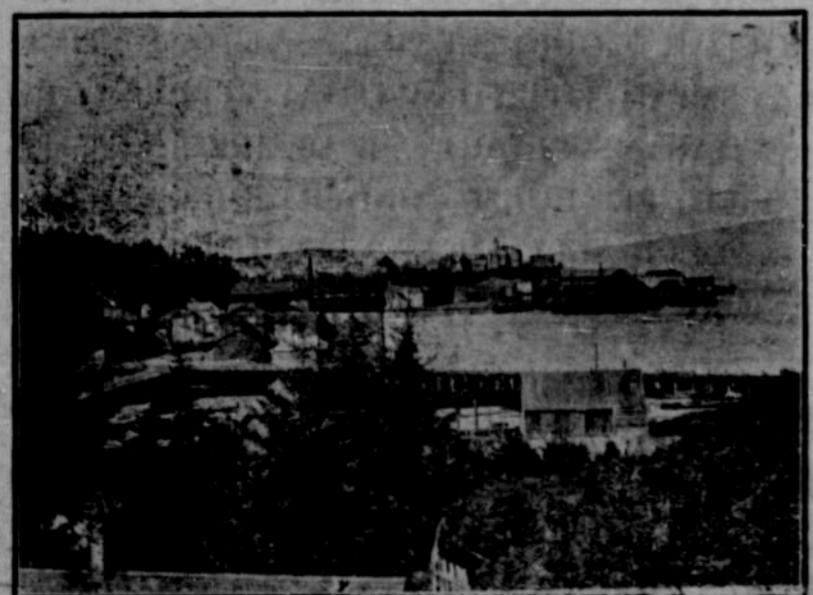
The Bandon plant was located on the north side of the river, just above Bandon. It was an ideal place for such an industry and work progressed rapidly, the mills supplying him with lumber without any unnecessary delays. Three vessels were well under way, when the entire plant, vessels and all were destroyed by fire. The Daisy, the largest vessel was ready to launch, and the Fiefield was nearly completed. The McKay vessel, a smaller craft was in the elementary course of construction at the time of the fire. While the origin of the

McKay boat will be commenced and work rushed on her. The Daisy is 205 feet over all, the largest boat to be launched on the Coquille River, and we have launched quite a number. She will be 39.6 feet beam and will have 21 feet draught when loaded. She is built especially for the Wilpa Harbor-San Francisco run and is well adapted for her work. The McKay boat is smaller, only 162 feet over all, 35 feet beam and when loaded will have a draught of 13 feet. She will run between Eureka and San Francisco. The third vessel is being built in Coos County out of lumber from a mill only a stone's throw from the Price Shipyard and connected with the mill with a wharf, showing the demand for our pro-

dairy section, there being a good supply of green grass throughout the year. Bandon receives a large supply of milk from the Maple Dell creamery at that place and a large amount of the milk sent to the creameries comes from the Lampa valley, yet not one-third of the valley is under cultivation.

There are hundreds of acres of good coal land underlaid with ten or twelve veins of coal ranging from three to nine feet. The coal is unexcelled in quantity and quality on the coast. There are thousands of tons ready to be opened up and taken out to market. Capital is all that is needed to open a great industry.

There is a vast amount of timber in this part of the county and several logging camps. One of the largest camps in the State, the Cody Lumber Company, is located here. It



Manufacturing District of Bandon, Looking West From Ship Yard.

fire was unknown, every precaution had been taken to prevent any conflagration, but the flames had obtained such a headway, that control was out of the question, and the fine new plant burned to the ground, a total loss, which aggregated the approximate sum of \$110,000.

As soon as insurance matters had been settled up satisfactorily, work

is a new company, having been in operation but two years and during that time they have employed upwards of fifty men during summer and winter and will employ a much larger crew in the near future. They are working a large body of timber which will take fifteen years to log it off, at the rate of 100,000 feet daily.

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