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1914 BUILDING WAS GREATEST

Improvement far Exceeded Any Preceding Year In City's History.

Despite the fact that during the year 1914 Bandon suffered the greatest set-back in its history, the fire of June 11 which did damage to the extent of \$250,000 and wiped out the heart of the business district, there was more building during the year than any previous year.

Foremost among the structures built was the new home of the First National Bank, a two story concrete building of fireproof construction, on Second Street and Alabama Avenue, which was built at a cost of \$25,000 and was completed early in the spring. The First National Bank building has the distinction of being the first class A building to be constructed in the city and was closely followed by the Ellingson building, at the corner of First and Alabama, completed during the summer by Arthur Ellingson at a cost close to the \$20,000 mark. Both of these buildings rank among the best in southwestern Oregon, and with the \$10,000 concrete block being erected on First Street by Capt. Robert Johnson, will form the nucleus around which a greater Bandon is to rise.

Taking the frame buildings alone erected during 1914, the record could advantageously be compared with the record of former years. No less than four buildings of this class have been completed. This is not taking into consideration the eight or ten temporary structures costing from \$200 to \$500 that arose immediately after the fire, which have been discarded or will be in the near future. The new post office quarters, in the building constructed by A. G. Thrift, on Baltimore Avenue, gives Bandon the lead over all Coos county in the matter of post office accommodations and the other buildings are the new home of the Bandon Steam Laundry, the Racket Store building at the corner of Second and Baltimore Avenue, and the spacious new quarters of the Bandon Hardware Company, First Street and Baltimore Avenue.

Burned out by the early morning blaze 22 business houses had to seek new locations or go out of business, and all but three of these are now operating, most of them in temporary quarters. All of the three which did not reopen have been replaced by new concerns in the same line of business with the exception of a pool and billiard parlor. Previous to the fire practically all of the business blocks in the city were occupied and the sudden demand for locations forced many large concerns into inadequate and undesirable quarters, but the hearty cooperation of the business men and the prevailing spirit for "A Bigger and Better Bandon" won out. Store rooms were split in half to make room for the unfortunate concerns and in one case the citizens went so far as to donate the labor and material for a temporary home for one concern which had lost everything in the fire.

Nor did the serious conflagration and the business depression which naturally followed deter the home builders, more and better residences being erected during 1914 than ever before. Between 20 and 25 new homes arose during the year, varying in cost from \$1000 to \$6000, the total expenditure in this line of improvement running well above \$40,000.

In the matter of public buildings constructed, the new school house in East Bandon stands out prominently. Cost of constructing this addition to the city's already first class school equipment was approximately \$20,000 and the money is well represented in the building as it now stands.

Although but one building has been erected to replace those destroyed by the fire, the coming Spring and Summer will see at least two-thirds of the burned over area rebuilt or in the process of being rebuilt. Piling has

already been driven for the foundation of a modern, two-story fireproof block on the Biggs-Buckingham property, on the corner of First Street and Bandon Avenue, and the owners state that active work on the building will start as soon as the weather settles. On the opposite corner of this street intersection Geo. P. Laird and C. Y. Lowe announce that they will build a structure of Class A construction, combining store room and apartment house features, while Rasmussen Bros. expect to put several thousand dollars into a building on their property abutting the prospective Biggs-Buckingham block. Should conditions continue to improve a fourth building of similar construction will arise on the lots of W. D. Marshall & Son.

During the past year \$150,000 has been spent in the way of building improvements in Bandon and the coming year promises still greater activity along this line.

Celebrate New Years Very Quietly in Bandon

There was little noise and practically none of the usual high jinks connected with the reception of the New Year in Bandon this year, the heavy storm which arose during the evening putting a damper on many of the affairs planned. Belis and whistles got in their salute at midnight but this noise did not compare with that of former years, because of the fact that most of the San Francisco boats were at the other end of the route, only the Speedwell being at the dock here.

Most Bandonians did homage to the old year and greeted the new at various watch parties of two and three couples in different parts of the city. Many of the young people were in attendance at the affair given by the young people of the Presbyterian Church.

Dancers found a big treat at the annual ball of the Women of Woodcraft which ranks as one of the big affairs of the season in that form of amusement and those few who found the floor at the Dreamland Pavilion too crowded or the more informal, report a good time at the Bank Hall.

Reverly was an absent factor in the celebration and there was less work for the Municipal Court on the following day than for several years. The police report that the streets were quiet and those people who were wandering about were very orderly.

JOINT INSTALLATION BY G. A. R. AND W. R. C.

The Bandon G. A. R. and W. R. C. spent the day on January 2nd at the G. A. R. Hall, dinner being served at noon and the rest of the day being given over to social enjoyment and ceremonies of installation of the two orders.

The following officers of the G. A. R. were installed with J. W. Felter acting as installing officer: C. A. Rogers, Com; B. F. Shannon, Sr., V. Com; W. F. Kennedy, Jr., V. Com; J. A. Faulds, Q. M.; A. M. Sumner, Chap; H. A. Cox, Surg; J. W. Felter, O. D.; L. A. Tyler, O. G.; C. B. Zeek, Adj; A. Henry, Q. M. Sergt; H. M. Fish, Sergt Maj.

W. F. Kennedy, delegate; Moses Wilson, alternate delegate.

The W. R. C. with Mrs. C. B. Zeek as installing officer installed the following:

Sadie Shields, Pres; Jennie A. Bowman, S. V. P.; Louise Allen, J. V. P.; May D. Endicott, Treas; Mary Shannon, Chap; Annie M. Tucker, Con; Anke Nelson, Guard; Lelia M. Fish, Sec; Fannie Hufford, Asst. Con; Viola Brown, Pat Inst; Martha Zeek, Pr. Cor; Florence Young, musician; Ada Still, 1st C. B.; Grace Divilbias, 2nd C. B.; Anna Sherrard, 3rd C. B.; Bonnie Welch, 14h, C. B.; Anna Jones Asst. Guard.

After the installation the W. R. C. presented the retiring president, Mrs. Lelia M. Fish, with a past presidents badge.

The day was pleasantly spent and one that will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to have part in the festivities.

Chief Holman and the Street Commissioner have been filling the cracks left in the First Street pavement as an allowance for expansion, with tar during the past few days.

Bandon's Development

By Mayor Geo. P. Topping

On the 18th day of February, 1891, the City of Bandon first saw daylight as a municipality. Therefore, on the 18th day of February, 1915, it will have been twenty-four years since four hundred souls, good and true citizens, who represented the entire population of Bandon at that time, reasoned together that it would be to the advantage of their social, moral and business uplift to resolve themselves into a political subdivision of the great state of Oregon; and, inspired by the watchword which has always been the moving factor in the heart of every Bandonian, that "he who hesitates is lost," they put the deductions of their logic into real action, and Bandon began right.

Those were the days of the "Bandonrill," the "Joseph and Henry," the "Parkersburg," the "Lizzie Prien," and various other members of the mosquito fleet whose names we have forgotten—little two-mast carriers who were happy, after a sixty-day cruise from San Francisco and four days to load, when the tug "Triumph" found seven or eight feet of water on the bar so that they might glide safely to sea, each modestly carrying from two hundred and fifty to three hundred thousand feet of lumber.

Those were the days when the boys felt rich (as indeed they were) with a winter's job in the mill of Capt. Parker, Adam Pershbaker, or Col. Rosa; the output of which mills can be better understood when we recall to mind the fact that they were dependent upon this little mosquito fleet as the sole means of transportation. In those days the principal and one assistant had time to spare during their six hour's work of inspiring the young mind of Bandon with the idea that knowledge is power. In those days three regular meals were never dropped from the program of any Bandonian's life. If perchance they were, it was due to the fact that the frugal provider had lost his tide book or failed to have his clamming artillery in position at a seasonable hour. In those days the wily game warden never filled the heart of the peaceful Bandonian with dread. In those days we were satisfied and content with the undulating characteristics of a sidewalk on a part of the sunny side of First Street. Trails to the various scattering residences filled the hearts of none with dread of dangers of Alice-in-Wonderland fame, but rather assured the older residents safety from being lost on the way home and inspired the young and romantic heart with the fancy of a sort of lovers' lane. No one worried over the fact-dwindling wood pile on those days; beach wood was a never-failing resource. In the summer every one raised his own garden, with the confident assurance that if the same failed him ere the dawn of spring, the freshets of winter would surely replenish his vegetable bin from the abundant supply of the up-river farmer who was thoughtless enough not to profit by his past winter's experience. As for groceries and clothing, our trust was in Judge Dyer, who was too kindly to doubt our credit, and therefore proved a never-failing resource.

But let us consider henceforward. The progressive Bandon has inspired the nation with the importance of her needs, thereby securing development of river and harbor. Today the modern steam schooner only waits for the tide to serve her that she may carry 700,000 to one million feet of lumber or its equivalent in capacity to the markets of the Pacific. Bandon has doubled her population nearly 9 times. Mills, factories, foundries, machine shops, light plant, water works, and many other industries, have been added to her progression. The little two-mast sailing vessel has come and gone. Following close in her passing has come and gone the three mast sailer. Only steam alone has proven adequate to supply the demand for transportation. To keep pace with her progression, the child which first saw daylight on that memorable 18th day of February, has been called upon to reconstruct her organic law three times—once January 28, 1903, once October 27, 1908, and again on the 3rd day of May, 1912. Her schools have grown from the then creditable institution of one principal and an assistant to a high school and two graded branches, under the management of a superintendent and two principals, with a corps of twenty-three teachers in attendance, and a school census of 961. Modern stores and shops ornament the business center, and elegant homes skirt the residence district—many of which are second to none in the land. Bandon has successfully combated and withstood—yea, and come out victorious from—every business depression that has overtaken the country from the inception of our original municipality. Thus, we have had our misfortunes and have suffered disadvantages, but they have always been met with a spirit of dash and dare, until the business interests of Bandon have creditably won the distinction of always standing together. We are blessed with many advantages of modern times and are embarrassed by but few of the disadvantages. Although we may be overtaken with disappointments we feel that Bandonians should congratulate themselves on the success of their many achievements; and Bandon and her harbor shall yet be more than an important factor in the commercial welfare and development of Coos County. We shall have better schools, better and more manufacturing, better and more agricultural interests, farming and dairying, besides many other enterprises which shall spring from our dormant resources, even climate, fertile hills and valleys. We have no reason whatever for being discouraged. Business may wax and wane, but no man can take our harbor from us, our resources, or our climate. For us God has done much; it is only left for us to reach and grasp the opportunity.

I therefore have great faith in Bandon and her citizens. She and they have always been courageous, public-spirited and energetic. There is nothing to prompt me to believe that they shall ever be otherwise. Evidence of the red corpuscle of progress has grown too pronounced in the lifeblood of her advancement.

PAST YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

That Bandon enjoyed prosperity during 1914, despite the poor condition of the lumber market and the disastrous fire which destroyed practically half of the business section of the city, and that we have a year of surpassing prosperity before us is attested by the following:

First Street West paved with hard surface pavement at an outlay of \$12,000.

Municipal dock built at the foot of Baltimore Avenue.

Eight new business concerns open in Bandon, including a factory and one lumber company.

There is not a vacant store room in Bandon.

School census of the city shows 961 children of school age in the district, or 35 more than the preceding year.

Decision of Supreme Court declar-

ing Port of Bandon to be legally formed, releases \$25,000 for immediate improvement of bar and river.

Pathe Daily War News.

If you want to see the latest moving pictures from the European War—the Pathe Daily News shown at the Grand Theatre twice a week beats all others. We wish to announce that beginning Jan. 1st we are receiving the Pathe News from 30 to 40 days old, the latest films of this type that have ever been exhibited in Coos county. See the terrible destruction wrought by the 42 centimeter guns and other interesting war pictures. Every Tuesday and Friday at the Grand.

PORT ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Plans For the Ensuing Year Laid at Meeting of Port of Bandon

The port commissioners for the Port of Bandon met in their first session for the year 1915 in the office of the Port Attorney Transgill Saturday at 10:30 o'clock and completed their organization for the year 1915.

At the election of officers, Col. E. H. Rosa was elected chairman, W. E. Johnson, vice president, J. H. Norton, secretary, and T. P. Daily, treasurer.

The term of E. E. L. B. Ballou having expired, A. McNair, who was elected at the fall session, has been selected to succeed himself, and was installed into office.

Mr. McNair took the place of J. Ballou on all committees including the finance committee and others. It was decided by the majority of the commission to work in cooperation with the farmers along the river to protect the banks of the river from washing in and destroying large areas of excellent bottom land and filling the river with sediment.

The treasurer's report for the year was read and approved. The work of the port for the year was not entirely outlined, but it is the intention to start a vigorous campaign of improvement so far as the funds will permit. Application has already been made for the dredge Oregon to be brought into the river, for the purpose of cleaning and dredging shoals between the mouth of the river and Coquille. The Port has about \$25,000 available for this purpose, and it is the intention of the port commissioners to work in conjunction with the army engineers for the general improvement of the harbor.

At the last session of Congress \$26,000 was appropriated for this river and there has been \$75,000 placed in the rivers and harbors bill before this session of congress. If this latter amount is forthcoming it will give the port an excellent start for a large amount of improvement. There is little doubt as to the passage of this bill as it stands, so far as the Coquille river is concerned as the amount has been recommended by the engineers, and accepted by the Committee. In addition to this the bill carries with it a new survey for a new project, the survey to include the bay and entire river from its mouth to Coquille.

While the port commissioners have not fully decided to bond this year in any considerable sum, yet it is the intention to do so as there is need for new improvements, over and above those outlined for the funds now available. With this fact in view it appears that there will be large development in port work for several years to come. It is generally understood that the government will give dollar for dollar for every one raised by the port commission either by bonding or otherwise, and it is probable that within the next two or three years that a half million dollars or more will be expended on the local harbor.

COOS COUNTY RANKS THIRD IN WIDOW PENSION OUTLAY

Facts and figures given out by State Insurance Commissioner Estess show that during the last year the counties of Oregon paid out \$913,223.90 in the way of widow's pensions and for the care and relief of the poor and needy between January 1 and September 30th.

Coos county, according to the statistics given out, ranks fourth among the counties in the amount of money expended in pensions for widows, having paid out \$8,391.25 to that branch for relief work. Multnomah, Lane and Clackamas counties head the list in the order named. In the way of relief for the poor, the county paid out \$8,914.25, making the grand total expended in this line of work \$15,305.50.

Parent and Teacher Meeting Friday Night.

Problems immediately affecting every parent and patron of the Bandon schools, discussed by local people along with several musical numbers, will make up the program to be rendered at the meeting of the Parent Teachers Association, at the High School building Friday evening. The meeting will take up promptly at seven thirty o'clock.

Folk dances by the pupils of the East side school is a number on the program which should be a treat to those who attend inasmuch as it is an innovation in the activities of the local schools and will be preceded by an explanatory lecture on the subject by Miss Landreth. It is only during the past few years that folk dances have been made a part of the exercises in American schools, and this is the first year that it has appeared in Bandon.

Quite an extensive and varied program including the best of the local talent has been prepared as follows: Vocal solo, Mrs. G. Geisendorfer. Reading, Chester Teegarden. Music, Mrs. A. Sweet. The Evis of Juvenile Gossip and its results, Mrs. J. L. Kronenberg and Mrs. C. F. Pape. Double Male Quartette, Messrs Webb, Watkins, Boak, Corson, Sidwell, Dippel, Quigley and Rev. Knight. Piano Duet, Clarice Danielson and Treasa Button; violin accompaniment Melford Wesleader. Paper, Miss Landreth. Folk Dances, East Side School Pupils.

In order that the people having small children which they cannot leave at home, may be able to attend the meeting without being bothered with the care of the children the Kindergarten Committee will be on hand to take care of all children whose parents wish to attend the meeting.

At the close of the program refreshments will be served under the supervision of Mrs. Annie Barrows, Mrs. C. E. Bowman and Mrs. Herbert Brown, who compose the Refreshment Committee.

Bible Lectures Close at Orpheum.

Sunday night closed the Bible Lectures in the Orpheum, but in response to many requests they will be continued in the Baptist Church on East Eleventh Street, until permanent location can be arranged for. Meetings will be held three nights each, the subjects for this week being as follows: Wednesday, Jan. 6, "The Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." Friday, Jan. 8, "Present Truth for This Generation." Sunday, Jan. 10, "The Message for Today."