



Bandon High School Building

## Bandon Public Schools

Local Schools Have Made a Phenomenal Growth in the Past Five Years.

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The high school has been aptly termed "the American College." The scope of its work is, in many respects, broader than that of the college of a century ago. More than that, it is now accessible to almost every son and daughter in this country of ours, whereas the college was only for the select. In the broadening and enriching of the curriculum of the present day high school, the needs

it would be hard to find a town large enough to be incorporated that does not boast of a fine high school building with an approved equipment, a four year course of study, an efficient corps of instructors, and last, but not least, and enthusiastic student body. The growth of Bandon High School has been nothing short of phenomenal. Six years ago, under the supervision of H. C. Ostien, now of Monmouth Normal, the school was placed upon

the county championship and the girls basket ball team was also victorious in that respect. And that track team meet in May! Bandon came home laden with trophies. The boys had made first in every track event, and a total of fifty points out of a possible sixty-four had been won. Since that year the record in all student activities has been gratifying although fluctuating both above and below the normal line.

The enrollment at present is in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifteen. There are over one hundred students in daily attendance. The high school teaching force has been increased since 1911, from three to six instructors.

The somewhat isolated situation of Bandon is responsible for a growth of traditions and native sentiment that stamps the school and the community with an individuality which could come about only by a peculiar inner

We are proud to note, too, that nearly all graduates of the high school are either filling some worth while position, or are eagerly plucking the fruits of higher education in colleges and universities. Thus, they are taking the necessary steps towards realizing the visions of their teachers, who constantly look forward toward an ideal future which reveals the school as the real center of the community—a center in which noble impulses and fine aspirations are germinated only to radiate into the community, into the state, and find their full development in the accomplishment of the right kind of labor.

Three years ago, it was found that the present high school building with its thirteen rooms for grade pupils was not adequate for the rapid increase in the primary and grammar grade departments. Consequently a fine 8-room building was erected in East Bandon. At present the first four primary grades are receiving instruction there. This school, under the able supervision of Miss Pearl Walker and three assistant teachers is making an enviable reputation for itself in up-to-date activities which have been added to the regular course of instruction.

Without special supervision in manual training, school gardening, folk dancing, etc., the pupils have made a showing which we believe is second to none in the state.

In the total school population Bandon ranks first in Coos county. The last census shows 965 on the credit side, and a lack of only 35 to make Bandon an independent district. The total number of teachers now employed is twenty-three, an increase of ten within five years. Supt. H. L. Hopkins has had supervision of the schools since 1911. To his genial disposition and kindly sympathy with students and teachers is due the spirit of cooperation which is so essential to the well-being of schools.

To the Bandon Public Schools, a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

### WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The request of Col. Goethals for the service of torpedo boat destroyers as a police force to compel the observance of the regulations regarding the neutrality of the Panama Canal is giving officials of the State, War and Navy Departments much concern. At the time the United States neutrality was declared and the special regulations issued regarding the use of the radio stations and the special rules for the Panama Canal were promulgated, it was thought in many quarters that armed vessels of some sort would have to be furnished Gov. Goethals for policing the canal and adjacent waters.

Rising in assertion of its traditional devotion to Senatorial courtesy, the Senate has rejected the nomination of John D. Lynn, of Rochester, N. Y., to be United States attorney for the Western district of New York. The President has nominated Mr. Lynn upon the recommendation of Secretary McAdoo and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and in doing so has ignored the recommendation of Senator O'Gorman whose choice was Thomas E. Boyd.

The State Department has warned Americans to write only strictly neutral letters to their friends in the Ottoman Empire, because officials of the Turkish government are opening all mail, and a letter containing criticism of Turkey would be likely to cause serious trouble for the person to whom it was addressed.

Col. William H. Crook, chief disbursing officer at the White House, will complete his fiftieth year of service as a White House employee January 5. Col. Crook was in the body guard of President Lincoln and was constantly with him during the civil war.

The announcement that there will be no formal dinners at the White House during the winter recalls to mind the fact that for some years the forms of entertainment there have been growing more and more simple. In years past three hours were often given up to the enjoyment of the dinner table, with fifteen or sixteen courses and a great variety of wines. An up-to-date dinner from ten to twenty covers will take perhaps an hour or an hour and a quarter, and few will have more than six or seven courses.

### NEPHEW OF M. G. POHL HAS CLOSE CALL IN BATTLE

Late news to M. G. Pohl, of Bandon, states that one of his nephews, Ernest Bearwolt, a first lieutenant in the Eastern German army against Russia, who was reported missing, was found. His horse was killed under him. Both fell and the fighting troops passed over him. Two days later he was found by the Red Cross and now is slowly improving. Two other nephews of Mr. Pohl, Gabriel (captain), another officer in the West against France, and his brother Haluph, were decorated with the Iron Cross.



Boys Basket Ball Team, 1913

of other people than the mentally precocious have been considered and the so-called American college is a democratic institution, "by the people, for the people and of the people." The state of Oregon may be justly proud of the rapid development of her high schools. Less than a decade ago, the number of accredited high schools in this state could be counted upon the fingers of both hands. Now

the accredited list. A four years course of study was regularly adopted, a splendid, modern building was erected and a small but mighty group of students was enrolled. Five years ago the enrollment was something like thirty in the high school, and the number of boys exceeded the number of girls. That was the banner year for Bandon in interscholastic contests. The debating teams won

growth. Take for instance the songs which composed a part of the plays written for the students of this high school by their life long friend, Mr. Carl Moore. "Hail, Black and Gold," and "There is No Land Like Oregon," will ring exultantly from the throats of all Bandon students, as long as Bandon High shall exist. Call us provincial if you like, but we are true sons of our native soil.



Girls Glee Club, 1913

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