

# Bandon's Public Library

### From Small Start This Institution Has Grown To One of Which Our Citizens Are Justly Proud.

By F. Amelia Henry, Librarian

The object of this article is not to report on the ways and means by which our present condition has been obtained; a report which would include appreciation of the whole-hearted support of the many who have made the library what it is. Rather it is to make a statement of the equipment at the beginning of the New Year.

As a city institution we realize that we owe a very definite return for the support given by the people of Bandon. It is not enough merely to circulate fiction and furnish a reading room. We have taken for our aim "The greatest good to the greatest number."

The librarian of Congress says "A library is the place to ask questions." And Miss Marvin of the State Library writes us, "Any one can circulate books. The important thing is to keep people interested and to constantly increase the usefulness of the library." For this reason we make special arrangements to accommodate teachers, and students, whether pupils or not. For some months last summer we had a box of twenty-five books at Crane's Company, and further activities in the library. We have also placed many more books in country homes.

During the past year we have had five hundred books and books of various magazines to our shelves, making over eleven hundred volumes at present. Our collection is partly patronized by the teachers and pupils of the Bandon School, it is partly chosen and covers a wide range of subjects. It is classified under sixteen heads and is open to all. As far as possible we have selected important magazine articles to our shelves.

The present season of information for our current periodicals is unfortunately not nearly so desirable, because we have not the money for a subscription to "The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature." That is the library's greatest need at present.

The next greatest need is more and better books for the child readers. Over a hundred children have "borrower's cards" and a number of these have read all of our juvenile books and magazines. From the State we have a traveling unit of fifty books, and to these Miss Marvin, knowing our special need, kindly adds twelve or fifteen juvenile books.

She also sends upon request, one or two sets of books, on any and every subject. Last Fall she sent a set of books to the Study Club at Bandon, to be used for a period of six months or longer.

The readers of this State are glad to support our progress in our arrangements for the library.

At the beginning of this year we installed a "bookshelf" near the entrance to the library. This bookshelf is a very attractive one, and we have been able to buy through four or five hundred books, and no more than one. Several books have already been placed on the shelves. The librarian is always glad to receive any suggestion concerning the choice of the new books.

Often books are donated to the library and are always gratefully received. It will be some years before the special tax will afford a full fund of any great purchasing power, and under present conditions we cannot feel justified in asking contributions of money. But we do ask for books. In November thirty new applications

were filed; in December forty-one. Over five hundred cards are now in force. A book given to the library will afford pleasure and profit to many people.

The other day three little sisters came to the desk bringing three books, saying "We have enjoyed the library books so much we want to give these for other children to enjoy." Many children and many adults have given generously but, like Oliver Twist, we cry for "more." We need more.

Our Story Hour is popular and we entertain about forty children each Thursday at 3:30 P. M. Once we made room for sixty, and when there were other diversions, like Santa Claus at the store, the stories were told to less than six. While the central idea is entertainment the children learn the points of difference in the folk tales of many lands. They learn the ways of plants, insects and animals and some of the stories, "Peter Pan," for instance, are of real

visitors to the reading room find five daily newspapers, several weeklies and more than thirty different magazines on the racks and tables. These are all circulated except the numbers of the current month. Here again, is an opportunity for those willing to take a little trouble, to help us. We are frequently asked for the Metropolitan, Cosmopolitan, McClures, St. Nicholas, Colliers and others. Under present financial conditions we cannot enlarge our subscription list and we should be most grateful to have these magazines brought in regularly after the home reading.

To those not familiar with the library I will add that all visitors are very welcome. The hours are from 2 to 6 and 7 to 9 each afternoon. On Sunday books are not circulated and during the summer the reading room is closed on Sunday.

#### GOVERNOR WEST REVOKES PAROLE GIVEN TO LA FRANCE

The parole of J. C. LaFrance, who was released from the state penitentiary several days ago, has been revoked by Governor West, according to a dispatch from Salem.

The LaFrance case is familiar to Coos county people as it was here the man was first arrested, and had operated a saw mill on Two Mile for some time before his arrest.

The Salem dispatch is as follows: Salem, Ore., Dec. 30.—Governor West today revoked the parole of J.

LaFrance, who was released from the state penitentiary several days ago, and LaFrance will be returned to the penitentiary. District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county, made representations to the governor which caused him to take action today.

LaFrance was convicted in Portland of defrauding insurance companies of \$10,000 by faking his death. His parole came in the regular order and had not been requested by any one according to Superintendent Lawson of the penitentiary. LaFrance eligible to parole, having served sufficient time and his conduct having been good, said Lawson.

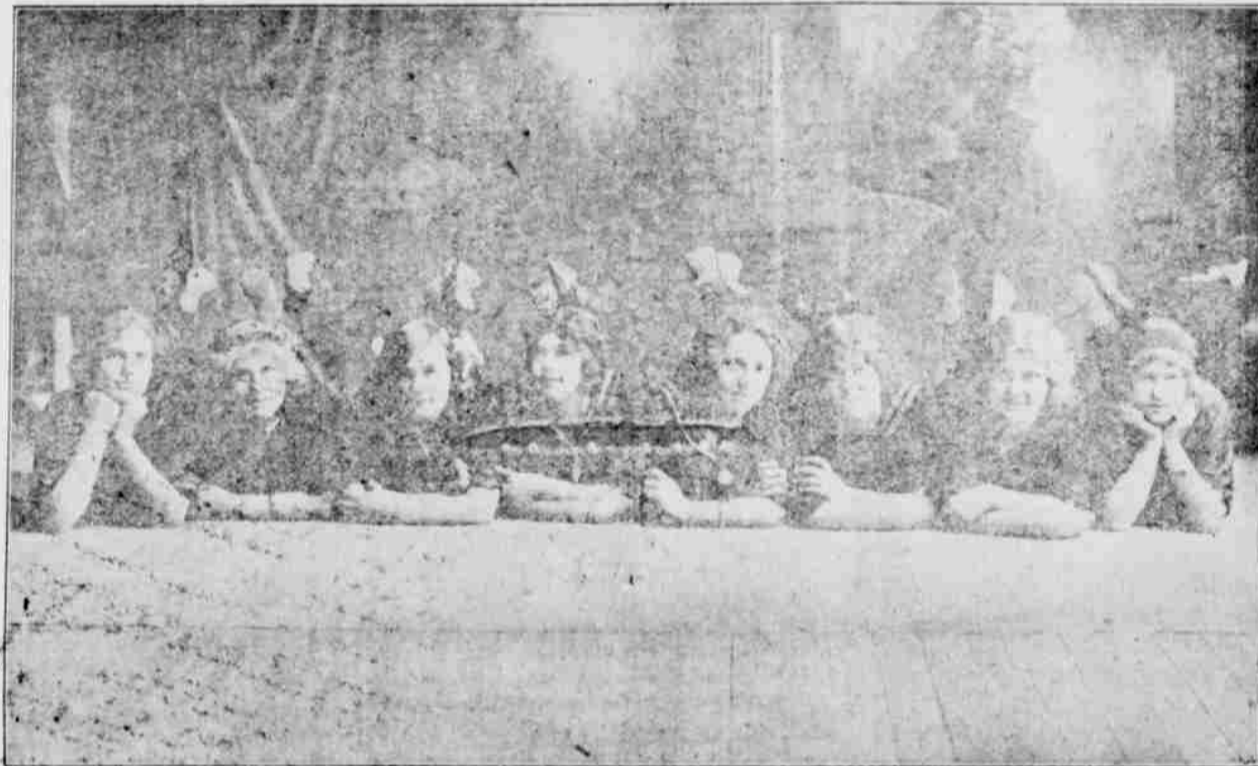
Governor West said today that he had paroled LaFrance on recommendation of the parole board.

LaFrance was sentenced to serve from one to five years, and had been in prison over a year when paroled.

#### Joint Installation.

There will be joint installation of officers of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges Tuesday evening, January 12th. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited to attend and participate in the evening's entertainment.

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