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A Community of Many and Diverse Resources

Bandon, located at the mouth of the Coquille river, is a seaport on the Southern Oregon coast in Coos county, 350 miles north of San Francisco and about 300 miles south of Portland.

It is the gateway as well as the commercial and industrial center of the Coquille valley and northern Curry county, which section constitutes an empire by itself, peculiar for its many and diverse resources. The future prospects of Bandon are far greater than those of the average section, being based on the following facts:

Timber Supply Unlimited

It is accessible to an unlimited supply of commercial timber, being the natural outlet for a large part of the fifty billion feet of standing timber in Coos county and of great bodies situated in northern Curry county. It is the center of the largest belt of the famous Port Orford white cedar in the United States. This wood is considered superior to all others for the construction of ships, railroad cars, and for railroad ties, thousands of which are being shipped every month; telegraph and telephone poles, fence posts, match wood, etc. Sir Thomas Lipton builds his yachts of Port Orford white cedar. Other woods are Douglas fir, white fir, spruce, hemlock, myrtle and red cedar.

Choice Manufacturing Location

It is a choice location for manufacturing affording water transportation, coal for fuel, timber and its by-products. At the present time there are three large and several small sawmills, several planing mills, box factory, two shingle mills, veneer plant and broom handle factory, woolen mill, creameries, machine shop, iron foundry, ice factory and various other plants. There are unlimited opportunities here in many lines, the only requirement being capital.

Vast Coal Deposits

It is the natural outlet for the vast coal deposits, which as yet have only been touched. Coal mining has always been considered a leading industry and possibilities for future development are wide. The coal fields in this county extend north and south about fifty miles with a maximum breadth of 15 miles. It embraces about 300 square miles. While there are no large mines in operation, the extent of the coal field is so great that there is opportunity for much development. The northern part is intersected by Coos Bay and the southern part is the territory through which the Coquille river flows and gives the place special advantages, as there are few places in the world where coal can be mined so close to tidewater. The coal is of lignite variety and is good for domestic use. It is sold extensively in Portland and San Francisco and is used by many river crafts. Steamers are now making regular trips from the Coquille river to Pacific coast cities, carrying coal mined at the Riverton mines near Bandon. The coal is sold in outside cities for \$5.50 per ton and retails at home for \$5.00 per ton. The mines are on the river and the cost of mining is small.

A Future Summer Resort

It has the most picturesque beach on the Pacific coast, offering opportunities for a great summer resort. The beach is lined for six miles with beautiful rocks and reefs, forming a vast playground with fine cottage sites. The cool summer climate and ocean breezes are already attracting many from the heated interior, who spend the summer camping on or near the beach. Numerous lakes and small streams adjacent to the city offer pleasure in plenty to the fisherman, and farther out the woods and mountains abound with both large and small game.

Dairying a Leading Industry

It is supported by the dairy industry. Being naturally adapted for cows, that industry has developed more rapidly during late years than any other. The bottom land along the river is so rich that one acre will keep a cow the year around, while the hill lands make excellent grazing. Green grass grows practically the year through, and the absence of snow or severe weather in winter and excessive heat in summer makes other conditions ideal. Cow testing associations have been formed in every community and the dairymen are beginning to specialize in registered stock. There is much land available for this industry and the people en-

courage newcomers in this line. It requires a little money and some hard work to get started, but it means positive success.

Stockraising Profitable

Its vast acres of timbered lands skirting and covering the hills, offer possibilities for stock raising, which owing to the mild weather at all seasons of the year, can be conducted on a minimum scale of expense.

Soil is Productive

Its agricultural lands are rich for all farming purposes. Practically anything grown in a mild climate can be successfully grown here. The low lands produce abundant crops of grasses and vegetables. In the marshes cranberry culture is becoming an important industry, while on well drained soil experiments in ginseng and golden seal are proving highly profitable. On the hill lands, thousands of acres of which near Bandon are suited to this purpose, apples and small fruits can be cultivated on an extensive scale. It is real farmers that this section wants first of all. Cheap logged-off lands are available, small capital and a desire to work being the only requisites to success.

Great Mineral and Oil Prospects

Its surrounding hills and its beach sands offer prospects for unlimited mining possibilities. Gold (placer and quartz) and platinum have been produced in large quantities, while indications have proved beyond a doubt the presence of vast iron fields also copper, zinc and some iridium, a very rare metal. Coking coal has been discovered, as have deposits of clay, arsenic, limestone and a natural cement. More mining and prospecting is going on this year than ever before. Prospects for oil are also good, and various companies are now carrying on development operations. Government geological experts have reported indications of oil in various sections tributary to Bandon.

Government Supports Harbor

It has a deep sea harbor, supported by the government, and by the taxpayers through the Port of Bandon. At the present time \$300,000 has been spent in improving the harbor and river. Coastwise steamers (Continued on last page, 1st section)



Santa's Friends Are Everywhere, All with Him in Dule Toys Share



DO YOU BELONG? --TO BANDON

If you like old Bandon best,
Tell 'em so!
If you'd have her lead the rest,
Help her grow!
When there's anything to do
Let the fellows count on you!
You'll feel bully when its through
Don't you know!

If you want to make a hit
Get a name!
If the other fellow's it
Who's to blame?
Spend your money in the town,
Where you pull the shekels down;
Give the mail concern a frown--
That's the game!

If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style!
Throw bouquets instead of rocks,
For a while.
Let the other fellow roast,
Shun him as you would a ghost,
Meet his hammer with a boast
And a smile.

When a stranger from afar
Comes along,
Tell him who and what we are--
Make it strong.
Needn't flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough,
Join the boosters--they're the stuff,
Let's belong,
--to Bandon!

\$20,550 Spent in Municipal Improvements in 1915

Twenty thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, in round numbers, is the total of expenditures for municipal improvements made by the City of Bandon during the year closing, and that at a time during which industry was at its lowest ebb throughout the country and the always concurrent retrenchment cry at its height. Two of the projects are yet to be completed, but the last work will come within the 1915 docket.

Oregon Avenue Planked

The largest project of the year has been the improvement of Oregon Avenue from Wall street to Thirteenth street by W. H. Webb, at a cost of \$12,495.19. An 18 foot roadway of four inch plank, wooden sidewalks, curbs and gutters are called for in the specifications. Nine of the eleven blocks to be improved are now complete and open for travel and represent an outlay of \$6,545.70. Completion of the remaining two blocks is problematical. The work consists of a heavy cut through the crest of the bluff from Fourth street to Wall street that is necessary in order to secure the grade planned. The Catholic church, the west boundary of whose property the cut is to follow, has secured an injunction against the work and until this has been finally threshed out in the courts the work will be at a standstill.

Another line of improvements, which this year brought as a new item to the city, is the water works. Due to the fact that bonds have been sold for the permanent improvement of the system, nothing beyond what was absolutely necessary for the maintenance of the service was done and the total improvements disbursements in this department fell around the \$2,000 mark for the year.

One item of interest to be noted is that for nearly 50 per cent of the improvements the city was its own contractor and the work was done under the direct supervision of City Engineer J. S. Sawyer, whose list of improvements for the year 1915 follows:

Street Improvements

Oregon avenue--From Wall street to Thirteenth street; consisting of grading, six foot wooden sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and an eighteen foot by four inch plank roadway surface. Total cost to the property owners of \$12,495.19. Improvement is completed from Thirteenth street to Fourth street west, at a cost of \$6,545.70. Contractor, W. H. Webb.

Baltimore avenue--Slide, between

Fifth street and Ninth street. Cost of the repair, \$122.50. Contractor, W. H. Webb.

Sewer Improvements

Sewer district No. 8--Garfield avenue from Fourth street west to Cross street, consisting of an eight inch sanitary sewer, complete with the property laterals. Total cost to the property owners, \$377.36. Work done by the city.

Sewer district No. 3--Consisting of a 12 inch sanitary sewer, in Baltimore avenue from deep water of the Coquille river to Second street east; a 10 inch sewer on Second street east from Baltimore avenue to Oregon avenue; an 8 inch sewer on Wall street from Oregon avenue to Bandon avenue; an 8 inch sewer on First street east from Baltimore avenue to Bandon avenue; and an 8 inch sewer on Alabama avenue from First street east to Second street east; together with all the property laterals at a total cost to the property owners of \$4,806.01. Improvement is now completed to the amount of \$3296.96. Contractor, W. H. Webb.

Water Department Improvements

Water lines--From Ninth street west from Franklin avenue to Harrison avenue, consisting of a 4 inch Matheson pipe laid by the city at a cost of \$198.00 for installation, the pipe having been bought from the Bandon Water company and included in the original purchase price of \$48,500. All of these water department improvements were done by the city at day labor.

Grand avenue--From Tenth street to Eleventh street--2 inch wood line. Cost, \$58.45.

Tenth street west--From Jackson avenue to Kensington avenue--2 inch wood line. Cost, \$70.75.

Ninth street west--From Franklin avenue to Douglas avenue--4 inch redwood pipe. Cost \$179.28.

Fourth street West--From Oregon avenue to Cleveland avenue--6 inch redwood pipe. Cost, \$334.26.

Oregon avenue--From Thirteenth street to Eleventh street--4 inch from Eleventh street to Fourth street west, six inch redwood pipe. Cost, \$1999.86.

Cleaning of reservoir No. 1 (Commonly known as the Big Reservoir) \$99.87.

Cleaning of reservoir No. 2 (Commonly known as Little Reservoir), \$34.90.

Total water department expenditures for improvements, \$2,975.37.

A Few Facts About Coos County

Coos county, of which Bandon is the second largest city, has an area of 1,628 square miles, or about one-third larger than the state of Rhode Island, and resembling that state in the extent of its waterways. About one-seventh of Coos county's area, being in the extreme northern and southern portions, is a national forest. There are also about 20,000 acres of unappropriated government land in remote parts of the county. The entire balance of the county is in private ownership and nearly all of it has, at one time been heavily timbered. Less than 20,000 acres in the entire county is actually under cultivation. Probably one-third of the acreage of the county, when cleared of forest and brush, can be tilled. The balance will always be most valuable for re-forestation. The county ranks second in the state in dairying, second in lumbering and fourth in apple raising. It has a population of approximately 23,000, of which 80 per cent are American born. Southern Coos and Curry counties, which includes the country south and directly tributary to Bandon, is principally a dairy section at this time. The bottom lands are cut up into fine dairy ranches, as is much of the hill land which has been cleared. But there is much more land now being cleared and put under cultivation than at any previous time, and there are many good opportunities to build up productive ranches, as the land can be obtained on very reasonable terms. A number of creameries and cheese factories are operated there the greater part of the year. The average

