

# INTERESTED IN COOS BAY

### General Bixby Talks of Place But Left Before Com- mittee Arrived.

General Bixby, head of the U. S. Army engineering corps, will not be able to visit Coos Bay. He left Portland the day before the committee from this city arrived. However, it was determined that data should be gathered to ascertain the cost of a survey for use at the next session of congress and that a survey would be made as soon as practical and another survey would be made just prior to the operations of the bar dredge.

The following night telegram to D. C. Greene, president of the Chamber of Commerce, from the members of the Coos Bay committee in Portland, explains itself: D. C. Greene, President Chamber of Commerce, Marshfield, Oregon.

General Bixby reached Portland Wednesday last and left Sunday. On Wednesday afternoon he was called upon by Senator Bourne at Captain Robert's office. The question of Coos Bay was discussed for over two hours. Captain Robert told us this morning that data would be collected as promptly as possible, sufficient to furnish the information which will be necessary to prepare an estimate of the cost of the survey improvement proposed both inside and on the bar. This information will be ready in ample time for use by Congress so that the interests of Coos Bay will not be affected by any delay due to not having the information available for congress at the earliest time it would be useful.

The difference between conditions should be, these two surveys will show the effect of natural influence and when taken in connection with another survey to be made after the season's work by the dredge will give an idea of the effectiveness of the dredge operations. General Bixby's idea was that this is not construed as removal of what the board of engineers has done, but information obtained for this use will be available for Congress if asked for in connection with the further improvement now proposed.

General Bixby was very anxious to visit Coos Bay and would certainly have done so had his time permitted. He expressed his regrets that he would leave Portland just prior to the arrival of the delegation from Coos Bay as he knew nothing of the proposed visit until it was shown to him by Captain Robert in the Sunday Oregonian, Nov. 10th. While here General Bixby inquired of Captain Robert particularly about Coos Bay with reference to all matters now before him from that point on any that might come up in the future. Captain Robert and Mr. Polhemus

# DEATH CAUSES MUCH SORROW

### Details of Roscoe Bolsinger's Fatal Accident Not Known —Saw Other Accident.

The death of Roscoe Bolsinger at Mercy hospital yesterday afternoon, from injuries sustained on the McDonald & Vaughan logging road, has caused much grief among the young man's many friends. The details of the fatal accident will probably never be learned.

Jack McDonald of the McDonald & Vaughan Camp, for whom Bolsinger was working, was down from camp last night. He was deeply grieved by the accident. Mr. Bolsinger was a nephew of Mrs. McDonald and had been associated with Jack McDonald in the Alleghany-Scottsburg auto line last summer. Mrs. W. W. Gage of Coquille, wife of Sheriff Gage, and Mrs. Louis Cohagen of Roseburg are also aunts of Bolsinger. Other relatives live in Roseburg. His father, Sam Bolsinger, was for several years in charge of the blacksmith shop of the McDonald & Vaughan camp on Daniels Creek, but is now on a ranch near Roseburg. Roscoe Bolsinger was about 23 years old.

George Terry was engineer, Irving Smith, fireman, and Dave Bunch, brakeman, on the train on which Roscoe Bolsinger received the fatal fall. Bolsinger was riding on next to the last car in a train of eight cars. He was seen riding on one of the logs when the train was coming down, but was not seen for some little time before the train reached the dump. When he was found missing, the trainmen started back and found him sitting in the middle of the track. He is said to have spoken only a few words to the effect that "I am all in, boys." However, he was able to walk a little ways, before his fellow employees picked him up and carried him down to the Hercules which rushed him to Mercy hospital.

His injury seemed to be near the base of the brain. It is believed by Mr. McDonald that Bolsinger slipped and fell off the train, striking on his head.

Was Near Accident. Fred Powers, superintendent of the Smith-Powers Logging Company, and Clare Swaine were within six or eight feet of Albert Layton, the logger, who was crushed to death by a log yesterday, when he was struck by the timber. It was an unavoidable accident.

disposition toward the Bay was extremely friendly during all of the conference.

(Signed) T. J. MCGENN, JOHN D. GOSS, J. W. BENNETT.

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# ROSEBURG HAS \$18,000 FIRE

### Livery Stable and Horses Are Burned—Elderly Woman Has Narrow Escape.

A bad fire occurred at Roseburg causing damage to the amount of \$18,000. A press telegram regarding the fire says: Fire which ignited from some unknown cause destroyed the livery barn of Banks & Welker, a residence belonging to Dr. C. L. Pearson, a barn belonging to William Moore and a veterinary establishment owned by Dr. Hunt.

The fire originated in the rear of the livery stable and within a few minutes the building was a mass of flames. Fanned by the stiff breeze the flames spread to adjoining structures and for a time the entire block was threatened with destruction. All available fire fighting apparatus was called into action and by 11 o'clock the fire was under complete control.

The Van Houten Hotel, Roseburg's largest frame structure, was only saved by a sudden shift of the wind. Although at the scene within two minutes following the discovery of the flames, the firemen were unable to save eight horses which were tied in the rear of the barn. Banks & Welker estimate their loss at fully \$10,000, partially covered by insurance. Other persons who lost their property were unable to estimate their respective losses tonight. It is believed, however, that the total loss will reach \$18,000.

Adding to the seriousness of the situation, the fire in the business district was in its midst when the home of Mrs. Lucinda Moore on East Douglas street was discovered to be on fire. With all the available fire apparatus in the city in use elsewhere, the residence was totally destroyed. Mrs. W. B. Singleton, aged 50, and a sufferer from paralysis, was carried from the home after she had been overcome by heat and smoke. The fire ignited from a lamp accidentally overturned by a member of the family. During the progress of the fire robbers were busy looting houses in various parts of the city.

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