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ANDREW J. JONES.

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FEBRUARY 15, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. WILSON, of Missouri, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 3123.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3123) granting a pension to Andrew J. Jones, have considered the same and report.

The muster roll of Capt. James Barnes's spy company, Oregon Volunteers, organized for service in the Rogue River Indian war of 1855 and 1856, reports service of Andrew Jones as private from February 23 until July 3, 1856.

Accompanying the bill is a sworn statement by the claimant to the effect that he is 60 years old and has been a resident of Douglas County, Oregon, ever since 1852; that in the latter part of 1855 the Rogue River and Cow Creek Indians broke out in open hostilities against the whites, and he enlisted in the above-named organization to aid in its suppression; that during the all-day battle of Cow Creek on March 27, 1856, he received a wound in the back of the neck from an Indian bullet, and that from the effects of said wound he remained in hospital under treatment until the 8th of July following, and that he had suffered more or less in consequence ever since; that said wound interferes with the pursuit of his trade (that of carpenter); he dare not trust himself any great distance from the ground, as his head grows dizzy, and he suffers from throbbing pains in the back part of his neck and head. He further states that he has been subject to rheumatic and neuralgic pains ever since said war, which he believes to have been contracted by exposure during said winter campaign, assisted and aggravated by said wound.

John Kelsey, a citizen of Burton County, Oregon, and late colonel of the regiment in which the claimant served, corroborates under oath the applicant's allegations relative to receipt of said wound; this witness states he saw the claimant lying on the ground where he had fallen when wounded, and he (witness) believed the wound to be a dangerous one. He further testifies that the claimant was a good and brave soldier and has always been regarded as a worthy, honorable, and deserving citizen.

Dr. N. P. Bunnell, of Roseburg, Oregon, gives a detailed description of the wound in question and states that the same causes constant and severe pains when the claimant is exposed to the heat of the sun.

Isaac Boyle, of Douglas County, Oregon, testifies to being a member of the same company with the claimant, and has personal knowledge that the claimant was wounded as alleged.

It is further reliably shown that the claimant has never recovered from said wound, and that he is in reduced circumstances and an extremely poor man. These facts are certified to by the gentleman who introduced the bill.

After a full and careful consideration of the case, your committee recommend that the bill do pass.

Amend by striking out all after the word "pension" in line 11, and substituting in lieu thereof the words "for said wounds, subject to the provisions and limitations of the general pension laws;" also amend by spelling the name of the captain under whom the claimant served, "Barnes" instead of "Brown."

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