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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1895.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PALMER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5994.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5994) granting a pension to Rosanna Cobb, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Pensions of the House of Representatives hereto appended is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5994) granting a pension to Rosanna Cobb, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant is the widow of Edmond Cobb, who served from June 4 to July 2, 1831, as a private in Captain McDow's Company of Illinois Volunteers in the Sac and Fox Indian war.

The soldier's service was recognized by the allowance of a bounty land warrant under the act of 1855, but the widow's claim for pension under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, was rejected because the service was rendered prior to 1832 and the act referred to includes only the Indian wars from 1832 to 1842.

It appears from her application on file at the Pension Office that Mrs. Cobb is now nearly 80 years old. The soldier died November 10, 1856. The following letter contains a full statement of the merits of the case:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 15, 1894.*

MY DEAR SIR: Having been informed that you have introduced a bill for the pension of Mrs. Rosanna Cobb, of Perry, Ill., and wish to know something of her pecuniary condition, I make the following statement:

I was born and lived in Perry twenty-three years. I have known her from my earliest recollection, and all that time she has supported herself by her own labor—doing washing, house-cleaning, etc. She did the heavy work at my own home for years, and I know her to be an honest, worthy woman. Now that she is too old to work, her daughter has done plain sewing for the support of both. She has no sons nor any daughter who is able to give her much aid. I would respectfully urge a speedy action in this case, as I understand she is now bedridden and may live but a few months.

I am, very respectfully, yours,

Mrs. WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Hon. JOHN J. McDANNOLD,
House of Representatives.

After full consideration of all the facts your committee are of the opinion that the bill is a deserving one, and its passage is respectfully recommended, with an amendment striking out the word "eight," in line 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twelve," so as to fix the rate of pension at \$12 per month; and an amendment striking out the words "Black Hawk," in line 8, and substituting therefor the words "Sac and Fox."