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JOHN C. WAGONER.

MARCH 23, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4300.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred House bill No. 4300, report as follows:

The claimant was chief packer in charge of the pack trains of the Army, and was with the command at the battle of the Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876. It is shown by the testimony of Major Reno and eleven other officers of the Seventh Cavalry that claimant received a severe gunshot wound of the head in that engagement with the Indians. Not having been an enlisted man, however, he could not receive a pension under existing general laws, and a private act was passed in the Fiftieth Congress under which he now receives \$6 per month.

Mr. Wagoner swears that at the time of receiving the wound he fell from his horse unconscious, and the fall, or some other cause occurring before he regained his senses, produced a double inguinal hernia. He also swears that his sight has become impaired by the wound and his tongue is also affected, interfering with the power of speech.

Three reputable physicians of Stillwater, Minn., swear that they examined the applicant December 20, 1896, and found the following conditions:

A depression of the frontal bone 1.1 centimeters in length and about the same width, and 0.7 centimeter in depth, situated 11 centimeters from the glabella, and 9.5 centimeters from the outer canthus of the right eye. There was deviation of the tongue to the left; the pupils of the eye were normal; the reflexes seemed slightly exaggerated. They found also a double inguinal hernia, and varicose veins of the right leg in a very marked degree.

There are a number of other affidavits before your committee showing that Mr. Wagoner is such a sufferer from the disabilities above described as to be unable to carry on his business as a horse trainer.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill.