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JAMES J. WHEELER.

MAY 10, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4031.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4031) granting a pension to James J. Wheeler, have examined the same and report:

The evidence in this case shows that claimant served as a private in Capt. Thomas H. Foster's company of citizen soldiers, organized at Lagrande, Union County, Oreg., in 1878, for the purpose of suppressing the Bannock Indian outbreak of that year. While doing service as a scout his horse missed its footing and fell upon him, causing injuries from which he has never recovered and which have since rendered him an invalid, wholly unfit for the performance of manual labor. He sustained a severe rupture, was bruised about the shoulders, and received internal injuries which have resulted in piles.

Claimant's service in the Bannock war gives him no pensionable status under existing law; hence the necessity for this bill, which proposes to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to place him on the pension roll at a rating commensurate with the degree of disability which shall be shown to exist on examination by the surgeons of the Bureau.

We recommend that the bill pass.