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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 9, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Allen to H. R. 6249.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Allen to the bill (H. R. 6249) making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, and for other purposes, beg leave to report the same favorably with an amendment.

Amend the first line by striking out the word "Department" after the word "Interior," and as thus amended your committee recommends the said amendment favorably.

In the years 1888, 1889, and 1890 supplies were contracted for and purchased by Horace R. Chase, superintendent of the Indian industrial school at Genoa, Nebr., and were used in the institution, and the accounts therefor supported by the vouchers of the superintendent were duly filed with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Before these claims were adjusted the superintendent was discharged from the service of the United States for misconduct and malfeasance in office. He was indicted for criminal conversion and misappropriation of Government funds, tried, and convicted.

An examination of the accounts by the Indian Bureau showed that the affairs of the institution were in such a condition through Chase's conversion and misappropriation that the Second Auditor of the Treasury would not approve them for want of sufficient evidence, and his action was approved by the Second Comptroller of the Treasury.

The specific accounts for goods and supplies purchased by Mr. Chase during this time for the school, and disallowed by the Department, are as follows:

A. Spear & Co .....	\$640. 29
Thos. Sexton & Co .....	24. 70
Osborne Brothers .....	895. 10
John Hughes .....	66. 75
George M. Baer .....	19. 70
Charles Miller .....	29. 00
Pacific Lumber Co .....	812. 29
Nelson J. Skoog .....	400. 31
P. L. McFayden & Co .....	301. 12
A. B. Ramey & Son .....	101. 67
Fairchild & Co .....	47. 15
J. H. Huber .....	17. 40
H. E. Adams .....	6. 75
H. E. Bragg & Co .....	199. 20
William Ames .....	270. 27

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John M. Travis.....	\$8. 75
A. Nebinger & Co.....	55. 04
Gideon Wheeler.....	264. 04
Andrew Netzell.....	282. 06
L. L. Green.....	355. 87
O. E. Green.....	3, 213. 17
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>8, 010. 63</b>

By the proposed amendment the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to receive additional evidence in support of these claims; and whatever may be found due the claimants is to be paid from any unexpended balances of appropriations made for this school for the years 1894, 1895, and 1896.

Your committee therefore recommend that the proposed amendment be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for their favorable action.