

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 11, 1890.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 4016.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to Frank C. Myrick, have examined the same and report as follows:

A statement of General Henry H. Sibley, given under oath, shows that he was in command of the United States forces in the field in the year 1862 raised to suppress the formidable outbreak of the Sioux Indians on the frontiers of Minnesota and Iowa, and in immediate command of the column that fought and defeated the savages at Wood Lake on the 23d of September, in 1862; that Frank C. Myrick was by his order acting as a scout and was severely wounded in the foot by a musket ball during that engagement, which wound disabled him from further service. General Sibley further states that he has read the affidavit of said Myrick and those accompanying it, and according to the best of his recollection and belief they contain a true and correct statement of the facts relating to the wounding of said Myrick while he was in the service of the military authorities.

There is submitted in addition to the statement of General Sibley—

(1) The affidavit of Myrick himself, giving the particulars relating to his wound, and a statement of his present condition.

(2) The statement of H. J. Seigneuret, who was brigade surgeon at the time of that engagement and performed the surgical operation made necessary by the wound of said Myrick.

(3) The affidavit of Dr. Alfred Muller, assistant surgeon of the U. S. Army, in charge of the post hospital at Fort Ridgely, Minn., at the same date, where Myrick was sent for treatment.

(4) The statement of I. V. D. Heard, who participated in the battle of Wood Lake, was a comrade of Myrick, and was present when the bullet was extracted from said wound.

(5) Statement of William L. Quinn, who for twenty-five years has known Myrick and testifies to his condition;

(6) Affidavit of Dr. Charles B. Harris, a physician and surgeon of Pembina, N. Dak. He testifies under oath that he has examined the said Myrick and that his capacity to perform manual labor is diminished by reason of said wound one-half.

The fact that Myrick was employed as a scout and not regularly enrolled in the military service prevents him from applying to the Pension Office for relief.

Your committee believe under the circumstances that Myrick is fairly entitled to receive a pension at the rate of \$12 per month, and they therefore recommend the passage of the bill.