

JOHN C. FENSCKE.

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Mr. PETTIBONE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3701.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3701) granting a pension to John C. Fenske, having had the same under consideration, report as follows:*

It appears from the evidence in this case that the petitioner, John C. Fenske, of New Ulm, Minn., was a wagon-maker at Lower Sioux Agency, in the employ of the United States, on the 18th day of August, 1862, at which time said agency was surprised and attacked by the Sioux Indians. It further appears that in assisting to defend the agency he received a severe wound from an Indian arrow, which passed through the muscles of his back, near the spinal column and between the third and fourth ribs, penetrating his left lung. He was treated for this wound by Dr. Alfred Miller, acting assistant surgeon at the military hospital at Fort Ridgeley, Minn., from the 20th of August to 30th September, 1862.

Dr. Miller in his sworn statement testifies that he treated petitioner in hospital aforesaid for arrow wound above described, and that it was received as above stated; that arrow-head remained in the wound until removed by him, dangerously injuring the lung; that frequently since the receipt of said injury affiant has seen petitioner frequently, and that he has never fully recovered and never can from the injury received, the lung remaining in a diseased condition.

It also appears from the statement of Gov. L. F. Hubbard, present governor of Minnesota, and other reputable citizens, neighbors of petitioner, that he was a robust and healthy man prior to the receipt of the injury and is now greatly disabled for the performance of manual labor.

After a careful consideration of this case your committee are of opinion that it is a meritorious one, and recommend that the bill do pass.