

SHOSHONE AND BANNOCK TRIBES OF INDIANS.

JUNE 12, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 9378.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred House bill 2847, report as follows:

The Utah and Northern Railway Company have built and equipped and have in operation a narrow-gauge railroad between Ogden, Utah, and Garrison, Montana, a distance of about 400 miles. Said road was built under an act of Congress approved March 3, 1873 (17 Stat.), and of June 20, 1878 (20 Stat.), granting them the right of way over and across the public lands. Said road runs across the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, in Idaho, a distance of 70 miles. Said road also crosses and makes connection with the Oregon Short-line Railroad (broad gauge), on said Fort Hall Reservation, at Pocatello Station, in Idaho.

It having been held by the Secretary of the Interior that the act of Congress granting the right of way, depot grounds, &c., to this company to construct a railroad over the public lands did not carry with it the right of way over and across the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, said Utah Northern Railway Company, being desirous of acquiring title to the right of way and such depot grounds as is necessary for the successful operation of said railroad, they caused House bill 2847 to be introduced, which bill has been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with the request that they report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Secretary reports back the substitute herewith for House Report 2847, which authorized the Secretary to negotiate with the Indians on the Fort Hall Reservation for the right of way and necessary depot grounds for said railway company, subject to the approval of Congress.

The committee have adopted the substitute in lieu of the original bill, and recommend that it pass.