

SHOSHONE AND BANNOCK TRIBES OF INDIANS.

FEBRUARY 19, 1887.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 2789.]

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 acts 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 about 70 miles. This 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 acts 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, and said Utah and Northern Railway Company being desirous of acquiring title in a legal manner to the right of way and such depot grounds as are necessary for the successful operation of said railroad and for such additional grounds as are necessary for the two railroads referred to at Pocatello Station where they cross each other on said Indian reservation, they have applied to Congress to pass Senate bill No. 2789, which authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate with the Indians on said reservation for said right of way, not to exceed 200 feet in width, and for depot grounds, not to exceed 20 acres at each station, to the extent of one station for every 10 miles of road, and for such additional grounds at Pocatello Station as said railroad company shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior are necessary for the operation of their legitimate railroad business at that place. The bill also provides that the negotiations shall be made in accordance with stipulations provided for in the treaty made with the Indians on this reservation, and that the agreement, when made, shall be submitted to Congress. The bill has the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and also of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The committee recommend that the bill pass.