

UMATILLA RESERVATION, OREGON.

MAY 1, 1888.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 970.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 970) to amend an act entitled "An act providing for allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians residing upon the Umatilla Reservation, in the State of Oregon, and granting patents therefor, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1885, beg leave to report that, under the original act of Congress providing for sale of lands of the Umatilla Reservation in Oregon, it is required that said sale be made at the land office at La Grande, in Oregon, which is about 80 miles distant from the reservation. We find that the greater population of people is in the vicinity of the reservation, and that it would prove very inconvenient as well as expensive to hold the sale at the United States land office so far distant, but that it would be of greater advantage to the interests of the Government, as well as of interest to purchasers, and would induce a greater presence of bidders, to have the sale take place at the agency of the reservation, and we therefore recommend the passage of the Senate bill.