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LANDS FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES IN MOSCOW, IDAHO.

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APRIL 18, 1890.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. PAYSON, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 70.]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 70) granting to the town of Moscow, Idaho, certain lands for cemetery purposes, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the following report:

The land described is part of a school section. During an Indian outbreak barricades were erected on this land, no thought being given as to whether or not it was school lands. During the barricade a number of people, children and others, died, and were buried within the inclosure, and thus the cemetery was commenced.

Afterwards, settlers from the surrounding country brought their dead for a number of miles to bury them there. The ground is hilly, and has many gullies or ravines running through it, so that the sites for graves were on the tops of little hills, and in consequence, and of necessity, the burial-ground covers a large extent of country.

The town of Moseow, which has sprung up near by, since the cemetery was commenced, is a bright, beautiful, growing community of 2,000 people, and is anxious to beautify and adorn this resting place for their dead. It seems impossible, under the circumstances, to reduce the size of the cemetery, and as the ground is already used as a burial place, your committee recommend the passage of the bill.