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RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH CERTAIN LANDS IN THE FORMER NEZ PERCES RESERVATION.

JANUARY 24, 1899.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CURTIS, of Kansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 11685.]

The Committee on Indian Affairs having had under consideration the bill (H. R. 11685) granting the right of way through certain lands in the former Nez Perces Indian Reservation in the State of Idaho, report the same favorably and recommend its passage.

The opening of the original Nez Perces Indian Reservation has been followed by settlement of several thousand white settlers upon the lands thus restored, and, although the country has heretofore been remote from railroads, such extensive settlements have now stimulated active railroad construction to such extent that the committee believes that the bill as introduced and reported, in granting permission to all railroad companies desiring to construct roads through the diminished agency reservations and the lands of individual allottees, is in the public interest rather than the passage of special bills for particular corporations.

This bill requires the maps of route to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and the compensation to be paid for such right of way to such Indian allottees must also be fixed by that official. In this instance the committee believes that the compensation to be paid as required by the Secretary would exceed what would be allowed by a local court, and without expense to the Indians. One railroad is now built to the line of these lands and must go through the present season to enable the settlers to plant and harvest much larger crops, which can be carried out for them by rail during the coming fall, whereas they are now required, in some instances, to haul their farm products 60 miles or more over mountain roads.

Secure property rights are considered a key determinant of economic development. The evaluation of the causal effects of property rights, however, is a difficult task as their allocation is typically endogenous. To overcome this identification problem, we exploit a natural experiment in the allocation of land titles. In 1981, squatters occupied a piece of land in a poor suburban area of Buenos Aires. In 1984, a law was passed expropriating the former owners' land to entitle the occupants. Some original owners accepted the government compensation, while others disputed the compensation payment in t... Cabinet Office minister Michael Gove has said Westminster would not stand in the way of a second Scottish independence referendum if it is the 'settled will' of voters amid a decline in support for secession. London has repeatedly rejected demands from First Minister Nicola Sturgeon for the necessary powers to hold another vote, but Mr Gove - who is responsible for countering the push for independence - has now said if the public desire a second poll, 'one would occur'. James IV of Scotland becomes James I of England, after succeeding Elizabeth I. From this point on the nations have the same monarch. 1707. England and Scotland are formally joined in the Act of Union. 1934. The Scottish Nationalist Party is formed, calling for the creation of a separate Scottish assembly. 1. Right-of-way through your property. As a homeowner, you would probably assume that you're purchasing the land around your home, front yard, back yard and driveway. But that's not always the case. Often, when you review the preliminary title report, you may discover that someone actually has a right-of-way through your property. This is common in the case of a long driveway or a home that may be set back from the street. It could have been that in order for a neighboring home to have been built, that property's owner negotiated with a previous owner to gain a right-of-way through the front of the parcel or driveway for the home you are buying. In this scenario, you own the land, but the owner of the neighboring property has been granted right to pass through your property.