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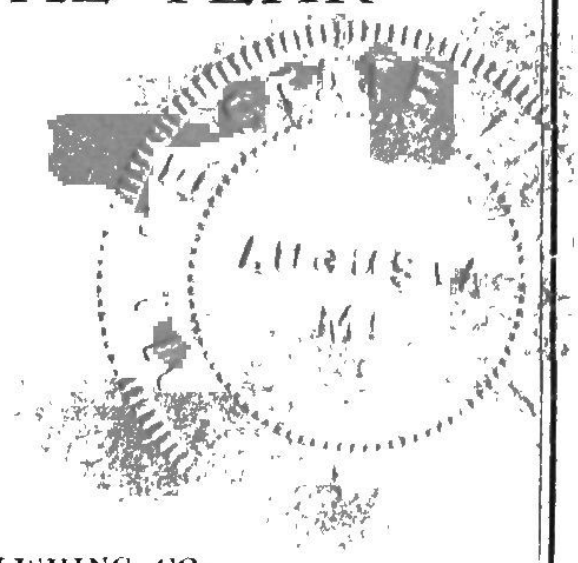
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

PAID BILLS ACCRUED PRIOR TO FEB 15, 1892.

Paid C. H. Wyman, services as Selectman.....	\$ 56 00
“ C. H. Hallett, “ “ “	38 75
“ E. F. Yeaton, “ “ “	48 00
“ H. F. D. Wyman, “ “ Supervisor of Schools,....	84 25
“ J. C. Mosher, “ “ town clerk,.....	5 00
“ F. E. Bunker, “ “ constable,.....	5 00
“ M. S. Treworgy, “ “ overseer of poor farm.....	125 00
“ Plaisted & Son, for printing reports.....	16 50
“ B. P. Stuart, abatements on taxes for 1889-90.....	33 62
“ L. B. Dolloff, “ “ 1891.....	26 75
“ “ for collecting on taxes “	48 00
“ B. P. Stuart, committee for collecting taxes for 1889...	77 53
“ Augusta on account of Mary J. Mignault,.....	38 75
Total,	\$603 15
Paid for the repairs of roads and bridges the past year.....	\$1,490 91
Less cash received from sale of oxen.....	134 22
Total cost,	\$1,356 69
Amount appropriated.....	\$1,500 00
Balance unexpended.....	\$ 143 31

The above amount includes the snow bills for last winter.

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE THE PAST YEAR.

Paid A. Hammond for supplies.....	\$ 64 33
“ R. K. Stuart “ “	12 69
“ C. H. Kelley “ “	12 48

“ L. A. Bartlett “ “	48 96
“ Fred Williams “ “	19 50
“ M. S. Treworgy on salary.....	160 00
“ J. P. Weston for fertilizer.....	16 00
“ J. H. Dunlap for burying three paupers.....	9 00
“ F. A. Page for two pigs.....	5 00
“ F. E. Bunker for blacksmithing.....	6 80
“ W. H. Wheeler for coffins.....	23 00
“ L. E. Reynolds for medical attendance.....	4 38
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	\$382 14

Of the above bills the farm has paid..... \$279 26

It will be seen by the above figures that the farm has paid all its expenses, and \$57.12 on the overseer's salary.

AMOUNT SOLD FROM FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Received from sale of calves.....	\$ 42 00
“ “ “ cow	18 00
“ “ “ cheese	27 00
“ “ “ pork.....	31 61
“ “ “ lard	1 55
“ “ “ poultry	19 30
“ “ “ apples	12 00
“ “ “ dried apples.....	5 65
“ “ “ oats	5 00
“ “ “ eggs.....	29 09
“ “ “ butter	35 35
“ “ “ beans.....	5 52
“ “ “ pasturing colts.....	8 00
“ “ “ horse hire.....	2 00
“ “ the N. J. Stevens estate.....	5 00
Cash now in hands of M. S. Treworgy.....	32 19
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Total,	\$279 26

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR NOT AT ALMSHOUSE THE PAST
YEAR.

Paid on account of William O. Kahearl.....	\$ 55 72
“ “ Samuel Hunt.....	11 20
“ “ Charles Frost.....	5 00
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Total,	\$71 92

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS

Paid on account of Trask family.....	\$ 13 50
“ “ C. F. Newell.....	9 50
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Total,	\$23 00

RECEIVED FOR SUPPORT OF POOR BELONGING TO OTHER
TOWNS.

Received from New Sharon on account of C. F. Newell....	\$9 50
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MICELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for books, blanks, stationery and postage.....	\$ 19 44
“ travelling and other expenses.....	25 30
“ school books and express on same.....	40 32
Paid J. H. Dunlap for mowing cemeteries.....	14 00
“ H. W. Knowles for printing.....	1 50
“ J. H. Thing discount on taxes.....	161 73
“ Repairs on hearse.....	25
“ L. E. Reynolds for reporting births and deaths.....	9 50
“ D. E. Parsons “ “ “.....	1 00
“ C. G. Eaton “ “ “.....	25
“ George E. Minot for making deeds.....	2 50
“ “ “ “ rent of hall for 1892.....	10 00
“ L. W. Bachelder for rent of land for tramp house....	2 00
“ for material and making voting booths.....	8 61
“ L. E. Hersom, services as election clerk.....	3 00
“ F. A. Scribner “ “.....	3 00
“ B. D. Hallett “ “.....	3 00

“ I. B. Tracey “ “	3 00
“ Baker and Cornish for counsel.....	2 00
“ J. H. Dunlap for whiffletree for hearse.....	60
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Total,	\$311 00

TOWN OF BELGRADE IN ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM H WILLEY,
(DECEASED.)

Received from sale of house and lot.....	\$ 175 00
“ “ “ hay.....	2 00
“ “ “ apples.....	50
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	\$177 50

THE FOLLOWING BILLS PAID ON ACCOUNT OF W H. WILLEY.

Paid Samuel F. Boyington for nursing.....	\$ 27 00
“ John Mosher for nursing.....	12 00
“ C. M. Bickford “	13 00
“ C. G. Eaton, M. D.....	15 00
“ D. E. Parsons, M. D.....	11 00
“ W. H. Wheeler for coffin.....	11 00
“ Rev. I. N Bates.....	5 00
“ Fred Williams for groceries.....	4 24
“ C. H. Wyman.....	6 00
“ C. H. Hallett.....	10 00
“ L. E. Reynolds, M. D.....	3 45
“ Quimby for carrying mail.....	25
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Total,	\$117 84

Balance in treasury.....	\$ 59 66
Due from John F. Stanley for oats.....	3 00

LIABILITIES.

Whole amount of outstanding treasury notes.....	\$3,510 00
“ “ “ “ town orders.....	47 95
“ “ “ “ school “	8 00
“ “ “ interest due March 1, 1893.....	77 40
“ “ “ due the several school districts.....	285 52
Due B. P. Stuart commission on collection of taxes for 1890	89 19
“ J. H. Thing .. “ “ “ 1892	53 00
“ M. S. Treworgy on salary.....	90 00
“ C. H. Wyman services as selectman.....	60 00
“ C. H. Hallet “ “	45 40
“ E. F. Yeaton “ “ Est... ..	50 00
“ H. F. D. Wyman services as supervisor of Schools....	85 00
“ E. H. Mosher services as town clerk Est.....	10 00
“ F. E. Bunker “ constable.....	7 50
“ for printing reports.....	16 50
Total,	\$4,435 46

RESOURCES.

Due from B. P. Stuart as collector of taxes for 1890.....	\$ 444 07
“ L. B. Dolloff “ “ 1891.....	307 89
“ J. H. Thing “ “ 1892.....	1,858 76
“ on Martha Staples' note.....	131 92
“ “ school fund and mill tax.....	720 53
“ “ non-resident taxes.....	138 22
“ “ land sold for taxes.....	157 80
“ “ T. J. Palmer's mortgage.....	102 85
Inventory of stock and provisions at town farm.....	419 50
Cash in treasury Feb. 23, 1893.....	579 45
Total,	\$4,860 99
Total resources.....	\$4,860 99
Total liabilities.....	\$4,435 46
Resources above liabilities... ..	\$425 53
Treasury notes bearing interest less than last year....	\$300 00

STOCK AND PROVISIONS ON HAND AT TOWN FARM FEB. 18, 1893.

One horse, two cows, one three year old heifer, one two year old heifer, two one year old heifers, two swine, thirty-three hens, five tons of hay, one ton straw, twenty-five bushels potatoes, sixty-five bushels oats, sixteen bushels shelled corn, two bushels beets, two bushels carrots, two bushels turnips, ten bushels apples, two bushels beans, two bushels peas, two hundred lbs pork, three-fourths barrel flour, one and one-half bushels corn meal, fifteen lbs. lard, fifteen lbs. cheese, thirty lbs. dried apples, one gal oil, one-half bbl. pickles, eight lbs. butter, fifteen cords wood, fifty pounds cotton seed meal.

LIST OF PAUPERS AT FARM THE PAST YEAR.

Charles Frost, 5 months.
M. J. Mignault, 3 months.
Josiah Rollins, 6 days.
N. J. Stevens, 3 days.

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1892.

State tax.....	\$ 1,301 30
County Tax... ..	473 24
Town grant to defray town charges... ..	1,200 00
“ “ for support of schools.....	1,500 00
“ “ “ “ of roads and bridges.....	1,500 00
Overlayings on same.....	219 39
Total commitment,	<u>\$6,193 93</u>

Rate .0148 on a dollar.

Whole number of dogs taxed.....	104
Amount of tax on same.....	\$ 111 00

C. H. WYMAN,	} Selectmen of Belgrade,
C. H. HALLETT,	
E. F. YEATON,	

Belgrade, Me., February 23, 1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Belgrade in account with J. H. Thing, Treasurer for the year ending February 22, 1893.

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To paid treasury notes.....	\$ 800 00
“ interest.....	101 35
“ town orders.....	3,166 54
“ school orders.....	2,391 39
“ George L. Beal, State Treasurer, State tax for '91..	1,181 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ '92	1,301 30
“ J. E. Blanchard, County Treasurer, County tax '92	473 24
“ State pensions.....	168 00
“ treasurer's commission.....	30 00
Cash in treasury... ..	579 45
Total,	\$10,192 27

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Cash in treasury March 11, 1892.....	\$ 535 63
Received of B. P. Stuart, collector for the year 1889....	268 14
“ “ “ “ “ 1890....	880 00
“ E. C. Taylor, “ “ 1891.....	387 31
“ L. B. Dolloff, “ “ 1891.....	1,450 00
“ J. H. Thing, “ “ 1892.....	4,119 49
“ State Treasurer, school fund and mill tax for 1891	713 60
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1892	720 53
“ “ “ Railroad and Telegraph tax....	2 29
“ “ “ on account of State pensions....	168 00
“ from non resident taxes.....	37 76
“ “ redeemed land sold for taxes.....	28 35
“ “ hands of selectmen....	321 22
“ “ J. H. Dunlap from sale of burial lots.....	50 00
“ “ Martha Staples interest on notes.....	3 57
“ “ H. F. D. Wyman, from sale of books.....	6 38
Cash received and gave treasury notes.....	500 00
Total,	\$10,192 27

J. H. THING, TREASURER.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of Belgrade:

Herewith is submitted a report of your schools for the year ending Feb. 20, 1893.

Text-book account is as follows:

Unexpended balance in Treasury, Feb. 20, 1892,	\$73 79
Received and due for books sold,	5 36

Total resources,	\$79 15
Cash paid for books and expense,	40 32

Unexpended balance Feb. 20, 1893,	\$38 83
Value of books on hand and, not distributed,	65 00

Possibly the amount on hand and cash in Treasury may be sufficient for the coming year. We find however some of the lower grade books will need replacing soon.

On account of the large expense for first introduction of books, it was not deemed advisable to furnish copy books, free, but as many do not supply themselves until the term is well advanced and others not at all, it seems necessary to provide them in future that this branch may receive due attention.

We have gleaned from the registers the following statistics that all may see by comparison the advancement or retrogration in the direction indicated.

	1892 3	1891-2
No. visits by citizens,	144	204
Total number weeks school for the year,	32.4	31.4
Average cost of teacher's wages per week,	\$4 13	\$4 39
" " " board " "	1 77+	1 79
No. different pupils registered,	213	

Different pupils registered to whole No. in town,	72 per cent	
Whole number pupils registered.	479	470
Average number in attendance,	412	400
Per. cent of average attendance,	.86	.85
No. spring terms,	14	11
Average length of spring terms in weeks,	7.71	7.75
No. fall terms,	11	11
Average length of fall terms,	9.45	8.36
No. of winter terms,	11	13
Average length of winter terms,	10.1	10
Average length of fall and winter terms,	9.75	9.64
No. terms for the year,	36	35
No. of different teachers	26	22
Districts employing the same teachers for the year	4	7
No. terms taught by teachers living in town,	11	12

The above statement in most instances makes a favorable comparison for the year just closed. An increase in the total number of weeks of school, whole number registered, average attendance, per cent of average attendance and average length of fall and winter terms on the one hand, while on the other there is a slight decrease in the length of spring terms, average wages of teachers and price of board. The school that had the most regular attendance was No. 15. Of the nine scholars attending, seven in the fall and eight in the winter terms, were not absent.

The winter term in district No. 3, was taught six weeks by Miss Lutie Hunt of Readfield who was obliged to resign on account of sickness. Miss Izette Royal of the same town, is completing the term.

In some schools illness of pupils has interfered with their regular attendance, while a few instances have been noted where scholars have been allowed to absent themselves more than seemed necessary.

Parents who permit this are doing their children a permanent injury. The habit of idleness is encouraged; and idleness is the parent of mischief.

Many a boy whose school duties are irksome, if left to drift with the tide, will meet with indifferent success in the future. But if encouraged and his energies and abilities directed into proper channels in the formative period of life, he would become a skillful artisan or a successful business man.

The establishing of manual training schools is a long step in the right direction and is destined to exert a beneficent influence, the magnitude of which is incalculable, not only to individuals but to communities.

It will be noticed that twenty-six different teachers have been employed in the thirty-six terms. Permanent teaching is for the best interests of the schools, but in a few instances a change was found beneficial. In some cases where good work was being done the change was unavoidable, the agents unable to retain the teachers for a second term. Two teachers, who plan and work from the same formula are seldom found, and much time is consumed while the pupils are becoming familiar with new methods, and the characteristics of each student are studied by the new teacher. When this process is carried on from term to term, it must be patent to the casual observer that our school work is very materially retarded. Every new teacher however well recommended, is an experiment to a certain extent and no one can tell before trial, in each particular school, whether success or partial failure will be the issue. We have been happily disappointed in some, sadly so in others. In one or two instances where we had a right to expect first class results, they failed to materialize more from defective discipline than any one cause. Some of our teachers have been using *The School World*, *Youth's Companion* and other supplementary reading matter with good results. Language Tablets were put into a few schools as an experiment. The work done by their aid justifies the belief that they can profitably be used in all.

Some very excellent map drawing was done under the direction of a few teachers. This work should receive more attention.

Columbus Day, so conspicuously celebrated by the schools throughout the nation, was observed by carrying out more or less elaborate programmes. Three districts, Nos. 6, 9 and 11, purchased

beautiful flags, that are an honor to all concerned. It is hoped that others will follow the example, and ere long the stars and stripes will float from every school-house in town, and to the children be a constant object lesson in patriotism.

We hope for a better record of visits by citizens, but by reference to the tabular statement it will be seen there is a falling off in that direction. District No. 11 having twenty-eight visits to its credit, takes the highest rank, while four terms were not honored in this respect, thus showing that habit is hard to overcome. Should you acquire the custom of visiting your children in the school room, you would have a personal knowledge of their class rank and deportment, and at the same time establish between yourselves and the teacher a helpful sympathy, which in too many instances is apparently lacking.

We would call attention of school agent to the importance of making prompt and carefully prepared lists of the scholars in their districts as required by law. The amount of money we receive from the state depends upon the number of scholars returned from town. This is not the assessor's duty, as formally; hence the importance of attending to the matter carefully.

Another subject that has been mentioned before, upon which instruction was given by vote of the town, is a proper place in each school room for books. It is necessary that suitable book cases should be provided for their safe keeping at all times. Meetings and evening entertainments are held in school houses and books have been materially injured for lack of a proper receptacle. Neither is it just to require teachers to take them to and from the school room, nor do all care to have the trouble of them in their homes.

The much mooted question, The Town vs District system seems nearing a settlement. The lower branch of the legislature has already passed the bill, and it is highly probable it will become a law. Should this prove to be the case the possibilities for better work will be increased after the change becomes well established.

We are confident the work being done in our schools, as a whole, is as progressive and thorough as can be reasonably expected under

the present system. As an indication of this, seventeen former pupils are now taking advanced work in high and normal school, colleges and other advanced institutions, while others are teaching with good success. Younger pupils in the several schools, are filling the places made vacant and working faithfully for promotion.

In conclusion I would thank parents, teachers and pupils for their kindness and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. D. WYMAN, Supervisor.

Belgrade, Feb, 1893.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For three terms. District No. 9.—Rosselle Guptill. Nos. 15 and 16—Emily L. Bickford, Ralph Bickford, Harold D. Bickford.

For two terms. No. 1—Mary A. Wyman, Sadie B. Judkins, Ralph B. Wyman. No. 3—Addie Butterfield, Bessie M. Bickford, Johnnie Brayley, Rosa Brayley. No. 4—Eva Penney. No. 5—Joseph A. Wadleigh, Blanche M. Hanson. No. 6—Ida Tillson. No. 7—Rosa D. Minot, Mildred M. Tibbetts. No. 9—Arthur Cottle, Florence Yeaton, Laura Yeaton. No. 11—Maude Tracey, Dean Farnham. No. 12—Herbert Scribner. No. 14—Katie Branch, Lester Branch, Belle Willey. No. 15—Clinton H. Stevens, Willie Stevens, Elias Stevens, Forrest Stevens.

For one term. Edna L. Judkins, Fannie L. Taylor, Percy Williams, Emma M. Mills, Willie E. Taylor, Clinton H. Wyman. No. 2—Jennie Chase, May Damren, Alton Bearce, Andrew Page. No. 3—Erla Yeaton, Ezma Springer, Aimee Thing, Lee Simonds, Johnnie Stevens, John Bickford, Maude A. Bunker, Erwin Mosher, Raymond Hammond. No. 5.—Grace E. Wadleigh, Angie E. Wadleigh, Percy E. Hanson. No. 6—Mertie B. Whitehouse, Eddie Londen, Annie Yeaton, Mabel Yeaton, Eva Yeaton, Maude Yeaton, Ray Yeaton, Manley Haskell, Guy Cummings. No. 7—Marcia Minot, Sammie Spaulding. No. 9—George Gowell, Howard Gowell, Ina Yeaton. No. 10—Phillip Chandler, Nellie Chandler, Nannie Chandler. No. 11—Lillie Tracey, Nellie Towle, Delmar Blaisdell, Caroll Blaisdell, Mellie Fletcher, Clyde Hersom, Flossie Kelley. No. 12—Taber Hersom, Elmer E. Chandler, Charlie Frost, Jay Scribner. No. 14—Florence E. Mellow, Bertha Watson. No. 15—Blanche Damren, Millard Stevens. No. 16—Ethel M. Cobb, Caroll Weymouth. No. 17—Effie M. Willey, Jesse Brann.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Dist.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length of Term in Weeks.	No. of Pupils in District Apr. 1, 1892.	No. of Pupils Registered This Term.	Average Attendance.	Wages of Teacher per Week.	Price of Board per Week.	No. of Visits by Citizens.
No. 1	Carrie Walcott..	Spring	8	23	16	13	4 50	2 00	5
	E. Gert'de Penney	Fall	8	23	16	14	5 00	2 00	2
	" "	Winter	8	23	17	14.3	5 00	2 00	2
2	Alice A. Dunn...	Spring	8	15	9	7.9	4 00	1 70	6
	Coro A. Dow....	Winter	10	15	11	9	5 00	1 80	0
3	Abbie F. Keene..	Spring	8	38	21	17	5 00	2 00	2
	Hadessa L. Sharp	Fall	7	38	19	16.3	5 00	2 00	11
	Lutie Hunt.....	Winter	*10	38	26	23.4	6 00	1 96	3
4	Nellie M. Chandler	Spring	8	17	14	10.5	3 50	1 75	1
	" "	Fall	13	17	14	11.2	3 75	1 75	1
5	Izette Royal.....	Spring	8	9	11	9.6	3 75	1 65	0
	Geneva J. Dudley	Fall	11	9	7	16.2	3 85	1 65	2
6	Elnora Farnham.	Spring	8	26	16	13	4 00	1 70	2
	Annie L. Weston.	Fall	9	26	15	13.5	5 00	2 00	5
	Callie Cummings.	Winter	10	26	15	12	4 25	1 75	1
7	" "	Spring	8	8	5	4.5	3 00	1 25	8
	Mary L. Hunt...	Fall	10	8	6	4	3 00	1 25	5
9	Sadie F. Lord...	Spring	6	21	11	9.7	3 50	1 50	4
	Izette Royal.....	Fall	8	21	15	12.5	3 75	1 90	3
	" "	Winter	12		15	12	4 00	1 90	0
10	Mae B. Farnbam	Spring	7	13	5	4.4	4 00	1 75	5
	Emma A. Webber	Winter	10	13	7	6	4 00	2 00	0
11	Flora B. Frost...	Spring	8	31	22	19	5 00	2 00	6
	" " ...	Fall	10	31	22	20	5 00	2 00	16
	" " ...	Winter	12	31	24	20	5 00	2 00	6
12	Rilla M. Hersom.	Spring	8	15	13	11.8	3 00	1 90	6
	Lizzie Crowell...	Fall	12	15	10	8.7	5 00	2 10	5
14	Lizzie Crowell...	Spring	8	30	15	13.6	4 00	1 21	5
	Vira H. Barker..	Fall	8	30	15	14	4 50	1 15	12
	Fannie M. Frost.	Winter	†12	30	12	10.2	5 00	1 50	2
15	Marcie Bickford.	Fall	8	9	9	8.9	3 50	2 00	3
	" "	Winter	8	9	9	8.8	3 50	2 00	4
16	Marcie Bickford.	Spring	7	4	7	6.4	3 80	1 70	2
	" "	Winter	7	4	8	7.4	3 50	2 00	5
17	Stella M. Holmes	Spring	8	11	6	5	3 00	1 00	4
	Carrie L. Mosher	Winter	13	11	6	5	3 25	2 00	0

*For six weeks.

†For nine weeks.

WARRANT

To F. E. BUNKER, Constable of the town of Belgrade, in the County of Kennebec.

GREETING :—

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Belgrade, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Masonic Hall in said town on Monday the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit :

FIRST—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

SECOND—To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

THIRD—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

FOURTH—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of schools the ensuing year.

FIFTH—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repairs of Roads and Bridges the year ensuing.

SIXTH—To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer to hire money for the use of town the ensuing year.

The selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at Masonic Hall, in said town at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Belgrade, this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1893.

C. H. WYMAN, }
C. H. HALLETT, } Selectmen
E. F. YEATON, } of
Belgrade.