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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

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 second 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 the ensuing year.

FOURTH—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the support of the 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, and in what manner the same shall be expended the ensuing year.

SIXTH—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the repair of school house the ensuing year.

SEVENTH—To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for the purchase of school books the ensuing year.

EIGHTH—To see if the town will vote to have a Free High School, and what sum of money they will vote to grant and raise for same.

NINTH—To see if the town will vote to build any new school houses the present year, and what sum of money they will appropriate for the same.

TENTH—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the school houses in Districts No. 8, No. 13, No. 15 and No. 18.

ELEVENTH—To see if the town will vote to authorize Treasurer and Selectmen to hire money for the use of the town the ensuing year.

TWELFTH—To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be expended in improving the Cemetery, under the direction of the Selectmen, and, if so, how much.

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 day of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Belgrade, this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1896.

C. H. WYMAN, } Selectmen
F. A. PAGE, } of
G. W. COTTLE, } Belgrade.

Report of Selectmen.

Paid bills accrued prior to February 15, 1895.

PAID G. E. Minot services as Selectman,	\$ 63 65
O. H. Gowell, " "	31 00
Jos. Merrow, " "	36 00
H. F. D. Wyman, " Supervisor,	66 25
L. A. Bartlett, " Constable,	10 00
E. H. Mosher, " Town Clerk,	8 50
L. E. Reynolds for recording births and deaths,	5 25
I. W. Stevens caring, for tramps and blacksmithing,	12 25
Gardiner on account of Emma Foss,	179 65
Leonard and Given on acc't of Frank Emmons,	31 25
F. E. Bunker for blacksmithing,	1 50
G. A. Stevens, bal. due on overseer's salary,	44 00
for printing reports,	14 00
L. W. Bachelder, rent of land for tramp house,	2 00
L. B. Dolloff, abatements on tax of 1894,	63 67
" " com. on collection of taxes for 1894,	75 00
J. H. Thing, abatements on taxes of 1892 and 1893,	29 29
Total,	<u>\$ 673 36</u>

Paid for overwork on highway from last year's highway tax, \$ 374 33

Paid for the support of poor the past year.

Paid on acc't of Mrs. Emma Foss,	\$163 07
" " Samuel Hunt's family,	55 69
" " Chas. W. Taylor,	71 20
" " Edith C. Jones,	26 14
" " Charles Frost,	22 45
Total,	<u>\$ 338 55</u>

Town Farm Account.

Paid B. P. Stuart for fertilizer,	\$25 00
F. A. Page for butchering hogs,	1 50
" " locks and hasps,	1 00
B. L. Kelley, bal. due on groceries,	1 67
James Tebbetts, " "	1 52
L. A. Bartlett " "	14 00
G. W. Cottle for labor and cash paid out for building a fence,	8 15
Foster and Trask for threshing,	4 36
John Kelley for cutting hay,	25 00
F. E. Bunker for blacksmithing,	50
N. G. Hersom for putting wood in shed,	4 30
for grass seed,	7 42
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Total,	\$ 94 42

Paid on account of tramps, \$ 14 41

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid for books, blanks, stationery and postage,	\$22 28
for traveling and other expenses,	14 50
E. C. Knowles for mowing cemeteries and cutting bushes,	16 00
Dr. G. D. Rowe for reporting births and deaths,	1 50
Dr. D. E. Parsons, " " "	1 75
Dr. L. E. Reynolds, " " "	5 25
E. H. Mosher for recording,	7 35
G. E. Minot for making deeds,	2 00
for counsel,	3 00
W. S. Robinson damage to wagon and harness,	10 00
L. B. Dolloff discount on rebate,	65 00
" " " " collection of taxes,	161 27
for sheep killed by dogs,	23 00
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Total,	\$332 90

Liabilities.

Whole amount of outstanding treasury notes,	\$4585 00
Outstanding town and school orders,	none
Whole amount of interest due March 1, 1896,	96 70
Due J. H. Thing, Com. for collection of taxes for 1893,	69 00
L. B. Dolloff, " " " " 1894,	14 00
" " " " " " 1895,	169 64
on County tax,	250 00
C. H. Wyman, services as Selectman,	62 50
F. A. Page, " "	40 00
G. W. Cottle, " "	35 00
H. F. D. Wyman, services as Supervisor,	90 00
E. H. Mosher, " town clerk,	5 00
F. E. Bunker, " constable,	5 00
L. W. Bachelder for rent of land for tramp house,	2 00
for rent of hall,	10 00
on account of Jane Mignault,	4 00
for printing reports,	16 50
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Total,	\$ 5454 34
Liabilities above resources,	\$ 436 88

Resources.

Due from J. H. Thing, on tax of 1893,	\$ 488 05
" L. B. Dolloff, " 1894,	200 55
" " " " 1895,	3498 56
" non-resident taxes,	102 65
" real estate sold for taxes,	235 22
" State, for dog license,	114 00
" Wm. E. Lord, for straw,	6 00
Value of hay at town farm,	100 00
" wood in shed at town farm,	48 00
" oats at town farm,	35 00
Cash in treasury, February 15, 1896,	189 43
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Total,	\$5017 46

The town has received for interest on taxes the past year :

From J. H. Thing, on taxes for 1892,	\$ 95 20
L. B. Dolloff, " " 1894,	89 95

The following are the Assessments for 1895.

State tax,	\$1115 31
County tax,	500 40
Town grant to defray town charges,	1200 00
“ “ for the support of schools,	1300 00
“ “ for repairs on school houses,	250 00
“ “ for school books,	75 00
“ “ for free high school,	250 00
“ “ for the support of roads and bridges,	2000 00
Overlayings on the same,	95 08
Total commitment,	\$6785 78

Rate per cent on the dollar, .0163.

C. H. WYMAN,	}	Selectmen of Belgrade.
F. A. PAGE,		
G. W. COTTLE,		

BELGRADE, Me., Feb. 18, 1896.

Report of Road Commissioner.

Amount appropriated,	\$2000 00
Amount expended to date,	1336 83
Balance un-expended to date,	<u>\$663 17</u>

PAID for road machine,	\$ 200 00
Howard Atkinson, for labor,	1 25
E. W. Rogers, “	89 02
George Bragg, “	4 37
John F. Stanley, “	1 25
Stephen M. Bickford, “	40 62
Alanson Bickford, “	2 50
Elbridge Bickford, “	75
Clinton H. Wyman, “	13 75
C. H. Yeaton, “	2 50
Charles Stevens, “	11 25
H. H. Adams, 85 $\frac{1}{4}$ days labor as Road Com.,	170 50
“ 56 days labor, pair horses,	123 00
“ 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ days labor of man,	24 06
S. S. Brooks & Co. for dynamite caps and fuse,	2 68
Isaiah Frye for blade to road machine,	8 00
John Kelley, labor of horses and man,	268 75
Lester Perkins, for labor,	1 50
Ed Littlefield “	5 00
N. D. Farnham, “	4 12
George Ellis, for 1701 ft. plank,	17 01
“ for labor and spikes,	1 65
Gideon Mosher, for labor,	11 87
Bert Alexander, “	5 87
L. B. Dolloff, “	25 20
C. D. Bachelder, “	16 25
Dexter Bachelder, “	7 50
Saml. Whitehouse, “	2 00
John Pray, “	3 12
B. M. Penney, “	14 06
E. T. Stevens, “	3 12
Albert Furbish, “	1 25

C. A. Stevens, for labor,	\$ 6 25
J. B. Stevens, “	6 87
Sidney Austin, “	7 12
E. G. Damren, “	6 00
H. H. Tebbetts, “	7 00
Alfred Rowe, “	4 25
Isaac Wadleigh, “	1 00
A. W. Sawtelle, “	5 00
M. N. Libby, “	2 50
Mrs. G. R. Gleason, for 1527 ft. plank,	15 27
Joseph Merrow, for labor,	6 95
W. E. Lord, “	5 00
F. E. Bunker, for labor on R. M. and sharpening bars, drills, etc.	6 05
Simon Guptill, for labor,	6 00
L. A. Guptill, “	7 00
E. L. Yeaton, for R. R. ties,	2 00
G. E. Minot, for labor,	3 37
Moses Hersom, “	2 00
Wm. Wellman, “	14 50
James Tebbetts, for spikes and oil for R. M.	2 80
A. F. Merryfield, for labor,	8 37
A. P. Wyman, “	2 00
John Thing, “	5 25
F. P. Hall, labor and lumber,	13 75
Chas. Stoddard, for labor,	3 75
C. M. Weston & Son, for 246 ft. bridge timbers at \$12 per M,	29 60
“ 4370 ft. plank at \$10 per M,	43 70
“ for labor,	14 70
Bert Hersom, “	1 25
L. A. Bartlett, for spikes and oil,	95
W. E. Brann, for labor,	6 25
G. G. Stevens, “	7 19
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Total,	\$ 1336 83
Amount of outstanding bills, estimated,	60 00

H. H. ADAMS, Road Commissioner.

Town Treasurer's Report.

*Town of Belgrade in Account with E. H. Mosher, Treasurer
for the Year ending February 15, 1896.*

DR.		
To paid treasury notes,		\$ 1790 60
" interest,		218 02
" town orders,		3708 69
" School orders,		2518 28
" State Treasurer, on dog tax,		114 00
" " " bal. due on State tax 1894,		208 33
" " " tax for 1895,		1115 31
" County " bal. due on County tax 1894,		126 97
" " " on tax of 1895,		250 40
" State pensions,		192 00
" Treasurer's commission,		30 00
Cash in treasury,		189 48
Total,		\$10,462 03
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Cash in treasury March 1895,		\$ 137 15
Received of B. P. Stuart, Collector for 1890,		80 47
" " J. H. Thing, " " 1892,		204 83
" " J. H. Thing, " " 1893,		765 00
" " L. B. Dolloff, " " 1894,		2570 00
" " L. B. Dolloff, " " 1895,		3287 21
" " State treasurer, school fund, 1895,		713 19
" " " R. R. tax for 1894,		9 00
" " " R. R. tax for 1895,		7 32
" " " on account of State pensions,		192 00
" from non-resident taxes,		187 41
" from hands of selectmen,		111 40
" from Treas. of Rome, amount due on schools,		21 52
" from J. H. Dunlap, sale of burial lot,		10 00
" from E. H. Mosher, town clerk, dog license,		114 00
" State treas., dog license,		101 53
Cash received and gave treasury notes,		1950 00
Total,		\$10,462 03

E. H. MOSHER, Treasurer.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Citizens of Belgrade:—

Herewith I submit to you a report of your public schools for the year ending February 20, 1896.

The receipts and disbursements for the year have been as follows:

Receipts.

Surplus from 1895,	\$ 73 73
Town appropriation,	1300 00
State mill tax,	713 19
Tuition due from Mount Vernon,	30 50
Total,	\$ 2117 42

Expenditures.

Paid teachers' salaries,	\$ 1113 45
" board,	470 75
transportation,	428 50
for fuel,	67 20
for building fires,	18 50
cleaning houses,	13 50
Total,	\$ 2111 90
Unexpended balance,	\$ 5 52

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	\$ 250 00
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To be Expended.

Teachers' salaries and board,	\$207 50
Fuel—estimated,	12 00
	\$219 50
Unexpended balance,	\$ 30 50
To be refunded by the State,	\$ 103 75
To balance,	\$134 25

TEXT BOOKS.

Receipts.

Appropriation,		\$ 75 00
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Expenditures.

Amount overdrawn last year,	\$ 1 18	
Paid for books,	171 85	
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Total,		\$ 173 03
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Amount overdrawn,		\$ 98 03

REPAIRS.

Receipts.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$ 32 42	
Appropriation,	250 00	
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Total,		\$ 282 42

Expenditures.

For all repairs,		\$ 320 89
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Amount overdrawn,		\$ 38 47

Recapitulation.

Unexpended balance for common schools,	\$ 5 52	
" " Free High Schools,	134 25	
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Total,		\$ 139 77
Amount overdrawn for text-books,	\$ 98 03	
Amount overdrawn for repairs,	38 47	
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Total,		\$ 136 50
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Unexpended balance on school appropriations,		\$ 3 27

TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS.

The same arrangements for transporting the pupils from districts No. 7—10—12—15—16—17, with the addition of No. 8 and fall term of No. 2, to adjoining districts were the same as last year which enabled us to give all the pupils in town the benefit of three terms, or twenty-seven weeks, the same as last year, with the exception of Nos. 6 and 1, the former having but twenty five and the latter twenty-six.

Below are given a few items compiled from the registers.

Whole number of pupils in town April 1, 1895,	287
Whole number of different pupils registered,	209
Whole number registered,	500
Average attendance,	444
Per cent of average attendance,	89%
Aggregate number of weeks common schools,	222
" " " High school,	20
No. pupils not absent one-half day for term,	109
No. visits by citizens,	170
Average cost of teachers' wages, per week, including board,	\$7 12
No. terms taught by Normal graduates,	16
" " graduates from other schools,	6
" " non-graduates,	3
" " male teachers,	6
" " female teachers,	19

To show the range of work in our common schools, the number of classes in the higher branches is here given:—

Algebra, 8; U. S. History, 8; Physiology, 6; Book-keeping, 8; Geometry, 1; Botany, 1; Physical Geography, 1; Civil Government, 4; Latin, 1.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For three terms. District No. 1—Ralph B. Wyman. No. 4—Eva E. Penney.

For two terms. District No. 3—Pearl M. Tebbetts, Ezma Springer, John B. Braley. No. 4—Harry and Justin Penney. No. 5—Angie Wadleigh. No. 6—Edwin Loudon, Earl Wyman, Ida Tillson, Eva Yeaton, Gertrude Loudon, Roy Yeaton, Zimri Yeaton. No. 9—Millie Tibbetts, George Gowell, Nannie Chandler. No. 11—Dana Clark, Stuart Cummings, Dean Farnham, Harry Rockwood, Hazel Kelley. No. 14—Arthur Alexander, Ethel Cobb, Lester Branch.

For one term. District No. 1—Harold C. Spencer, Carl G. Spencer, Percy H. Williams, Fannie L. Taylor, Mary A. Wyman. No. 2—Harold Damren. No. 3—Florrie Stuart, Edith C. Austin, Jennie B. Chase, Charley S. Frost, Ray E. Hammond, Bessie L. Bickford, Aimee L. Thing, Winnie Bickford. No. 4—Nellie Brown, Daisy Knowles, Jessie

M. Penney, Walter L. Knowles, Willie J. Penney. No. 5—George Clough, Leo Dunn, Clyde Dunn, Blanche Hanson, Fred Wadleigh. No. 6—Maude Yeaton, Guy Yeaton, Leon Yeaton, Guy Cummings, Lester Bickford, Samuel Spaulding. No. 9—Charley Chandler, Howard Gowell, Florence Yeaton, Laura Yeaton, Minnie Downes, Nora Chandler. No. 11—Ervin Kelley, Effie Cummings, Marie Pray, Pearl Towle, Nellie Towle, Maude Tracy, Jay Scribner. No. 14—Blanche Damren, Ida H. Wallace, Willie Wallace, Belle Willey, Effie Willey, Emily Bickford, Alvah Watson.

REMARKS.

Once again another school year is drawing to a close and once again it becomes our duty to chronicle the condition of your schools. We wish that all had attained your highest ideal, but conditions have to be taken as they are, and the most made from them.

We do not recall any instance where any teachers have failed to conscientiously strive to perform their duty. Some from superior qualifications or experience, have met with a larger share of success but in the main it has been a year of substantial progress.

A glance at the statistics and a comparison with those of last year reveal a favorable showing. There is a slight increase in the number of pupils in town April 1, '95, also in the number of different pupils registered, as well as in the number not absent for a term, while in the whole number registered, average attendance, per cent of average attendance and number of visits by citizens, a very material increase is noted.

Although slight in some instances this increase is commendable. It shows a tendency in the right direction and an awakening interest which cannot but be productive of good. The Indian mode of producing fire was to twirl the end of a stick against another piece of wood, so with our interest. A man grows from what he feeds upon; so does a child. His mind is plastic; he is an imitator; his impressions are formed unconsciously but speedily. How important then that the blaze of your enthusiasm enkindle the latent spark in the minds of your children.

But, there are exceptions to every rule, therefore while advocating this as a whole, we also wish to add a caution. In a few schools there are some particularly bright, ambitious young pupils, who, in some instances are being stimulated to greater exertions than they can long bear. Their

rapid mental growth is at the expense of their physical development. For three-fourths of our pupils three terms a year are amply sufficient.

The bane of our mixed schools is the multiplicity of classes, dividing and dissipating the teacher's energies, thus making his work less effective. This is a great evil and one for which there is but slight remedy until a system of concentration and grading is employed.

The expenditure for books may seem an extravagance but their purchase was a necessity since many of the higher grade,—costly books—had been in use more than five years and had become badly worn and battered. Then, too, proper books for the High Schools had to be provided. No workman, however skillful, can do his best work without good tools. Believing this and aiming for the best interests of all, we have expended quite a large proportion of the amount overdrawn, for this purpose.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

In accordance with a vote of the town we have in operation two Free High Schools, one at Belgrade Mills with Mr. Everett Peacock as principal, the other at Belgrade Depot with Mr. Henry J. Page at the helm. In these schools there are fifty names enrolled. The cost of these terms is given in another place, and the results promised amply justify the outlay.

These terms are particularly for the older pupils, some of whom are not in attendance. Parents should make a sacrifice to have such reap the benefits so liberally offered by the town and State. When you send your children out of town for a few terms, you will realize more fully the advantages offered at home.

CONCLUSION.

In executing the trust placed in our care it has ever been our endeavor to perform the duties impartially, the advancement and upbuilding of our schools the sole object. It is sincerely hoped our efforts have not been in vain and in a measure have met with your approbation.

In again relinquishing the office let me sincerely thank you for the many kindnesses ever extended.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. D. WYMAN, Supt.

Report of Committee.

REPAIRS.

In carrying out the vote in regard to repairs on the house in No. 6, it was deemed best to secure an ample lot and remove the house thereto. This was done and when a thorough inspection was made it was found, as in all such cases, there was more to be done than at first seemed necessary. We had nothing but a shell to begin with. It has been put in good repair, painted inside and out, provided with ample black-board surface, modern seats and desks, and on the whole, is one of the best school rooms in town, at an expenditure of thirty-eight dollars and forty-seven cents above the sum placed at our disposal. It is hoped that when Arbor day comes the citizens in this district will transplant trees and thus beautify their grounds.

The same arguments presented in last year's report relative to a new house in No. 1, are just as forceful now as then, and need not be repeated here. We trust our citizens will look at the matter in a public spirited and proper light and grant this needed appropriation.

After looking over the field carefully and noting that nearly one-fourth as many pupils are attending our Free High Schools as have been registered for the year, and the cost of the same to the town, so small, it seems the part of wisdom to continue them another year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

FIRST—	Appropriation for common schools,	\$1400 00
SECOND—	“ “ repairs and amt. overdrawn,	115 00
THIRD—	“ “ new house in the limits of No. 1.	
FOURTH—	“ “ books and amt. overdrawn,	175 00
FIFTH—	“ “ Free High Schools.	

SIXTH—To authorize Selectmen to sell schoolhouses in districts Nos. 8—13—15—18.

F. C. FOSTER,	} School Com. of Belgrade.
E. E. DUNN,	
B. D. HALLETT,	
H. H. ADAMS	
H. F. D. WYMAN,	

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of Dist.	Name of Teacher.	Term.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Whole No. of Pupils in Attendance.	Average Attendance.	Salary of Teacher Including Board.	No. of Daily Recitations.	No. of Pupils Not Absent	No. of Visits by Citizens.
1	Annie L. Weston,	Spring	9	12	10.7	\$7 00	26	2	0
	Cora S. Burleigh,	Fall	7	12	9	7 00	19	3	0
2	M. Lillian Hopkins,	Winter	10	12	11	7 00	19	3	2
	Arthur J. Chick,	Winter	10	11	10.4	7 50	27	1	3
3	Bertha F. Hillman,	Spring	8	22	14	7 00	32	3	7
	Henry J. Page,	Fall	8	35	30.7	8 00	26	5	12
4	" " "	Winter	10	24	19.6	8 75	30	6	7
	Mae B. Farnham,	Spring	9	10	9.5	6 00	29	5	0
5	" " "	Fall	8	11	10	6 00	24	3	1
	Florence E. Merrow,	Winter	10	11	9.2	6 00	30	4	0
6	Mertie Whitehouse,	Spring	9	19	16.6	5 75	33	4	6
	Fred C. Lord,	Fall	8	24	19.3	6 50	28	3	14
7	Augusta M. Lord,	Winter	10	19	16.6	7 00	33	4	6
	Minnie R. Corson,	Spring	9	14	13	6 00	32	6	5
8	Fred C. Lord,	Fall	10	21	18.3	7 50	28	7	3
	Augusta M. Lord,	Winter	6	17	15.5	7 00	21	7	3
9	Addie E. Ireland,	Spring	9	22	19	7 00	27	6	10
	" " "	Fall	8	22	19	7 00	26	3	9
10	Edgar W. Bailey,	Winter	10	25	19.6	9 00	33	3	12
	M. Lillian Hopkins,	Spring	9	26	23.5	7 00	21	5	16
11	" " "	Fall	8	29	27.5	7 00	20	7	22
	Everett Peacock,	Winter	10	28	29	9 00	26	5	13
12	Della H. Alexander,	Spring	9	25	23	7 50	30	9	2
	" " "	Fall	8	24	21	7 50	29	4	11
13	" " "	Winter	10	25	19	7 00	30	1	6