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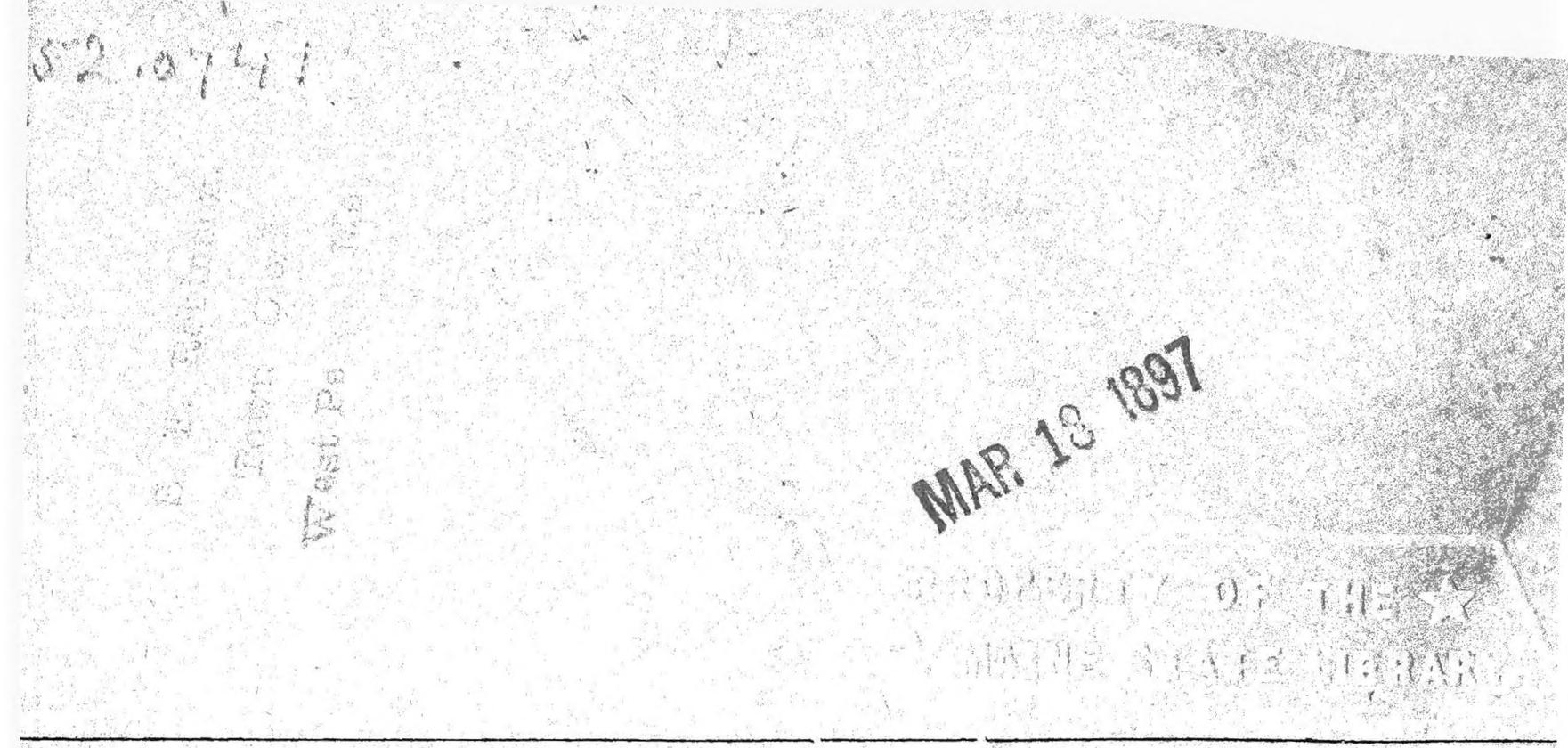
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ANNUAL REPORT



SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS <u>AND</u> OVERSEERS OF THE POOR <u>AND</u> SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS

TOWN * OF * PERU

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-----FOR THE YEAR ENDING-----

FEBRUARY 20, 1897.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ALBERT S. HOLMAN, HOWARD TURNER, DANA W. GODING.

Treasurer,

W. S. WALKER.

Town erk,

O. C. HOPKINS.

Supervisor of Schools,

A. M. CURTIS.

Collector of Taxes,

Jos. A. Arnold.

Board of Health,

O. O. TRACY, CHAS. A. HALL, M. HALL.

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Truant Officer,

HENRY F. FLOYD.



Report of Selectmen.

We have assessed a State tax of \$587	51
A county tax of	81
Voted by town to defray town charges 2,000	00
Voted by town for school-house and	
hall	00
Voted by town for Grand Army10	00
Voted by town for support of schools 600	00
Voted by town for Free High schools. 100	00
Deficient highway of 1895	81
With an overlay of	24
Total amount committed for collection	
Percentage of assessment .0225 on	
187 polls at \$1.00 each.	

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the town farm and personal

property thereon from April 6, 1896, for one year, to A. K. P. Trask and he is to support Seth Jenne and

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Lenora P. Knight and receive \$100. He is to leave the farm and personal property as he received it.

Expenditures.

A. K. P. Trask \$100-00		
Paid G. Hodsdon for medicine 75		
Paid C. E. Knox for supplies 12 26		
Paid C. E. Knox for supplies furnished		
before last report		
Paid for three cows		
Paid S. N. Knox for funnel		
Paid J. A. Arnold for feed 10 75		
Paid W. S. Walker for supplies		
Paid for keeping tramps 3 00		
Paid for one chair		-
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\$262 11

Receipts.

Received for four cows\$100	00
Received for two swine	00
Received cream checks	44
Received for soap	
Received for hay	
Received for potatoes	
Received for pork and bbl	
Received for 16 lbs. lard	
Received for keeping colt 1	75
Received for ice tongs	00
Balance against the farm	. \$59 90
Schedule of stock, etc. on farm:	
cows 15 hens 100 lbs. pork, 7 bush, beans,	

cows, 19 nens, 100 10s. pork, 1 bush. beans, hay to winter out the stock and farming tools, household furniture, etc., the same as last year.

Expense of Poor not on Farm.

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Paid town of Mechanic Falls for support Support of Sarah Lovejoy ... 290 Support of Wm. M. Knight.... 148 64 \$316 52 Also reduction of amount of personal 82 00property on town farm...

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

We have expended on roads and bridges: Unpaid bills of winter of '95 and '96 \$193 96 Paid for lumber and materials for Paid for labor on roads and bridges 224 31-85 \$640

SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town for support of	
schools	00
Amount apportioned from State	15
Interest on permanent school fund	
Unexpended balance from 1895 424	60
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\$1,626 13

Balance unexpended.....\$499-58

1,126 55

ABATEMENTS.

We have granted the following orders for abatements of taxes: Demeritt, James L., tax of 1894\$1 00 Banlay, Steve, tax of '94 4:00

Frost. Elias. tax of '94 115

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a row and a state of the state	
Bulduc, John, tax of '94	
Connors, Edward, tax of '94 2 00	
Clark, Chas., tax of '94	•
French, Irvin, tax of '94 100	
Gammon, Daniel, tax of '94 11 v1	
Lovejoy, Roscoe, tax of '94	
Morse, Chas. E. tax of '94 1 00	
McKnight, Frank, tax of '94	
McKenzie, Wm. E., tax of '94	
Manson, Geo B., tax of '94 1 00	
Myrick, Frank, tax of '94	
Ruler, Frank, tax of '94 182	T.
Reed, Joseph G., tax of '94 1 91	
Smith, Chas., tax of '94 100	
Stasule, Chas., tax of '94	
Urbano, Tony, tax of '94 100	
Wagner, Austin, tax of '94 1 00	
Chenery, David L., tax of '95	
Bishop, Stillman, tax of '95 1 43	
Rungage Albert A tax of 205 5 05	

Gammon, Daniel, tax of '95 9 38	
Reed, Christopher S., tax of '95 1 00	
Wilson, Geo 100	
E. C. Irish, for error in returned highway 4 08-	
Total	

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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Housing road machine \$1 00 Paid W. S. Walker for blank books . . 4 80 Paid Henry Rowe for rent of Union hall 10 00 Paid J. P. Swasey for legal services 50 00 Paid D. W. Walker for services as ballot clerk, etc. 255

Paid A. S. Holman, cash paid for ex-			
penses	93		
Paid D. W. Goding, cash paid for ex-			
penses	55		
Paid Howard Turner, cash paid for ex-			
penses 2	30		
Paid A. M. Curtis for repairs on school-			
house	43	1	
Paid A. M. Curtis for books, stationery,			
postage, etc	30		
Due L. O. Babb for services as ballot			
clerk	55		
Estimated cost of printing this report. 10	00		
J. H. Bean, expenses of recording deeds 8			
	4	\$186	41

Bills for 1895 more than reported last year.

O. L. Knight for services \$1 80 S. F. Robinson for services 75

Printing reports. 2 50

Rumford Falls Times for ad..... 1 00 Harriman & McFadden, underpin-O. A. McFadden, lumber and shin-P. & R. F. R. R. for freight 17 76 A. S. Holman, hauling lumber. 6 00 A. B. Walker, cedar posts. 2 80 L. V. Brackett, labor and materi-A. S. Holman, door fixtures 2 80 H. R. Robinson, labor 59 00 Foster & Dolley, lumber and mate-

Ellis and Hall, painting 20 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

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A. M. Curtis, supervisor of schools, es-				
timated to be the same as last				
year	3	26		
J. A. Arnold, collector 9	13	27		
O. O. Tracy, board of health	$\mathbf{\tilde{G}}$	00		
Chas. Hall	2	()()		
M. Hall,	2	00-		
			\$374	98

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expense of poor for 1895	45
Expended on roads and bridges 640	85
Orders of abatement of taxes	77
Incidental expenses 372	62
Expended for town building	86
Town officers' bills	98
Interest accrued during the year. 198	36
Interest on permanent school fund	38



Receipts.

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Amount voted by town to pay charges \$2,000 00 Amount voted to build school-house Received from State on account of dog Reduction of personal property on town 3,213 08

Balance in favor of the year.\$144-81

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FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.

Orders outstanding bearing interest at 4 per cent..... \$5,040 00 Bills due, orders not drawn. Due A. K. P. Trask, overseer on town Due L. O. Babb for services as ballot Due estimated cost of printing this re-

Due for rent of Union hall 10 00

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Assets.



Treasurer's Report.

WM. S. WALKER, TREASURER OF PERU FOR 1896.

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1896.

Feb. 14, To amount due on tax bills of			
1894\$839	71		
Feb. 14, To amount due on tax bills of			
1895	45		
Feb. 14, To tax deeds on hand $\dots 262$			
Feb. 14, To cash on hand	910		
Feb. 14, To amount due from State for			
pensions	00		
Mar. 30, To cash for cows from town			
farm	00		
Apr. 7, To cream check from town farm 14	85		
Apr. 7, To cash, soap sold from town			
farm 1	52		
May 12, To cream check from town farm 14	59		
May 12, To cash for hay from town farm 17	50		
June 29, To amount of J. A. Arnold's			
bills of 1896 4,663	37		
June 29, To cash received for hay from			
town farm 15	00		
Aug. 10, To check from town of Paris 53	50		

Aug. 31, To cash received, money hired 890 00 Oct. 14, To cash received R. R. high-

way tax 18	90
Oct. 14, To cash received from town	
clerk, dog tax	00
Oct. 14, To cash received from State	
damage by dogs 2	50
Oct. 14, To amount received from State,	
school money	15
Oct. 14, To amount received from State,	
refunding dog tax	03
	\$10,285 07

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Feb. 15, By amount due on tax bills	
of '94\$136	66
Feb. 15, By amount due on tax bills	
of '96	27
By amount tax deeds on hand 352	00
By amount orders and receipts	
turned over 5,006	25
By amount due from State	
school fund . 567	15
By amount cash on hand to	
balance	74
	\$10,285 0
All of which is respectfully submitte	ed.

A. S. HOLMAN, HOWARD TURNER, Selectmen DANA W. GODING, eru.

Since making the above report A. S. Hazelton has settled in full for tax bills of '94.



Superintendent's Report.

To the Citizens of Peru: - A report of your superintendent of schools is necessary for two reasons, viz. : first to conform to law; second, to inform you as to the condition of our schools. One of the perplexing duties I have had to contend with is to please the public individually and the public collectively; and as I have found it to be impossible to do both, I have tried to do my duty for the benefit of our schools without regard to censure from individuals; and if I have failed in so doing, from lack of ability, please do not criticize too harshly. In reviewing the schools for the past year, I can say that as a whole they have been very successful. In some of the schools a little more co-operation and a little less criticism would have been an advantage. The duties and responsibilities of parents in regard to the conduct of their children, at school as well as at home, is a matter most important. Parents, send your children to school and if they find fault with the teacher, do not pass judgment until you have found out the exact facts, and do not allow personal prejudice to bias your judgment. Allow me also to urge you to visit your schools more, and by so doing

you will see what our schools are doing, and you will

also encourage both teacher and pupils.

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School-house Repairs.

As the town did not appropriate any money for repairs and has had a heavy tax to pay, I have made none except when absolutely necessary, but there are some of our school houses which will have to be looked atter soon.

Free High Schools.

There were two spring terms of. Free High school in town, one at West Peru and one at East Peru, and the amount raised for support of the same was by do-The former was under the instruction of J. nation. A. Putnam and the latter was taught by Mrs. M. V.

Hall. I consider both of them as successful terms. At present there are two Free High schools in session, the one at West Peru being taught by J. A. Putnam and at East Peru by Ada E. Gerrish. I consider that both of them are doing good work.

The schools as I found them.

East School.

Both summer and winter terms were under the instruction of Mary E. Crockett. Miss Crockett's long experience as a teacher has taught her the requirements of the school room. She knows what to do and goes to work and does it. No branch of study was neglected in her school.

Center School.

Summer term taught by Bertha L. Goggin. Miss Goggin is one of the best of our young teachers. She manifests a good interest in her work and her pupils

made good advancement.

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Fall term taught by Ellen C. Babb. Mrs. Babb is one of our experienced teachers and I think in any other school she would have met with good success, but I found that after the school had been in session a few weeks some of the scholars had been withdrawn. I inquired into the matter, but the evidence was so conflicting that I could not decide with whom the fault lay; but I am satisfied that if those scholars had attended school to the end it would have been to their benefit, for at my last visit I found that the scholars present had made good advancement.

West School.

Summer term taught by Mrs. F. L. Phinney. Winter term by J. A. Putnam. Both of these teachers are too well known to admit of comments. It is needless to say that both terms were successful.

Dickvale School.

Summer term taught by Nellie M. Tracy. Miss Tracy is a thorough scholar, and considering that this was her first term and also in her own school, I think that she met with good success. She had a little difficulty with one pupil and the result showed that she was mistress of the situation.

Winter term taught by Mrs. F. L. Phinney. Mrs. Phinney is a thorough and efficient teacher and always works for the welfare of her pupils. She has the tact to gain the good will of all well disposed scholars, but she is not a pugilist. If she could have had a Corbett or a Sullivan with her for a short time I think it would have been beneficial to some of the large hour for it come that some of them do not under

boys, for it seems that some of them do not under-

stand the definition of the word gentleman.

Knox School.

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Summer term taught by Jennie M. Hopkins. I think that Miss Hopkins gave good satisfaction in this school and if she follows the profession will make a successful teacher.

Winter term taught by Grace L. Johnson. There was some complaint by some of the parents in regard to lack of discipline, but I think this fault was remedied. Miss Johnson seems to be interested in her work and with a little more thoroughness will make a successful teacher.

Foot of Pond School.

Summer term taught by Bertha E. Hopkins. Miss Hopkins sustained her reputation as a teacher in this school; advancement good; order and discipline perfect.

Winter term taught by E. C. Hussey. Mr. Hussey is a thorough scholar and succeeded in gaining the good will of his pupils from the beginning. The result was a profitable term.

Head of Pond.

Summer term suspended. Fall term taught by Bertha L. Goggin. Miss Goggin was successful in getting her scholars interested in their studies early in the term and the school was very successful.

Ridge School.

Summer term taught by Ada E. Gerrish. Winter term by Mrs. M. V. Hall. Both of these teachers

have established reputations as efficient teachers.

Comments are unnecessary.

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Waite School.

Summer term suspended. Fall term taught by Ada E. Gerrish. Miss Gerrish fully sustained her former reputation in this school. There was one deficiency in this school, viz.: a lack of scholars. Respectfully submitted.

A. M. CURTIS, Superintendent.

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Mary E. Crockett	East.
Mary E. Crockett	
Bertha L. Goggin	
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Jos. A. Putnam	
Nellie M. Tracy	
Florilla L. Phinney	
Jennie M. Hopkins	
Grace L. Johnson	
Ada E. Gerrish	Ridge
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Teacher.

N. B.-I have purchased a supply of wood for one year in advance.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS.

School.	,rein.	Regular attendance.	Average attencance.	Pay per term.	Board per term.	Wood and fitting.	Care of houses.
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Miscellaneous Expenses.

Unexpended balance for support of schools. ...352 90

\$1,477 48

Unexpended balance from last year ... \$275 45 Interest on permanent school fund 34 38

\$1,476 98

Respectfully submitted. A. M. CURTIS, Superintendent

