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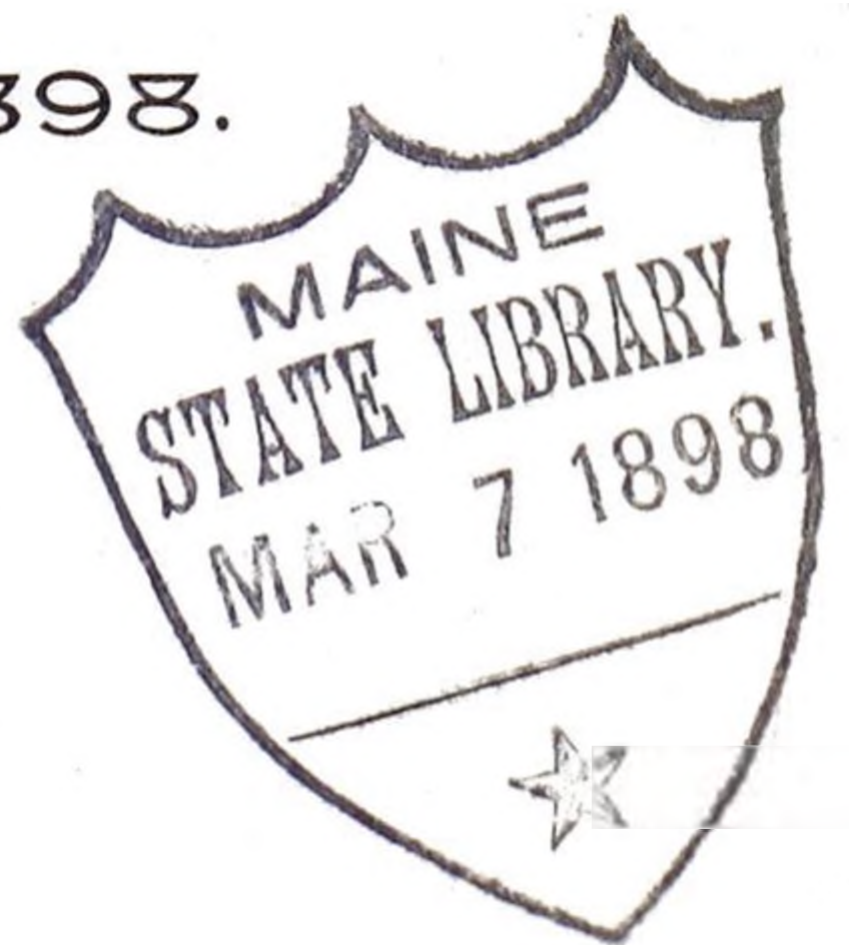
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Report of Selectmen.

To the inhabitants of the town of Peru:

Agreeable to law and the usual customs we submit our annual report of the financial standing of the town for the year ending Feb. 22, 1898.

Total valuation, \$188,911.

We have assessed a highway tax of \$1,500 at a percentage of 7 mills on the dollar and 193 polls at \$1.00 each.

Valuation of town farm property, \$970.

Valuation on which money tax was assessed, \$187,941.

We have assessed a State tax of	\$654 30
“ “ “ a County tax of	405 50
Voted by town for support of schools,	555 00
repairs on school houses,	100 00
school books,	50 00
town debt and interest,	250 00
repairs of roads and bridges,	650 00
support of poor,	450 00
to defray other town charges,	800 00
to finish town hall,	100 00
Deficient highway, 1896,	185 20
With an overlay of	124 96

Total amount committed to Wallace

E. Hammond,

\$4,324 96

Percentage of assessment, 2 cents and 1 mill on the dollar,
193 polls at \$1.00 each,

EXPENSES OF POOR ON THE FARM.

We have leased the town farm and personal property thereon to A. B. McIntire for one year, ending April 6, 1898, and he is to support Lenora P. Knight and receive \$10.00. He is to leave the farm and personal property as he received it.

EXPENDITURES.

Due A. B. McIntire,	\$ 10 00
Paid W. S. Walker, supplies for town farm,	8 42
E. B. L. Knox, balance between cows,	10 00
C. E. Knox, for grass seed,	2 31
for burying of Seth Jenne,	23 50
medical attendance for Seth Jenne,	5 25
H. Lunt for use of bull,	1 00
for one pair of oxen,	100 00
Due A. B. McIntire for keeping tramps,	1 00
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	\$161 48

RECEIPTS.

Received for one pair of oxen,	\$130 00
Balance against the farm,	31 48
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SCHEDULE OF STOCK, ETC., ON FARM.

2 oxen.

3 cows.

12 hens.

100 lbs. pork.

7 bushels beans.

Hay to winter out the stock, and farming tools and household furniture, etc., the same as last year.

EXPENSES OF POOR NOT ON THE FARM.

Paid support of Wm. L. Knight,	\$125 20	
town of Mechanic Falls, expense of George Poland and family,	20 00	
town of Mechanic Falls, expense of Henry Poland,	37 00	
for burying James Robertson,	7 00	
G. Hodsdon, for supplies furnished J. A. Anderson,	7 95	
A. K. P. Trask, for keeping tramps for 1896,	5 00	
Due town of Leeds, for expenses of Samuel P. Wing,	5 00	
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		\$207 15
To which add balance against town farm,		31 48
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Total expense of poor for 1897,		\$238 63
Deduct the amount due for J. A. Anderson,		7 95
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Total expense of Poor for 1897,		\$230 68

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Wm. S. Walker, treasurer of Peru for 1897.

DR.

Feb. 15, 1897.	Amt. due on tax bills of 1894,	\$ 136 66
" " "	Amt. due on tax bills of 1896,	3,675 27
" " "	Tax deeds on hand,	352 00
" " "	Due from State school fund, 1896,	567 15

Feb. 15, 1897.	Cash on hand,	547 74
“ 26, “	Cash recd. for ice tongs,	1 00
“ “ “	Recd. of A. S. Hazle- ton on error of 1894,	2 00
Apr. 2, “	Recd. cash interest on deeds,	14 55
“ 22, “	Recd. from State on dog tax,	43 90
“ 30, “	Recd., J. W. Gowell, for money hired,	70 00
May 6, “	Recd., J. W. Gowell, for money hired,	360 00
“ 7, “	Recd., J. W. Gowell, for money hired,	500 00
“ 10, “	Tax bills of 1897,	4,324 96
“ 22, “	Recd. of town clerk on acct. of dog licenses,	25 00
July 5, “	Recd. of State treasurer for free high school,	95 00
“ 14, “	Recd. from town clerk on acct. of dog li- censes,	19 00
Jan. 8, 1898.	Recd. interest on tax deeds,	15 52
“ “ “	Recd. from State school fund for 1897,	533 18
“ “ “	Recd. from State rebate on State taxes for 1895-6,	271 62
“ 21, “	Cash received of J. W. Gowell, bal. on oxen,	30 00

 Total,

\$11,584 55

CR.

Feb. 15, 1898.	By amount due on tax	
	bills of 1896,	\$ 302 70
" " "	amount due on tax	
	bills of 1897,	3,270 96
" " "	town orders,	5,316 88
" " "	receipts,	1,860 88
" " "	tax deeds on hand,	278 18
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	Total,	\$11,584 55

We have expended on roads, bridges, un-	
paid bills of 1896,	\$117 28
Expended in 1897 up to date,	616 15
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Total amount expended on roads and
bridges, \$723 43

SCHOOLS.

Amount raised by town for support of	
schools,	\$555 00
apportioned from State,	533 18
interest on permanent school	
fund,	34 38
unexpended balance from 1896,	470 03
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	\$1,592 59
Expended for teaching,	\$873 50
" " board,	300 40
" " wood,	21 00
Janitor's services,	15 50
Conveying scholars,	80 00
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	\$1,290 40
Balance unexpended,	\$302 19

ABATEMENTS.

We have granted the following orders of abatements:

Poll tax of John A. Bernand for 1896,	\$1 00
Frank Breman " "	1 00
William E. Bassett,	1 00
Geo. V. Child,	1 00
Albert C. Campbell,	1 00
John Davis,	1 00
Herbert M. Hays,	1 00
Geo. Robie,	1 00
Sewart Wood,	1 00
and personal tax of Geo. W. Farrar,	4 69
Walter E. Irish,	4 11
Lewis M. Knox,	1 97
Melvill P. Lord,	2 48
Maurice A. Newton,	1 45
Real estate of Mabel A. Davis,	4 50
Personal estate of S. L. Oldham,	2 80
Poll and personal of H. R. Burgess,	6 69
Poll tax of D. W. Piper for 1897,	1 00
Xeveri Martin " "	1 00
	<hr/> \$39 69

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Housing road machine,	\$ 1 00
Paid for school books,	46 36
repairs on school houses,	63 20
apparatus, appliances,	31 15
W. S. Walker, postage and books for town,	7 45
printing town reports of 1896, more than estimated,	3 00
Henry Rowe for rent of Union Hall for 1896,	10 00

Paid for Demerit Post for 1896,	10 00	
Expense of Peru ferry,	13 75	
J. W. Gowell for cash paid for expenses,	10 49	
insurance on school house at Dickvale,	10 00	
J. S. Sturtevant for certificates of births and deaths,	11 00	
W. S. Walker for stove and funnel for town hall,	14 00	
out building at Peru Center, estimated cost of printing this report,	25 30	
	12 00	
	—————	\$268 70
Expended on school house at Peru Center,		\$186 15
town hall,		\$97 27

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

S. F. Robinson, town clerk,	\$10 45
W. S. Walker, treasurer,	25 00
J. W. Gowell, selectman, assessor, etc.,	55 00
L. M. Wing, " " "	22 50
H. R. Robinson, " " "	7 50
C. J. Tracy, " " "	23 25
Paid David Adkins, Supervisor of Schools,	3 23
Joseph Putnam, " " "	75 00
Wallace E. Hammond, Collector for 1867,	86 49
Chas. Hall, Board of Health for 1897,	
M. Hall, " " "	
O. O. Tracy, " " "	
	—————
	\$ 308 42

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expenses of poor for 1897,	\$230 68
Expended on roads and bridges,	722 43
Orders of abatement of taxes,	39 69
Incidental expenses,	268 70
Expended on town building,	283 42
'Town officers' bills,	308 42
Interest accrued during the year,	178 60
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38
	<hr/> \$2,067 32

RECEIPTS.

Amount voted by town to defray town charges,	\$800 00
to repair roads and bridges,	650 00
for support of poor,	450 00
for town debt and interest,	250 00
for repairs on school houses,	100 00
for school books,	50 00
for finishing town hall,	100 00
Overlay,	124 76
Deficient highway of 1896,	185 20
Received from State on account of dog license,	43 90
rebate on state tax for 1894 and 1895,	271 62
personal property on town farm,	20 00
A. S. Hazelton for school house,	10 00
	<hr/> \$3,085 48
Balance in favor of the year,	\$918 16

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders bearing interest,	\$4,280 00
Interest due to Feb. 22, 1898,	109 86
Orders not on interest,	371 86
Due the town schools,	302 19
town officers' bills of 1897,	305 19
A. B. McIntire, overseer of town farm,	10 00
Henry Rowe for housing road machine,	1 00
estimated cost of printing this report,	12 00
	—————\$5,392 10

ASSETS.

In hands of the treasurer,	\$4,406 59
Paid to the treasurer since settlement,	37 50
	—————\$4,444 06
Liabilities above assets,	\$948 01
As has been the usual custom, deduct the town farm and personal property,	700 00
	—————
Total liabilities above assets,	\$248 01

Since making the above report, J. A. Arnold has settled in full the tax bills of 1896.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. GOWELL,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
H. R. ROBINSON,		<i>of</i>
CHAS. J. TRACY.		<i>Peru.</i>

Report of Superintendent.

FREE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Two Free High schools closed in town Apr. 9, 1897, under the superintendency of Mr. David Atkins. East Peru school taught by Ada E. Gerrish; attendance, 35; average attendance, 27; cost of instruction, \$90. West Peru, taught by Joseph A. Putnam, attendance, 41; average attendance, 35; cost for instruction, \$100. Both of the above schools were reported by Mr. Atkins as successful.

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

No of scholars in town Apr. 1, 1897, 220

Term.	Teacher.	No. attdg.	Average.	No. Wks.	Cost.
EAST.					
Summer.	Verdurina Ludden.	14	13.5	8	\$56 00
Fall.	E. C. Hussey.	22	18.5	8	56 00
Winter.	E. C. Hussey.	22	20.7	8	68 00
CENTER.					
Summer.	Ada Gerrish.	14		8	52 00
Fall.	Maud Gibbs.	14		8	48 00
Winter.	Ada Gerrish.	17		8	56 00
WEST.					
Summer.	Marcia Hall.	27	23	8	56 00
Fall.	Sadie Hall.	29	25	8	76 00
Winter.	Sadie Hall.	31	26	8	75 50
DICKVALE					
Summer.	Mary Crockett.	27	22	8	56 00
Fall.	Mary Crockett.	28	25	8	56 00
Winter.	Mary Crockett.	23	20	8	64 00

KNOX.

Summer.	Nellie Tracy.	9	7.7	8	40	40
Fall.	Nellie Tracy.	12	9.8	8	48	00
Winter.	R. S. Tracy.	17	14.2	8	56	00

RIDGE.

Summer.	Bertha Goggin.	8	5.8	8	44	00
Fall.	Frank Tracy.	10	9.3	8	56	00
Winter.	L. C. Putnam.	13	11.8	8	56	00

POND.

Summer.	Bertha Hopkins.	14	9.3	8	48	00
Fall.	Bertha Hopkins.	15	11.8	8	48	00
Winter.	Frank Tracy.	16	11	8	60	00

\$1,173 90

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES, ETC.

SCHOOLS.

	DR.	CR.
Unexpended balance from last year,	\$470 03	
Appropriated by town,	555 00	
Received from State,	533 18	
Interest on permanent school fund,	34 38	
By Amount paid for teachers' services and board,		\$1173 90
for janitor's services,		15 50
for conveying scholars,		80 00
for fuel,		21 00
Balance,		302 19
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	\$1,592 59	\$1,592 59
Unexpended balance,		\$302 19

REPAIRS.

	DR.	CR.
To appropriation,	\$100 00	
By amount expended for repairs,		\$93 20
unexpended,		6 80
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	\$100 00	\$100 00
Unexpended balance,		\$6 80

BOOKS AND EXPRESS.

	DR.	CR.
To appropriation,	\$50 00	
Amount received for First Reader,	15	
By amount expended,		\$46 36
balance due,		3 79
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	\$50 15	\$50 15
Unexpended balance,		\$3 79

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES.

	DR.	CR.
To amount received from town,	\$31 15	
for shades sold,	2 45	
By amount unexpended,		\$33 60

The schools have been so uniformly successful for the the past year, that I shall not make special comment upon any.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. A. PUTNAM, Supt.