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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,
- 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

$161.48

RECEIPTS.

Received for one pair of oxen, $130.00
Balance against the farm, 31.48

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

$207.15
To which add balance against town farm, 31.48

Total expense of poor for 1897, $238.63
Deduct the amount due for J. A. Anderson, 7.95

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
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<th>Date</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Feb. 15, 1897</td>
<td>Cash on hand</td>
<td>547 74</td>
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<td>&quot; 26, &quot;</td>
<td>Cash recd. for ice tongs</td>
<td>1 00</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. of A. S. Hazleton on error of 1894</td>
<td>2 00</td>
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<td>Apr. 2, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. cash interest on deeds</td>
<td>14 55</td>
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<td>&quot; 22, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. from State on dog tax</td>
<td>43 90</td>
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<td>&quot; 30, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd., J. W. Gowell, for money hired</td>
<td>70 00</td>
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<td>May 6, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd., J. W. Gowell, for money hired</td>
<td>360 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 7, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd., J. W. Gowell, for money hired</td>
<td>500 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 10, &quot;</td>
<td>Tax bills of 1897</td>
<td>4,324 96</td>
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<td>&quot; 22, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. of town clerk on acct. of dog licenses</td>
<td>25 00</td>
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<td>July 5, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. of State treasurer for free high school</td>
<td>95 00</td>
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<td>&quot; 14, &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. from town clerk on acct. of dog licenses</td>
<td>19 00</td>
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<td>Jan. 8, 1898</td>
<td>Recd. interest on tax deeds</td>
<td>15 52</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. from State school fund for 1897</td>
<td>533 18</td>
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<td>&quot; &quot; &quot; &quot;</td>
<td>Recd. from State rebate on State taxes for 1895-6</td>
<td>271 62</td>
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<td>&quot; 21, &quot;</td>
<td>Cash received of J. W. Gowell, bal. on oxen</td>
<td>30 00</td>
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<td>Total, $11,584 55</td>
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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

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

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

Expended for teaching, $873.50
  “ “ board, 300.40
  “ “ wood, 21.00
Janitor’s services, 15.50
Conveying scholars, 80.00

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

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

$39 69
Paid for Demerrit 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, 25 30
estimated cost of printing this report, 12 00

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$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, " " "

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$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

$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

$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, H. R. ROBINSON, CHAS. J. TRACY, Selectmen of Peru.
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.

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

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<td>Unexpended balance from last year,</td>
<td>$470.03</td>
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<td>Appropriated by town,</td>
<td>555.00</td>
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<td>Received from State,</td>
<td>533.18</td>
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<td>Interest on permanent school fund,</td>
<td>34.38</td>
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<td>By Amount paid for teachers' services and board,</td>
<td>$1,173.90</td>
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<tr>
<td>for janitor's services,</td>
<td>15.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>for conveying scholars,</td>
<td>80.00</td>
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<td>for fuel,</td>
<td>21.00</td>
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<td>Balance,</td>
<td>302.19</td>
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Unexpended balance, |

$1,592.59  $1,592.59

$302.19
REPAIRS.

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<td>$100 00</td>
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<td>By amount expended for repairs,</td>
<td>$93 20</td>
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<td>unexpended,</td>
<td>6 80</td>
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Unexpended balance,

$100 00 $100 00

$6 80

BOOKS AND EXPRESS.

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<td>$50 00</td>
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<td>Amount received for First Reader,</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>By amount expended,</td>
<td>$46 36</td>
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<td>balance due,</td>
<td>3 79</td>
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Unexpended balance,

$50 15 $50 15

$3 79

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES.

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<td>$31 15</td>
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<td>for shades sold,</td>
<td>2 45</td>
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<td>By amount unexpended,</td>
<td>$33 60</td>
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The schools have been so uniformly successful for the past year, that I shall not make special comment upon any.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. A. PUTNAM, Supt.