1904

Annual Report of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Peru, For The Year Ending February 15th, 1904

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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Town of Peru,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15th

1904.

Richardson, Printer,
Canton.
Town Officers.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEEERS OF POOR.

A. S. HOLMAN, HOWARD TURNER, H. O. ROWE

CLERK,

W. S. ARNOLD.

TREASURER,

W. S. WALKER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,

JOSEPH A. PUTNAM.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,

J. A. ARNOLD.
Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1904.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate $147,148 00
Resident personal estate 50,594 00
Non resident real estate 24,930 00
Non resident personal estate 4,290 00

Total valuation $226,962 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax $669 60
County tax 400 47
To defray town charges 1,000 00
Roads and bridges 2,000 00
Schools 900 00
School books 75 00
Repairs on school houses 150 00
New school house 700 00
Overlay 218 97

Total amount of commitment $6,114 04

Percentage of assessments .026 on the dollar. 213 polls at $1.00 each.
TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

We have leased the farm and personal property thereon, (except the two cows,) from April 6, 1903, for one year to A. B. McIntire.

He is to support Lenora Knight. He is to leave the farm and personal property in as good condition as he received it.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

12 hens, 100 lbs. pork, 3 tons hay, Farming tools, Household furniture, same as last year.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Barrett & Kidder for grass seed, and hardware for repairs about buildings $9 08
Mason work 6 90
A. B. McIntire for shingling 8 06
W. S. Walker, for nails 1 00
300 bricks and hauling 3 45

Expense of poor on farm $28 49

EXPENSE OF POOR NOT ON FARM.

Paid for the support of D. Gammon and wife $149 04
Paid for support of C. H. Wing 221 39
Paid for support of F. J. Wing 20 27
Paid for support of S. P. Wing 18 01
Paid for support of Walter Clowes 17 00
Paid for support of Levi Bowker 52 44

Expense of poor not on farm $478 15

Total $506 64
Received from State $150.52
Received from Portland 17.00
Received from Sumner 33.95
Received from sale of D. Gammon's effects 53.25
Due from State 66.61

Total receipts $321.33
Total expense of poor for 1903 $185.31

Treasurer's Report.

Geo. L. Rowe, Treasurer of Peru.

1903.
Feb. 13, To amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1902 $3,897.20
Feb. 13, Tax deeds on hand 212.82
Feb. 13, cash on hand 1,076.75
Feb. 14, received from Dixfield 11.85
Feb. 14, received from State on account of poor 44.89
Feb. 14, received from State on account of pensions 72.00
Feb. 14, received interest on tax deeds 2.92

$5,318.43

1903
Mar. 4, by order; and receipts $792.11
Mar. 4, by tax deeds on hand 182.91
Mar. 4, by amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1902 3,385.78
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<td>To amount of J. A. Arnold’s tax bills of 1903</td>
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<td>Apr. 16</td>
<td>Received dog tax refunded</td>
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<td>May 15</td>
<td>Received from town clerk, dog license</td>
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<td>June 18</td>
<td>Received from town of Sumner</td>
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<td>Received from State on account of poor</td>
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<td>Received from State on account of poor</td>
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<td>Sept. 14</td>
<td>Received for rent of hall</td>
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<td>Dec. 3</td>
<td>Received from State on account of poor</td>
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<td>Dec. 30</td>
<td>Received from State, damage by dogs</td>
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<td>Jan. 2</td>
<td>Received from city of Portland</td>
<td>17 00</td>
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<td>Jan. 2</td>
<td>Received State school fund</td>
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<td>Feb. 10</td>
<td>Received of J. A. Arnold</td>
<td>9 35</td>
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<td>Feb. 15</td>
<td>Received of selectmen for cows</td>
<td>42 00</td>
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<td>Received of H. E. Stillman for Waite school house</td>
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<td>Received from selectmen from effects of D. Gammon</td>
<td>53 25</td>
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<td>Received for rent of town hall</td>
<td>8 00</td>
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<td>Received for clapboards sold</td>
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Received from Dixfield on account of ferry $34.71

Total $11,919.77

1904.
Feb. 15, by orders and receipts $5,987.72
By tax deeds 268.96
By amount due on J. A. Arnold's bills of 1903 4,814.54
By cash to balance 848.55

Total $11,919.77

ROADS AND BRIDGES.
Amt voted by town for roads and bridges $2,000.00
Expended previous to Mar. 2, 1903 $91.38
May 466.60
June 524.95
July 137.09
Aug. 1, to Feb. 15, 784.86

$2,004.88

SCHOOLS.
RECEIPTS.
Amt. raised by town $900.00
Unexpended balance 6.49
Int. on permanent school fund 34.38
Amt. recd. from state 617.36

$1,558.23

EXPENDITURES.
Teaching $965.25
Board 380.75
Fuel 81 41
Conveying 93 00
Janitors 21 95

Unexpended bal. $1,542 36

$15 87

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Amt. voted for new school house $700 00

EXPENDITURES.

Lot $75 00
Posts and setting around lot 9 82
Material for house and labor on house and lot 691 93
Seating school room 125 01

$901 76

ABATEMENTS.

Wm. Bassett $1 00
Stillman Bishop 1 00
Roscoe Coolidge 1 58
Abel Davis 2 30
Ralph Harlow 1 00
Walter G. Snell 1 00
Chas. Wood 1 00
Heirs of G. W. Gordon 84
Willard S. Harlow 1 00

$10 72

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid one-half expense of running ferry $34 71
Fighting forest fires 117 00
Certificates of births and deaths 12 75
Blank books 5 50
Cleaning town hall 2 00
Disinfecting W. A. McIntire's house 3 50
D. W. Walker, ballot clerk for '02 75
Balance printing report for '02 50
One-half cost running line between Peru and Rumford 13 75
For school apparatus and appliances 34 96
Estimated cost of printing town reports 10 00
W. S. Walker, postage and stationery 1 50
Selectmen for incidentals 9 74
J. A. Putnam, incidental expenses 7 28 ------------

$253 94

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid W. S. Arnold, town clerk $12 08
W. S. Walker, treasurer 35 00
A. S. Holman, selectman and assessor 81 00
Howard Turner, selectman, and assessor 52 50
H. O. Rowe, selectman and assessor 28 50
J. A. Putnam, supt. of schools 86 05
M. Hall, board of health 1902 3 50
Due Board of health 1903 estimated 5 00
J. A. Arnold, collector for 1903 116 17

$419 80
### CURRENT EXPENSES.

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<td>Expended on roads and bridges</td>
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<td>Orders of abatement</td>
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<td>Incidental expenses</td>
<td>253.94</td>
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<td>Town officers bills</td>
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<td>Int. on permanent school fund</td>
<td>34.38</td>
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<td>Int. accrued during the year</td>
<td>72.31</td>
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<td>Repairs on school houses</td>
<td>45.58</td>
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<td>New school house, seating, lot, etc.</td>
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<td>School books</td>
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**Total Current Expenses:** $4,036.46

### RECEIPTS.

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<td>Fractional overlay</td>
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<td>Recd. from state, dog license refunded</td>
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<td>for rent of town hall</td>
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<td>from J. A. Arnold</td>
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<td>Int. on tax deeds</td>
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<td>Due for rent of town hall</td>
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**Total Receipts:** $4,245.70

**Balance in favor of 1903:** $209.24

### FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

#### LIABILITIES.

- Outstanding orders bearing interest: $1,807.97
- Interest due Feb. 14, 1904: 173.46
Outstanding orders not on interest 1,347 57
Due the schools 15 87
Due J. A. Arnold, collector for 1903 116 17
Estimated cost of printing report 10 00
Estimated for services board of health 5 00

\[ \text{ASSETS.} \]

In hands of treasurer $5,932 05
Town farm and personal property 533 00
Due from State for poor 66 61
Due from State for porcupine bounty 45 00
Due from Grange for rent of town hall 10 00

\[ \text{Assets more than liabilities } \quad \$3,110 62 \]

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. HOLMAN, Selectmen
HOWARD TURNER, of
H. O. ROWE, Peru.
School Report.

No. children, census 1903, 221.
Length of school term, summer and fall 9 weeks each, winter terms 10, excepting that the fall term of West school closed at the end of the eighth week, occasioned by illness of teacher. This resulted in an eleven weeks' term in the winter.

### SCHOOLS.

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Pond school was taught by Mrs. M. Hall, a teacher of many terms experience. The written tests taken, the oral drills given, and the definite work done rendered this school profitable.

East school was taught by Maud Hooper. Her success in this school is sufficient evidence that she has found her work, viz.: "Teaching." Winter term was taught by Mary A. Child, "Bates," who continued the progress in an able manner. Miss Child is a fine scholar and an excellent disciplinarian.

Center school was taught by Mrs. Ada Knight, a trained and experienced teacher, having taught every school in this town. Nothing but success has ever crowned her efforts.

Miss N. A. Kingsbury has taught the West school for five consecutive terms. She is a Normal graduate and holds a State certificate, and having had experience in graded schools has been able to effect a change necessary to be made in all our schools—a change from "Unsystem" to "Grade."

The summer term of Union school was taught by Alma Curtis with good success. Good advancement was made and the discipline was excellent. The fall term was begun by Alice M. Hall, who, lacking ability to busy and interest her scholars, and consequently to control them, decided to close prematurely. The term was finished with excellent success by Elsie M. Dolloff. Winter term, also, was taught (in the new school house) by Miss Dolloff with her usual good success.

Knox school was taught for the year by Jennie Irish, a practical, energetic teacher. Discipline in this school was most excellent. A profitable year the result.
Dickvale school was taught, summer and fall, by Elsie M. Dolloff, who is a fine scholar, having a State certificate. Miss Dolloff is an able, practical teacher, who fully realizes her responsibility in and about the school room.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year $6 49
Appropriated 900 00
Received from State 617 36
Interest on school fund 34 38

$1,558 23

Disbursements.

Teachers wages $965 25
Teachers' board 380 75
Conveyance 93 00
Janitors 21 95
Fuel 49 41
Fuel, unpaid bill last year 32 00

$1,542 36

Balance unexpended $15 87

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year $32 43
Appropriated 75 00
Books sold 45 99

$153 42

Disbursements 153 77

Overexpended 35
REPAIR ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year $125.54
Appropriated 150.00
Expended 45.58

Unexpended $229.90

APPARATUS ACCOUNT.

No appropriation.
Amount expended $34.96
Incidental expense $7.28

Respectfully,

JOS. A. PUTNAM, Supt.

To the voters of the town of Peru:

As the question of combining the Knox school district, so called, with the Ridge and Waite districts was not definitely settled at our last town meeting, it is necessary that you take definite action at the coming meeting and decide what you wish your committee to do relative to same.

The Knox school house is not suitable to use the coming year, without going to considerable expense and almost making a new building, and when this is done the town does not own the lot on which it stands, or so we are informed.

Taking into consideration the small number of scholars now convened at the old school house and the expense of maintaining same, you will see by the report of your superintendent that the whole amount expended is nearly two hundred dollars, and considering the
nearness of the new school house to which those scholars farthest away could be conveyed at much less expense, it seems to your committee that it would be for the best interest of all concerned to discontinue the Knox school; and we make the following recommendation: That the Knox school, so called, be suspended, and the scholars be conveyed to some other school or schools.

H. R. ROBINSON,
N. B. WOODSUM.