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To the People of Belknap County.



In connection with the accompanying reports, giving a detailed account of the receipts and expenditures of the county for the year ending May 1st, 1883, together with its financial standing, your commissioners would respectfully call attention to the following matters:—

During the year a new and improved boiler with the "*Jarvis Patent setting*" has been put in at the County House at a cash expense of \$827.10 in addition to labor performed by the Superintendent and help at the farm. In return for this large outlay we have the satisfaction of reporting the actual saving of 71 1-2 cords of wood during the past winter, while the heating has been done in a more satisfactory manner than ever before.

For the first time we are able to report that the county buildings, both house and barn, have an abundant and reliable supply of pure soft water. After a very careful investigation of the matter the commissioners decided to bring water from "Round Bay," a distance of 132 rods, by the use of a windmill. They were able to make a satisfactory arrangement with Dr. J. L. Perley by which he assumed a portion of the expense and was supplied with water for his own use.

The windmill and pump are both of the most improved pattern in the market, purchased from the "Eclipse Windmill Co.," E. H. Wheeler, 40 Oliver St., Boston, proprietor, and the entire work has been done in a most solid and substantial manner. Three large reservoirs have been built and placed in the attic of the house with a capacity of 6000 gallons and sufficient length of hose attached in each story of the house to furnish an excellent protection against fire. The entire cash expense of this improvement has been \$936.16 in addition to labor done by those living on the farm. Other improvements are necessary, such as the erection of bath tubs and water closets, and a perfect system of drainage to make the whole thing complete as is desirable. It is hoped that the county convention will authorize the new board of commissioners to construct the same. The commissioners are aware that their right to expend so large sums of money in any one year, without special authority from the county convention, may be questioned in some quarters. They will say, however, that the necessity of these improvements was very strongly and earnestly presented to the county delegation at their last biennial visit to the farm, and was informally acknowledged by them. Mr. Peabody, of Tilton, perhaps the only one of the delegation informed in regard to steam heating, estimated the saving in fuel from the use of a new boiler at one-half, which was more than that claimed by us. An accurate account kept by the Superintendent shows a saving of 45 per cent., which would amount to \$250 in fuel alone.

Owing to the haste and want of careful forethought, which have too often characterized the action of the county convention, no special appropriations were made. The commissioners have therefore assumed the responsibility and ordered the repairs. They believe the money has been prudently and economically expended. But for this aqueduct, the only dependance for water during the greater part of the last winter would have been by drawing from the bay in casks. The saving of expense in this item, with the great additional security from fire, fully warrants the investment.

There have also been unusual expenses for painting of \$166.44, insurance, \$239.03 and for shingling court house \$129.38, making the extraordinary expenses of the year of \$2198.11.

A severe winter and dullness in manufacturing industries have materially swelled our pauper account, which is the largest for several years.

In spite of all this, however, the Treasurer is able to report a reduction of the county debt from last year of over \$5000—leaving a balance due of only \$7,142.85. As the county tax for the coming year is the same as last year, it seems probable that the debt will have nearly or quite disappeared when the next report comes to be made.

To the above must be added the expense which the law compels the commissioners to incur once in four years in equalizing taxes. This amounts to \$235.44, making a total of \$2433.55 as extraordinary expenses. By comparing the inventories of the several towns with the cash sales, and a personal examination of the property we found considerable variation, some towns being too low, while others are too high. This is a matter for the tax commission to equalize, so that each town shall bear its true and just proportion of taxation.

The affairs at the county farm have been managed by Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Clark to the entire satisfaction of the commissioners and with a fidelity that commands our hearty approval. We are pleased to report that we have secured their services for another year. We are satisfied the Superintendent and Matron have endeavored patiently and persistently to furnish the inmates plenty of good wholesome food, with comfortable quarters, and proved particularly kind in the care and nursing of the sick. We would extend to all citizens of the county an earnest invitation to visit the county farm and see for yourselves how things are managed. Then you will be competent to judge whether they are properly managed and will not lend an ear to the thousand or more rumors set afloat by irresponsible persons, who are forever finding fault however well officials may perform their duties. You must understand one thing; you have a duty to perform, and that is to pay annual, semi-annual, or monthly visits and give your property a thorough examination, suggesting to those in charge any betterments which would make your property more valuable, or the inmates more comfortable. Unless you do this, you have no right to be forever finding fault with the officials, who are trying to do their best in managing the trust committed to their care.

FRANK M. ROLLINS	} County
CHAS. W. NEAL	
CHAS. ROLLINS	

Laconia, May 1st, 1883.

Commissioners' Report.



Paid for support of external poor from May 1, 1882 to May 1, 1883.

Alton.

C. K. Rollins, aid to Jona. Woodman,	\$122 88	
C. E. Philbrook " " "	10 00	
Jones & Sawyer, " " "	1 84	
Charles Rollins, " " "	6 00	
P. H. Wheeler, M, D., aid to Jona. Woodman,	4 25	\$144 97
C. K. Rollins, aid to Frank Clark,	125 53	
P. H. Wheeler, med. aid to Frank Clark,	5 00	130 53
C. K. Rollins, aid to Enoch Flanders,	114 19	
A. R. Page, " " "	6 00	
Mooney & Varney, aid to Enoch Flanders,	90	
Chas. Rollins, " " "	45	
C. H. Downing & Co., " " "	1 00	122 54
C. K. Rollins, aid to C. A. Nutter,	30 68	
Chas. Rollins, " " "	2 00	32 68
C. K. Rollins, aid to T. U. Sawyer,		29 32
" " " Wid. Glidden	3 87	
Heman Glidden " " "	13 00	
Chas. Perkins, " " "	8 00	
D. P. Evans, " " "	12 00	
Town of Alton, " " "	19 17	56 04
Josiah Nason, " Hiram W. Odiorne,		12 00
C. K. Rollins, " Stephen G. Dicey,	1 65	
Jones & Sawyer, " " "	8 00	9 65
Town of Alton, " Transient,	15 25	
C. K. Rollins, " " "	9 31	
Chas. Rollins, " " "	17 09	41 65
Jones & Sawyer, " Ralph Glidden,		3 00
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		\$582 38

Gilmanton.

Geo. L. Dow, aid to John McKenzie,	\$74 65	
S. H. Dearborn, " " "	25 50	
Wight & Brown, med. aid to "	18 10	\$118 25
S. H. Dearborn, aid to John Wentworth,	82 50	
Wight & Brown, med. aid to J. Wentworth	29 10	111 60
S. H. Dearborn, aid to Nat. Robinson,	47 00	
Wight & Brown, med. aid to Nat. Robinson,	16 10	63 10
C. K. Rollins, aid to Nat. Shannon,	8 00	
John C. Shannon, " " "	20 75	
D. P. Evans, " " "	11 50	
Ezekiel Hill, " " "	2 00	
Jere. Blake, " " "	2 00	44 25
C. K. Rollins " Jos. Warren,	60 98	
Oliver L. Green, " " "	16 50	
Wight & Brown, med. aid to Jos. Warren,	1 50	78 98
C. K. Rollins, aid to Isaac Downs,		30 75
S. H. Dearborn, " Sam'l. Twombly,		19 00
John Connell & Co., aid to Jacob Rollins,		60 00
E. L. Carr, med. aid to Sam'l. Chase,	7 00	
Jos. Brown, aid to Sam'l. Chase,	24 17	
A. M. Newell, " " "	30 50	61 67
Jos. Brown, " Louisa Maxfield,		24 50
C. A. Hackett, " Nat Sanborn,		4 50
John C. Shannon, aid to Ann Shannon,	5 00	
Geo. Shannon, " " "	5 00	10 00
S. A. Merrill, med. aid to Mrs. J. M. Clifford,	12 50	
Wight & Brown, " " " " "	11 25	23 75
S. A. Taylor, " " Mrs. Dockham,	6 00	
" " " Contract,	75 00	81 00
Wight & Brown, med. aid to C. Greenleaf,	5 00	
" " " " Mrs. Danforth,	1 50	
" " " " L. C. Hill,	18 50	
" " " " Chas. Danniells,	1 00	
" " " " Mrs. D. Downs,	21 55	
" " " " Transient,	6 00	52 25
Town of Gilmanton, aid to Transient,		65 25
Madison C. Lamprey, " Mrs. Danforth,		2 00
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		\$850 85

Laconia.

Geo. L. Mead, aid to Wm. Lewis,	\$104 00	
" " " Henry Moulton	56 60	
" " " J. T. Webster,	21 50	\$182 10

E. F. Burleigh, aid to J. T. Webster,		\$1 75
J. B. French, " Geo. D. Hilliard,	3 00	
" " " J. T. Webster,	4 00	7 00
J. W. Sanborn, " Dorcas Haskell,	10 00	
" " " Lucinda Wisser,	41 00	
" " " Mrs. E. Rowe,	32 00	83 00
Thos. Baitton, " Mrs. E. Rowe,	17 50	
Mrs. F. Grant, " " " "	6 00	
G. Cook & Son, " " " "	5 50	29 00
Geo. W. Swain " Mrs. Sarah E. Clifford,	47 50	
Frank M. Rollins, " " " "	5 00	52 50
L. C. Cawley, " J. T. Webster,		10 00
O'Shea Bros. " Batchelder boy,		6 00
Town of Laconia " Sally Goodwin,	40 62	
" " " " Mrs. E. Rowe,	209 60	
" " " " Ann McCulloch	24 81	
" " " " Sarah Provencher,	16 28	
" " " " John Abare,	15 18	
" " " " Jona. Kelley,	2 72	
" " " " Geo. Boylou,	1 75	
" " " " Joe Truckey,	11 34	
" " " " John H. Pickering,	14 53	
" " " " Sally Pickering,	2 83	
" " " " Thos. Dolan,	2 40	
" " " " Mary A. Smith,	3 90	
" " " " Jere. Sullivan,	5 00	
" " " " Transient,	125 03	475 99
Ladd & Keasor, " C. E. Moody,	10 77	
" " " Sarah Provencher,	14 06	
" " " J. Abare,	27 10	
" " " Sally Pickering,	2 81	
" " " Sarah Goodwin,	6 39	
" " " Jenneatte Hatch,	9 00	
" " " Lucinda Wisser,	15 55	
" " " Mary A. Smith,	3 00	
" " " Hale child,	3 00	91 68
E. S. Carroll " Mary A. Smith,		8 16
H. A. Davis, " C. H. Moody child,		2 00
J. W. Cogswell, " Transient,		25 00
S. A. Taylor, med. aid to Transient,	10 00	
J. Gilbert, aid to Transient,	10 00	
Ira M. Rollins, aid to Transient,	4 00	
Chas. E. Young, " " "	2 00	26 00
H. E. Mace, " " "	85 00	

H. E. Mace, aid to Jas. Perry,	\$10 00	
“ “ “ Gracie Taylor,	10 00	
“ “ “ Jas. Sargent,	20 00	125 00
H. E. Mace, Med. Contract, for towns of Laconia and Gilford, County Farm and Haskell family in Sanbornton, 1882,	250 00	
H. E. Mace, bal. Med. Contract for 1881,	153 00	403 00
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		\$1,528 18

Meredith.

Harmon Robinson, aid to self and family,		\$80 00
Joseph Prescott, “ Hannah Prescott,		8 75
Richard Stanton, “ Sylvester Pickering family,		16 00
N. H. Insane Asylum, aid to Transient,		58 46
Geo. Sanborn, med. Contract for Meredith and Centre Harbor,		150 00
P. D. Blaisdell, aid to Jos. Dockham,	3 83	
C. W. Neal, “ “ “	22 50	
Geo. Sanborn, med. aid to Jos. Dockham,	4 50	
J. I. Prescott, aid to Jos. Dockham,	2 00	
Town of Meredith, “ “ “	2 00	34 83
Town of Meredith, “ Geo. A. Leavitt,	5 89	
J. I. Prescott, “ “ “	2 00	
J. B. French, “ “ “	2 20	
P. D. Blaisdell, “ “ “	3 14	13 23
Town of Meredith, “ Chas. Clark,	5 00	
J. I. Prescott, “ “ “	5 00	
J. B. French, “ “ “	5 07	15 07
Town of Meredith “ Ed. Willey,		5 00
“ “ “ Benj. Prescott,	8 60	
J. I. Prescott, “ “ “	5 00	13 60
Town of Meredith, “ Transient,	9 00	
J. I. Prescott, “ “	22 26	
J. B. French, “ “	15 22	
Ira C. Boynton, “ “	7 40	
A. E. Leavitt, “ “	3 00	
C. W. Neal, “ “	1 13	
Geo. Sanborn, “ “	8 75	66 76
Town of Meredith, “ Willie B. McCrillis and Harry A. Glazier at State Industrial School,		12 00
C. S. Prescott, aid to E. Berry,	9 00	

J. H. Knowles & Co., aid to E. Berry,	\$20 72	
Geo. Sanborn, med. aid to " "	9 30	
Town of Meredith, aid to " "	21 00	
Ira C. Boynton, " " "	2 00	62 02
J. H. Knowles & Co., " C. F. Pickering,		5 00

\$540 72

New Hampton.

A. B. Meservey, aid to Ruth Smith,		\$9 33
" " " Reuben Wallace family,	\$48 00	
Eben B. Hayes, " " " "	10 00	58 00
A. B. Meservey, " Wm. C. Sanborn,		39 06
Town of New Hampton, aid to Wm. Ferguson,	24 50	
Town of New Hampton, aid to Ambrose T. Merrill,	11 35	
Town of New Hampton, aid to Wallace child,	10 00	
Town of New Hampton, aid to Transient,	5 00	50 85

\$157 24

Sanbornton.

Thos. Webster, aid to Mary T. Dixey,	\$46 50	
Edw'd. Abbott, med aid to Mary T. Dixey,	12 50	59 00
Thos. Nichols, aid to Jona. Johnson,	19 15	
J. L. Rowen, " " "	8 40	
Edw'd. Abbott, med. aid to Jona. Johnson,	3 00	
Reuben Dudley, aid to Jona. Johnson,	6 00	
J. Gilbert, " " "	9 00	45 55
" " " L. Thompson child,		2 00
J. W. Sanborn " Dorcas Haskell,		51 00
Wiggin & Co., " John M. Gilman,		121 66
" " " Joshua M. Smith,	4 14	
Noah L. True, med. aid to Joshua M. Smith,	24 25	28 39
K. H. Batchelder, aid to Wm. T. Kimball,	65 00	
Edw'd. Abbott, med. aid to W. T. Kimball,	14 00	
H. K. Thompson, aid to W. T. Kimball,	14 00	93 00
Wm. S. Woodman, " Jere. S. Sanborn,	6 11	
S. P. Wiggin, " " "	18 87	
Geo. D. Stackpole, " " "	3 50	
Town of Sanbornton, " " "	31 25	
H. K. Thompson, " " "	14 00	73 73
Mrs. Geo. Johnson, " Transient,	24 50	
A. W. Abbott, " " "	7 00	31 50

G. N. Sanborn, aid to Timothy Carlton,		\$2 00
Town of Sanbornton, " Mr. Harmon,	2 00	
" " " Alfred A. Langley,	10 00	
" " " Benj. Page,	6 50	
" " " Byron Batchelder,	5 00	23 50
Edw'd. Abbott, med. aid to A. A. Langley,	19 00	
" " " " Byron Batchelder,	16 00	
" " " " Transient	8 00	43 00
Sylvester Chapman, aid to " "	6 00	
E. D. Weeks, " "	4 00	10 00

\$584 33

Tilton.

Harry Hinds, aid to Jas. A. Hinds,		\$71 58
Town of Tilton " Chas. Hannaford at State Industrial School,	\$78 00	
Town of Tilton, aid to Transient,	94 73	172 73

\$248 54

RECAPITULATION.

To amt. of orders drawn on Treasurer for support of external poor,		\$6,393 07
By amt. paid Town of Alton,	\$582 38	
" " " Barnstead,	307 37	
" " " Belmont,	143 89	
" " " Centre Harbor,	225 80	
" " " Gilford,	1,223 77	
" " " Gilmanton,	850 85	
" " " Laconia,	1,528 18	
" " " Meredith,	540 72	
" " " New Hampton,	157 24	
" " " Sanbornton,	584 33	
" " " Tilton,	248 54	\$6,393 07

FRANK M. ROLLINS } CHARLES W. NEAL } CHARLES ROLLINS }	Commissioners of Belknap County.
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Report of Supt. of County Farm.

RECEIPTS.

Received from County Treasurer,	\$5,428 68
C. B. Burley, board of Mrs. Chapman,	131 30
H. N. Colbath, " Mrs. Munsey,	111 00
Town of Belmont, " Mrs. Judkins,	45 00
" New Hampton, board of Mrs. Colton,	38 00
" Laconia, " Mrs. Snow,	26 00
S. Staples, board,	9 90
J. O. Sanborn, beef cattle,	556 80
Sundry parties for potatoes,	69 42
" " shotes,	26 09
" " flour barrels,	4 05
" " butter,	42 80
" " seed wheat,	11 65
" " use of bull,	9 00
" " hay,	106 51
" " labor,	6 75
Egan, cost,	5 00
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	\$6,617 95

EXPENDITURES.

Paid O. H. Gerish, fruit trees,	\$14 00
C. L. Davenport, painting,	5 00
Wiggin & Co., 1 Randal harrow,	35 00
E. Page, digging grave,	2 00
W. B. Reynolds, painting,	71 23
W. L. Crockett, chopping,	11 00
Jewett, repairing wagon,	6 00
L. R. Hunkins,	2 50
C. A. Rundlett,	6 00
C. K. Sanborn, powder,	4 10
J. Knowlton, beef,	18 00
W. L. Thompson, shoe work,	11 25
J. Batchelder, beans,	5 50
T. S. Moses, tinware,	14 61
J. B. French,	11 20
M. J. Smith, labor,	99 00
R. Knowlton,	9 50
Express,	1 55

Paid Freight bill,	\$27 43
Mrs. Johnson, stationery, school books, &c.,	10 85
H. J. Crooker, smith work,	23 15
Postage and box rent,	4 00
J. Gilbert, coffins and robes,	47 00
E. L. Dow, 448½ lbs. beef,	224 05
J. P. Atkinson, chaplain,	12 00
G. L. Mead, crockery,	16 44
S. D. Glidden, smith work,	22 41
J. P. Pitman, store goods,	219 60
H. Callender, groceries,	316 75
A. C. Leavitt, freight on boiler,	27 20
" " " windmill and pipe,	70 32
Wiggin & Co., store goods,	117 90
O'Shea Bros., dry goods and shoes,	349 13
Smith & Lougee, dry goods and shoes,	283 14
J. E. Page, repairing barn,	3 00
W. B. Clark, churn,	11 00
Wiggin & Co., paint,	71 77
J. Edwards, stone work,	32 00
Town of Laconia, taxes,	\$ 49
F. Edgerly, paper,	1 25
O'Shea Bros., furniture,	25 00
H. E. Brawn, castings,	4 00
J. M. Brawn,	50
J. H. Swain, labor,	8 00
N. Aldrich,	12 25
Bishop Bros., ladders,	8 05
O. L. Bickford, oxen,	195 00
W. B. Clark, creamer,	38 50
W. M. Rand,	2 50
Laconia Mill, flour and grinding,	227 40
Mansur & Knight, furniture,	20 85
H. H. Stone, mason work,	21 02
W. Wallace, threshing,	4 30
H. P. Ladd,	2 25
S. E. Young,	15 00
D. F. Cook,	1 75
A. C. Knowlton,	5 00
Belknap Co. Agr'l. Society tickets,	5 30
H. H. Stone, mason work on boiler,	47 25
A. J. Farrar, for bread,	5 00
A. Paige, digging grave,	2 00
Katie Carroll, labor,	32 50

Paid Car Co., irons for windmill;	\$6 30
S. W. Sanders, drain pipe,	8 04
D. T. Smith, canvas,	27 00
R. B. Foster, expense for Young,	13 00
J. T. Durham, stone work,	2 00
A. C. Leavitt, brick,	1 00
C. Rollins, yarn,	4 80
J. M. Jackson, fruit trees,	3 60
Freight on tanks,	42 80
R. L. Coe, tobacco,	5 25
W. S. Woodman, beef,	9 65
M. E. Hunkins, labor,	3 00
A. F. Upton, tube scraper,	2 75
O. D. Brown, apples,	5 00
F. M. Sanborn, halter,	75
S. S. Wiggin, 1 cord manure,	4 00
F. A. Brown, manure,	11 00
C. E. Busiel, carpenter,	36 00
J. P. Pitman, brooms,	2 75
L. D. Clark, labor,	90 00
J. G. Webster,	5 00
A. Smith, crackers,	2 95
W. D. Huse, piping and pipe,	74 81
G. Gook, lumber,	30 89
J. O. Stevens, manure,	7 50
H. H. Stone,	4 50
C. H. Lamprey, manure,	9 34
S. W. Sanders, tinware,	23 58
J. C. Moulton, brick,	28 62
J. N. Sanborn, apples,	1 25
J. O'Shea, 3 cords manure,	14 07
B. F. Parker,	2 00
G. Cook, lumber,	29 20
Kate Green,	9 00
Wm. Neal, oxen,	200 00
J. E. Page, labor on water works,	24 93
A. Swain, chopping,	5 50
H. Callender & Co., 100 bbls. flour,	662 50
W. T. Wood, ice saw,	5 48
G. E. Stevens, 10 doz. hose,	18 00
J. Edwards, stone work,	21 60
J. A. Mitchell, stove,	6 00
E. J. Dinsmore, harness,	15 75
J. A. Mitchell, goods,	22 35

Paid Laconia Grist Mill, flour and grain,	\$253 27
J. Sanborn,	2 00
H. D. Smith, soap,	7 20
M. Brown, eggs,	1 15
L. H. Wheeler, hose pipe,	3 75
C. Rollins, yarn,	6 72
S. Clark, labor,	78 00
A. C. Leavitt,	1 70
G. Cook, lumber and labor,	38 83
E. F. Burleigh, shoes,	1 85
L. D. Clark, labor, .	90 00
J. P. Pitman, sugar and soda,	34 69
F. Jarvis, on wood,	46 12
T. S. Moses, stove and fixtures,	108 35
J. O. Sanborn, oxen,	180 00
T. Dolan,	9 00
J. M. Paine,	2 70
D. Norris,	36 00
Jerry Smith, yarding wood,	11 00
W. D. Huse, valve,	1 77
J. L. Meserve,	5 17
J. H. Story, medicine,	45 38
J. P. Sanborn,	2 50
C. H. Lamprey, ice,	5 00
G. V. Pickering,	1 00
G. A. Hatch,	5 00
S. W. Sanders,	3 37
S. Clark, labor,	78 00
R. Clark, clothing,	16 00
J. Knowlton, beef,	11 10
B. E. Thurston, grain and grinding,	93 38
G. F. Mallard, medicine,	59 42
T. S. Foster,	1 19
R. Clark, expense on water works,	19 50
Fred Valeran, chopping wood,	94 00
J. Gregory, on boiler,	10 00
Sundry bills,	49 69
Rufus Clark, one year's services,	700 00

 \$6,617 95

SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNTS.

To inventory of personal property May 1, 1882,	\$6,471 16
Paid for provisions, clothing, stock, furnishing, jail, house of correction, alms house and funeral expenses,	5,142 67
Paid on account of new boiler,	244 45
“ “ “ water works,	186 37
Paid for paint and painting,	166 44
“ carpenter and stone work and lumber bought,	178 02
Rufus Clark and wife, one year's salary	700 00
Interest on investment,	1000 00
	————— \$14,089 11
By inventory of personal property May 1, 1883,	\$7,113 53
Received for stock, labor, hay, board of persons at farm, &c.,	1,189 27
Board of persons in jail,	400 46
Fifteen cords manure bought,	75 00
Permanent improvements,	1,200 00
By error on inventory 1882,	100 00
	————— \$10,078 26
Amount for support of paupers,	\$4,010 85
Average number, 62.	
Cost of each per week, \$1.24 1-3	

Names and ages of inmates and number of weeks they were supported at the farm for the year ending May 1st, 1883.

Names.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.	Names.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Burrows, Herbert,	29	52	1	Edwards, Sarah,	77	52	1
Busiel, Willie,	12	32		Emerson, M. W.,	1 mo.	3	
Chapman, Mrs.	83	52	1	Fifield, Emma,	33	52	1
Clark, I. P.	63	36	3	Graves, David,	34	25	4
Clark, Eliza,	79	34	3	Gilman, Ezekiel,	63	33	4
Calton, Orvil,	26	18	3	Gilman, Belle,	14	52	1
Dockham, Susan,	80	52	1	Goodwin, Sarah,	63	10	1
Dalton, Charlot,	52	52	1	Hoyt, Susan,	77	52	1
Drew, Sally,	79	33	3	Hoyt, Geo.,	46	52	1
Dicy, Richard,	79	19	1	Hill, Benj.	80	52	1
Dockham, Geo.,	63	52	1	Hale, Alexander,	4	52	1
Dale, John,	4	52	1	Jaques, Charles,	81	52	1
Elkins, Mercy.	70	52	1	Judkins, G. R.,	39	15	
Ellsworth, Betsey,	72	52	1	Jarvis, Frank,	65	2	

Jarvis, Susan,	64	2	McMillan, Susa J.	3	52	1
Jarvis, Frank, Jr.,	12	2	Munsey, John,	77	32	4
Jarvis, Geo.,	15	2	Nute, E. C.,	54	52	1
Jarvis, Lois,	10	2	Nutter, Rebecca,	39	52	1
Kimball, Silas,	66	32 2	Perkins, Ellen,	34	14	
Ladd, Ann,	53	52 1	Prescott, Hannah,	90	44	
Luxman, Anna,	39	52 1	Philbrook, M. C.	70	4	
Lock, Susan,	83	52 1	Rogers, W. L.,	55	52	1
Lawrence, Mary,	38	55 1	Robinson, H. L.,	30	52	1
Lawrence, Mary J.	8	52 1	Rundlett, F.	31	33	4
Lawrence, Nettie,	15	52 1	Sargent, James,	19	52	1
Lawrence, Olive	4	52 1	Smith, N. D.	54	52	1
Lawrence, Herman,	3	52 1	Small, Mark,	44	12	5
Lawrence, Lena,	1	52 1	Smith, Stephen,	83	52	1
Lawrence, Nellie,	18	14	Small, M. O.,	37	52	1
Lougee, David,	80	2	Sturtevant, John,	90	13	3
Lougee, Sally,	87	52 1	Smith, M. A.,	53	39	1
Louthers, Lewis,	5	52 1	Shanon, Ann,	70	48	5
Leavitt, Jonathan,	82	52 1	Snow, Emma,	45	31	2
Marsh, Margaret,	63	52 1	Smith, Ruth,	80	37	4
Merrill, Horace,	72	52 1	Tibbetts, Paul,	75	47	
Merrill, Sally,	67	52 1	Taylor, G. I.,	23	38	
Merrill, C. H.,	42	12 2	Widger, Percilla,	25	32	4
Merrill, Emily,	21	52 1	Webster, Ed,	35	42	
Moody, Willie,	14	46	Willey, Ed,	58	8	2
McMillan, Margaret,	40	52 1	Young, Charles,	45	52	1
McMillan, Florence,	5	52 1				

Total number weeks' support, 3,226.

Report of Superintendent of House of Correction.



To the Commissioners of Belknap County—Gentlemen:

Five persons were committed to the House of Correction for the year ending May 1, 1883.

Cause of Commitments.—Drunkenness.

Number of weeks' board, furnished House of Correction by Alms House, 87.

Cost collected and credited to County in Supt. receipts, \$5 00

Deputy Jailer's Report.



Number persons in Jail May 1, 1882, 1; number committed for the year ending May 1, 1883, 16; total, 17; number discharged, 16; remaining in Jail, May 1, 1883, 1.

Cost of boarding and clothing prisoners, \$400.46, furnished by Alms House.

Respectfully submitted,

RUFUS CLARK, Supt. and Deputy Jailer.

Sheriff's Report.

I have received of the County of Belknap for travel and attendance of Deputy Sheriffs and attendance at court, conveying prisoners, &c.,

September Term, 1882,	\$130 00
March Term, 1883,	178 16
	—————\$308 16

I have paid to Deputy Sheriff and for attendance at court, conveying prisoners, visits to jail, &c.,

	\$308 16
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In submitting my last report I congratulate the County on the small amount drawn for Sheriff expenses.

May 1, 1883.

JAMES W. COGSWELL, Sheriff.

County Solicitor's Report.



To the Citizens of Belknap County:

Inasmuch as the Statute requires the County Solicitor, annually on the first day of May, to make report of his doings, I submit the following, although there may be but little in it of general interest.

During my term of office, which is now about to expire, the county has been exceedingly fortunate in having no expensive criminal cases, and I feel conscious of having erred (if I have erred in the administration of the criminal practice) in the direction of retrenchment and economy.

At the September Term 1882, the Grand Jury returned twenty indictments—one each for larceny and burglary—two for assault on an officer—four for selling cider and beer, and twelve for liquor.

Pay rolls were drawn for the term amounting to \$420.76.

At the March Term 1883, three indictments were returned by the Grand Jury—one each for liquor selling, over driving a team and forgery.

Pay rolls were drawn for the term amounting to \$159.61.

For the disposition of the different cases I would most respectfully refer to the records of the court. There are now pending upon the criminal docket two cases.

I cannot retire from the office which I have held, and in my feeble way attempted to fill, for a succession of years, without expressing to the citizens of the county, and more especially to the members of the bar and also to the court, the grateful remembrance which I shall always feel toward them for their uniform kindness, courtesy and forbearance towards me in my official capacity. I am sensible that my shortcomings have been many and frequent, but it has ever been my aim honestly to subserve the ends of justice and in good faith protect the interests of the county. If I have failed in this it is in consequence of a lack of judgment and not the want of a proper motive.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. ROGERS, Solicitor.

May 1, 1883.

Clerks' Reports.

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To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

Following is an itemized account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of the Supreme Court for said county.

1882.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Sept. Term	To 6 mos. per order Dec. Term 1876,	\$175 00
	Making records,	37 37
May 1	Paid Geo. C. Hoitt, binding,	1 25
“ 15	Express from Judge Smith,	15
“ 19	J. P. Pitman & Co., eyelet punch,	55
June 6	W. E. Moore, June law dockets,	4 50
“ 14	Express to Edson C. Eastman,	15
July 3	Laconia P. O. box rent,	25
“ “	Express from Edson C. Eastman,	40
Aug. 30	Proportion June law term,	12 01
“ “	Printing dockets and blanks,	55 75
“ “	1-2 cost printing cases,	26 50
“ “	Postage,	7 25
“ “	R. H. Dutton, stationery,	2 35
“ “	Mrs. N. Johnson, stationery,	4 05
“ “	12 days attendance, at \$3	36 00
		\$363 53
	<i>Cr.</i>	
By 69 entries at 90 cents,		\$62 10
16 dockets sold at \$1,		16 00
jury fee,		5 00
fine and costs, State vs. John F. Trask,		82 60
“ “ “ State vs. F. Carroll,		42 57
“ “ “ State vs. Savage,		71 20
“ “ “ State vs. Pendexter,		113 59
“ “ “ State vs. Phillips,		73 40
		\$466 46
Balance due county,		\$102 93
Examined and allowed by A. P. Carpenter, Presiding Justice.		
	MARCH TERM, 1883.	
To paid express from Judge Smith,		\$ 15
Proportion June law term,		6 04
W. E. Moore, Dec. law dockets,		6 00

Auditors' Report.



We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the County Commissioners for the past year and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

We find the sums stated in the vouchers and the amounts paid for articles named therein are, as far as we are able to judge, according to the market value of the same, and that the same were used for the benefit of the county.

CHARLES H. SLEEPER } Auditors of
CHARLES E. WALKER } Belknap County.

May 1, 1883.

Physician's Report.



To the Commissioners of Belknap County—Gentlemen:

It should be well understood by our citizens—but I fear it is not—that the larger part of our inmates at the county farm are aged or physically and mentally weak, and to expect our mortality rates to be very light under these circumstances would be unreasonable. However, the appended list is no increase on the average of years; and considering the poor accommodations which the construction of the house gives for their comfort and the lack of the all important good nursing, which the greater part of the time must devolve upon some ill companion, the rates are certainly small. A most deplorable thing is the necessity of having our passively insane distributed in the apartments of aged patients and it has been a constant fear of mine that we shall one day awake to hear of some horrible tragedy, that some of those worthy lives, which we are expected to make pleasant and protect, have been sacrificed to an insane impulse. I regard the management of the Superintendent and Matron as being exceptionably good, with the conveniences at their command, and have called attention to these matters, hoping our citizens and tax payers may become interested enough to visit our institution and if called upon to make necessary appropriations, they may do so advisedly. If our people are willing to take it for granted that the administration of affairs is good without personally investigating for themselves, they show a lack of financial and benevolent training not ordinarily exhibited in business affairs.

DEATHS.

Died.	Name.	Age	Disease.
May 11, 1882.	David Lougee.	80.	Old Age.
July 27, 1882.	Mark Small.	43.	Consumption.
August 2, 1882.	John Sturtevant.	89.	Old Age.
Sept. 11, 1882.	Richard Dicey.	79.	Old Age.
Sept. 16, 1882.	Moses C. Philbrook.	70.	Dysentery.
Oct. 12, 1882.	David Graves.	34.	Consumption.
Oct. 15, 1882.	George Judkins.	39.	Insane.
Dec. 14, 1882.	John Munsey.	76.	Pneumonia.
Jan. 10, 1883.	Paul Tebbetts.	75.	Heart Disease.
Mar. 3, 1883.	Sally Drew.	79.	Spinal Disease.
Mar. 4, 1883.	Ezekiel Gilman.	63.	Consumption.
Apr. 5, 1883.	Hannah Prescott.	90.	Pneumonia.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. MACE, Physician.

To Making records,	\$23 99
Paid M. A. Haynes, printing docketts, etc,	72 00
Feb. 1 under order Dec. Term 1876 (4 mos.)	116 66
Paid proportion June law term,	5 13
Mrs. N. Johnson, stationery,	6 50
	<hr/> \$236 47

Examined and allowed by Isaac N. Blodgett, Presiding Justice.

Attest:—

M. A. HAYNES, Clerk.

GEO. A. EMERSON, Clerk of the Supreme Court, in account with the
COUNTY OF BELKNAP.

MARCH TERM, 1883.

Dr.

To 1 jury fee,	\$5 00
129 entries at 90 cents,	116 10
15 docketts sold,	15 00
	<hr/> \$136 10

Cr.

By paid express,	\$ 15
M. A. Haynes, printing,	19 00
Court order (Feb. 1 to March 27),	58 34
9 days attendance,	27 00
Postage and box rent,	6 75
	<hr/> \$111 24

Balance due county, \$24 86

The foregoing accounts were examined and allowed by Hon. Isaac N. Blodgett, Presiding Justice, and the balance found due the county has been paid to the County Treasurer.

GEO. A. EMERSON, Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.



Receipts and Expenditures of the County of Belknap for the year ending May 1, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in Treasury, May 1, 1882, \$16,384 81

County Taxes.

Received County Tax of Alton,	\$2,044 25
Barnstead,	1,827 80
Belmont,	1,713 56
Centre Harbor,	619 29
Gilmanton,	1,869 89
Gilford,	3,884 08
Laconia,	5,928 33
Meredith,	2,386 96
N. Hampton,	1,166 43
Sanbornton,	1,719 58
Tilton,	1,839 83

\$25,000 00

Fines.

Received of J. G. Jewett, Justice, case S. C. Taylor,	\$2 00
R. C. Morrill,	5 00
W. P. Mason,	3 00
Oscar Batchelder,	1 00
John Horalin,	3 00
F. Norris,	1 00
John Judge,	1 00
Edgar Coune,	2 00
C. Woodman,	2 00
Battie Donovan,	8 00
Wm. Surat,	3 00
Charles Winn,	3 00
Jos. Cate,	2 00
William Clow,	2 00
James Rouen,	1 00
Thos. Kelley,	1 00

Received of J. G. Jewett, justice, case Henry Barrit,	\$3 00
David Dipey,	3 00
T. D. Emery,	25 00
Wm. Trippleton,	50 00
Frank Dow,	3 00
William Donovan,	3 00
Stephen Patch,	3 00
Wm. Raynor,	25 00
Received of Col. E. Stevens, fine of N. Wiggin,	10 00
C. C. Rogers, State vs. Bailey,	10 00
" " State vs. A. Elliott,	3 00
" " State vs. Shyatt,	2 00
W. T. Cass, State vs. J. Boucher,	50 00
W. B. Fellows, Berk vs. Randall,	1 00
A. L. Rollins, State vs. W. Belton,	10 00
D. W. Judkins, State vs. R. R. Gordon,	3 00
" " State vs. J. F. Robinson,	3 00
<i>Miscellaneous Receipts.</i>	
Received of County of Grafton aid rendered Joseph Dockham,	\$25 83
Aid returned from B. Prescott,	8 60
J. Dockham,	2 00
Received of G. A. Emerson, Clerk of Court, bal. of funds,	24 86
County of Merrimack, aid to Moody family in Belmont,	74 48
Total Receipts,	\$41,767 55

EXPENDITURES.

Officers.

C. H. Sleeper, auditor,	\$10 00
C. E. Walker, " "	15 00
Frank M. Rollins, services and expenses as commissioner to May 1, 1883,	294 15
Frank M. Rollins, services and expenses on equalization,	72 68
Chas. W. Neal, services and expenses as commissioner to May 1, 1883,	272 40
Chas. W. Neal, services and expenses on equalization,	82 68
Chas. Rollins, services and expenses as commissioner to May 1, 1883,	359 85
Chas Rollins, services and expenses on equalization,	79 88
J. W. Cogswell, 6 mos. salary as sheriff,	65 00
" " " " " "	65 00
Rufus Clark, agent, six months salary,	350 00
" " " " " "	350 00

C. C. Rogers, six months salary as solicitor,	\$125 00
“ “ “ “ “ “	125 00
N. E. Smith, services as janitor to May 1, 1883.	96 00
Orran W. Tibbetts, treasurer,	150 00

Court Expenses.

J. G. Jewett, fees, State vs. Eagan,	12 26
T. Cogswell, fees, Baker vs. Simons,	24 87
W. M. Barnard, ref. Walker vs. Lang,	13 70
J. G. Jewett, fees, State vs. J. Welsh,	9 24
“ “ “ “ W. Hayes,	10 78
“ “ “ “ T. Dolan,	11 05
“ “ “ “ C. N. Merrill,	8 24
“ “ “ “ E. Evans,	8 74
N. E. Smith, attendance police court,	2 50
E. P. Thompson, fees, State vs. Danforth,	3 00
Albert Whitten, “ “ Tuck & Smith,	5 00
E. P. Thompson, “ “ J. F. Robinson,	3 00
J. G. Jewett, “ “ W. B. Goodwin,	9 24
“ “ “ “ Rob't. Muzzy,	10 01
J. P. Whittier, “ “ Wm. Black,	20 04
N. E. Smith, messenger probate court,	7 50
“ “ two days police court,	5 00
J. G. Jewett, fees State vs. J. Smith,	10 01
C. C. Rogers, fees County vs. Clark, 2 terms,	12 00
“ “ “ “ Pendexter, 2 terms,	12 00
“ “ “ “ “ I “	6 00
“ “ “ “ Clark, 1 term,	6 00
“ “ “ “ “ I “	6 00
“ “ “ “ Pendexter, 1 term,	5 00
N. E. Smith, messenger probate court,	7 50
J. P. Whittier, fees, State vs. Folsom,	5 31
“ “ “ “ W. Hurley,	9 22
Witness fees State vs. J. S. Trask, No. 1,	20 63
“ “ “ Jas. Ames, No. 2,	16 30
“ “ “ Chas. McCloud, No. 3,	12 69
“ “ “ Marilla Sanborn, No. 4,	4 35
“ “ “ A. V. Pendexter, No. 5,	3 72
“ “ “ J. P. Woodbury, No. 6,	10 30
“ “ “ J. H. Carroll, No. 7,	38 42
“ “ “ C. E. Eldridge, No. 8,	124 55
“ “ “ F. Carroll, &c., No. 9,	30 74
“ “ “ A. O. Phillips, No. 10,	18 86
“ “ “ G. F. Savage, No. 11,	26 87
“ “ “ Joseph Baily, No. 12,	109 66

Witness fees, State vs. Joseph Bailey, No. 13,	\$2 33
J. W. Cogswell, State vs. N. Chapman,	18 54
J. G. Jewett, State vs. S. C. Taylor,	10 28
N. E. Smith, two days police court,	5 00
M. A. Haynes,	236 47
T. Cogswell, ref. fees, two cases Barker vs. Barker,	136 85
Grand jury pay roll, Sept. 1882,	123 40
Petit " " " " " "	343 00
" " " " " " part,	4 64
Grand " " " March 1883,	121 52
Petit " " " " " "	65 52
" " " " " "	211 60
" " " " " "	135 36
Witness fees State vs. T. E. Ladd, No. 1	3 23
" " " Sanbornton, No. 2,	2 05
" " " J. Fitzgerald, No. 3,	9 37
" " " John Carroll, No. 4,	2 00
" " " C. McCloud, No. 5,	2 00
" " " J. C. Lyford, No. 6,	28 89
" " " Jos. Perry, No. 7,	20 80
" " " J. H. Fifield, No. 8,	18 64
" " " A. O. Phillips, No. 9,	20 08
" " " G. F. Savage, No. 10,	20 80
" " " G. Jarvis, No. 11,	21 35
" " " J. Ford, No. 12,	9 63
N. E. Smith, attendance supreme court,	20 00
" " " " " 14 days,	35 00
" " " " " 11 days,	27 50
J. W. Cogswell, sheriff and deputies fees and services, Sept. '82,	178 16
" " " " " " " " Mar.'83,	225 74
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	\$2,721 05

MISCELLANEOUS,

M. A. Haynes, Lake Village <i>Times</i> ,	\$3 00
" " printing notices,	2 50
David Smith, fitting wood,	5 00
N. E. Smith, ex. at court house,	15 60
R. H. Dutton, supplies, Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds,	10 75
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing,	118 50
M. A. Haynes, printing,	20 00
E. C. Eastman, dockets,	26 00
Truland Bros., printing,	75
Wiggin & Co., supplies,	2 03
R. S. Lewis, supplies Register of Deeds,	3 32

J. H. Warren, electro. check book,	\$33 30
R. S. Lewis, stationery for Register's office,	12 50
" " copying index vol. 68,	15 00
" " express and blanks,	1 00
T. E. Prescott, insurance premiums,	35 86
N. E. Smith, watering trees, Court House yard,	2 15
J. H. Fifield, teams and board of commissioners,	11 00
A. M. Merrill, desk for Register's office,	17 00
E. B. Beaman, binding records, 1 vol.,	10 00
A. F. Upton, Jarvis Patent Furnace,	100 00
" " fire bricks,	24 00
Swampscott Machine Co., boiler and fixtures,	435 00
H. W. Leach, mason, labor on boiler,	45 70
E. B. Beaman, binding docketts,	6 80
N. E. Smith, postage stamps for officers,	8 75
" " supplies at Court House,	4 80
M. Scott, grading Court House yard,	10 00
Mrs. N. Johnson, Jr., stationery,	14 55
G. Cook & Son, shingles and labor on Court House,	129 35
D. C. Batchelder, services as coroner, C. H. Hurley, and child,	34 00
Felix Dehit, balance ditching water pipe at farm,	40 87
L. H. Wheeler, on ac. windmill at farm,	500 00
N. E. Smith, cleaning Court House,	2 50
J. T. Durham, repairs on settees and desks,	4 05
A. L. Morrison, team,	1 25
Swampscott Machine Co., bal. on account,	212 35
L. H. Wheeler, bal. on ac. of windmill,	402 78
Brown & Johnson, teams on appraisal,	42 00
" " " for commissioners,	64 00
N. E. Smith, cleaning Court House,	4 50
E. B. Harrington, moving safe,	1 75
N. E. Smith, postals and postage,	4 00
" " labor cleaning rooms,	3 50
E. A. Page, painting floors and varnishing at Court House	4 40
O'Shea Bros., carpet at Court House,	10 64
Wiggin & Co., supplies " "	30
D. N. Ewell, meals to State Board of Health,	1 50
G. H. Everett, teams for State Commissioners,	5 00
E. B. Beaman, binding records,	7 00
L. H. Wheeler, fire house at farm,	71 57
J. T. Durham, repairs on furniture at Court House,	2 03
J. F. Merrill, repairs on hitching posts,	3 25
South Church, use of bell for 1883.	5 00
T. E. Prescott, insurance premium. County farm,	203 17

D. N. Ewell, supplies for jurors and sheriff,	\$6 50
E. B. Beaman, binding court judgments for clerk,	6 00
N. E. Smith, putting in wood at Court House,	5 50
“ “ postage stamps for officers	11 00
R. S. Lewis, removing snow,	2 63
Mrs. N. Johnson, Jr, stationery for Court House	18 25
R. H. Dutton, “ “ “ “	1 95
J. T. Durham, labor for Court House,	2 40
E. A. Hibbard, legal advice,	11 00
N. E. Smith, repairs at Court House,	2 06
A. Whitten, half fine State v. F. Parshley,	25 00
J. W. Ashman, half fine Brown v. Tripleton,	25 00
“ “ “ “ Mary Perkins v. J. Fitzgerald,	25 00
J. F. Merrill, for gravestones,	59 30
Wiggin & Co., lock for Court House,	42
Laconia Gas Co, gas “ “	7 90
O. W. Tibbetts, expense on records,	29 47
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	\$2,996 28
Rufus Clark, as per report for farm use,	4,728 68
Notes and interest,	8,479 95
Paid for support of external poor from May 1, 1882, to May	
1 1883, as per commissioners' report,	6,393 07

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,		\$41,767 58
Paid officers and fees,	\$2,512 84	
Court expenses,	2,721 05	
Paupers' account,	6,393 07	
Farm use,	4,728 68	
Notes and interest,	8,479 95	
Miscellaneous,	2,996 28	
Balance in treasury,	13,935 71	\$41,767 58

County Debt, May 1, 1883.

Principal and interest,	\$21,078 56
Cash on hand,	13,935 71
Debt less cash on hand,	7,142 85
June 1st, notes and interest to the amount of five thousand	
dollars are to be paid from the cash on hand.	
Debt less cash on hand May 1, 1880,	\$28,761 54
“ “ “ “ “ 1881,	20,549 36
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	12,169 95
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	7,142 85

Current expenses for year ending May 1, 1880,	\$20,112 80
“ “ “ “ “ 1881,	16,490 03
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	15,561 24
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	19,351 92
Court expenses for year ending May 1, 1880,	\$4,460 46
“ “ “ “ “ 1881,	3,264 45
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	3,058 66
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	2,721 05
Expenses supporting paupers externally and at farm for year ending May 1, 1880,	\$11,079 28
Expenses supporting paupers externally and at farm for year ending May 1, 1881,	9,262 82
Expenses supporting paupers externally and at farm for year ending May 1, 1882,	8,954 53
Expenses supporting paupers externally and at farm for year ending May 1, 1883,	11,121 75
Appropriations for the year ending May 1, 1880,	\$20,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1881,	26,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1882,	26,000 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1883,	25,000 00

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, I respectfully submit the foregoing statement, my annual report as treasurer of Belknap county.

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, COUNTY TREASURER.

BELKNAP SS., May 1, 1883.

We, the undersigned auditors of Belknap county, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of Orran W. Tibbetts, treasurer of said county, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance in the hands of the treasurer of thirteen thousand nine hundred thirty-five dollars and seventy-one cents.

CHARLES H. SLEEPER } Auditors of
CHARLES E. WALKER } Belknap County.

May 1, 1883.

