



OFFICERS' REPORTS
OF THE
COUNTY OF BELKNAP
FROM
January 1 to December 31,
1898.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY FARM, SHERIFF,
COUNTY TREASURER, JAILER, PHYSICIAN,
CLERK OF THE COURTS AND
COUNTY SOLICITOR,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

LACONIA, N. H. :
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County Officers.

COMMISSIONERS.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, Meredith.

GEORGE C. PARSONS, Gilmanton.

ORRIN D. HUSE, Sanbornton.

TREASURER.

MARK M. ROBINSON, Laconia.

SOLICITOR.

FRANK M. BECKFORD, Laconia.

SHERIFF.

CHARLES F. LOCKE, Laconia.

CLERK OF SUPREME COURT.

EDWIN P. THOMPSON, Belmont.

JUDGE OF PROBATE.

WILLIAM B. FELLOWS, Tilton.

REGISTER OF PROBATE.

EDWARD S. COOK, Laconia.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

MARTIN B. PLUMMER, Laconia.

AUDITORS.

A. J. PILLSBURY, Tilton.

E. P. THOMPSON, Laconia.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY FARM AND DEPUTY JAILER.

HERMAN C. WEYMOUTH.

PHYSICIAN AT COUNTY FARM.

HENRY C. WELLS.

Commissioners' Report.

In compliance with the laws of the state the annual report of the Commissioners is herewith submitted, together with the reports of the superintendent of the county farm, treasurer, clerk of the supreme court, solicitor, sheriff, jailer, physician and auditors.

The appropriation for the current year was \$30,000. The amount paid out by the Commissioners for the support of external poor for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898, was \$12,420.15, a decrease of \$2,173.33 from the previous year.

The county farm was continued under the management of Superintendent and Matron Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thyng until May 1. At that time, owing to the severe illness of Mrs. Thyng, they tendered their resignation. Mr. and Mrs. Thyng are so well and favorably known to Belknap County that they need no word of praise at our hands.

Since May 1 the farm, jail and house of correction has been under the management of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Weymouth as superintendent and matron. They have given good satisfaction and their services have been secured for the next current year.

During the last year the Commissioners have caused to be dug and stoned up a ditch across the field about sixty rods in length; they caused to be cut all the bushes growing on the farm, leaving about forty acres of pine, which, in the opinion of the Commissioners, is much more valuable to grow for timber than it would be to cut off for wood.

The condition of the farm at the present time is excellent, the fields are in a high state of cultivation and produced last

year hay enough to fill the barn, which is 150 x 40 feet. It also produced about 650 bushels of ears of corn ; 300 bushels of potatoes ; 100 bushels of oats. There has been raised on the farm and slaughtered nearly two tons of pork ; about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a ton of beef ; about 2-5 of a ton of veal ; 148 lbs. of poultry and since May 1st, 1898, over one ton of butter has been made, of which, after supplying all wanted for use on the farm, over 800 lbs. have been exchanged for groceries. In addition there has been raised :

200	heads of cabbage,
273	“ “ lettuce,
15½	bus. green peas,
7	“ string beans,
25	“ cucumbers,
12	“ shell beans,
9	“ tomatoes,
18	“ beets,
30	“ sweet corn,
100	“ turnips,
	1 ton of squash,
$\frac{3}{4}$	“ “ pumpkins,
75	“ “ hay.

The walls and fences are all free from weeds and bushes, and are in good repair.

The Commissioners have caused to be built a hydrant-house, which, in their opinion, is the best one in Laconia, all of which improvements have been made by the labor of the usual employees on the farm. It has not been necessary to make any but minor repairs to any buildings, except the jail. New steel doors have been procured and put in three cells.

The Commissioners are happy to state that the buildings are now all in good condition and need no repairs.

The county farm consists of about 160 acres of land, which is in one piece. The county also owns a pasture of about one hundred and fifty-five acres, separated from the farm proper by

another pasture of about thirty-six acres, and the Commissioners would call attention to the advisability of purchasing this pasture, as it is very much needed for pasturage for the stock of cows that can be kept on the farm, which must either be reduced in the spring or dried and put off at pasture.

November 23rd, 1871, the county owned a part of the present farm, with the buildings then on the same. On that day the buildings were all burned, leaving the land (about 150 acres,) which at that time was worth, say \$3,000, which perhaps is not an unfair estimate. In 1872 new buildings were erected at a cost of \$9,397.16 and heating apparatus installed therein at a cost of \$2,495.29. This same year a wood-lot of 75 acres was bought of Thomas E. Ladd at an expense of \$3,000.00. In 1874 another tract of land adjoining the above tract of about 80 acres was purchased of Thomas E. Ladd, at an expense of \$816.00. Since then the county has purchased two tracts of land, one the field in front of the buildings bought of Dr. Perley in 1887 for \$1,750.00, and a wood-lot in 1889 purchased of the estate of Asahel Sanborn at an expense of \$2,000.00.

In 1885 the old jail was torn down; a new jail built, the front part of the house extended so as to double its length, and a new wing added like the old one at an expense of \$20,197.52, and an addition to the barn built in 1897 at an expense of \$1,260.99. This makes the total cost of the farm \$45,166.96, without taking into consideration any improvements which may have been made since 1871, by the labor of the usual employees of the farm or otherwise.

A reference to the reports will show that from May 1st, 1879 to January 1st, 1899, the sum of \$7,624.78 was charged to improvements on the real estate; that the sum of \$22,164.59 was charged to new buildings and that the sum of \$1,730.00 was charged as manure on hand at the end of each year. The manure then being spread upon the land to raise crops for the use of the farm.

As will be seen by the examination of this report the Com-

missioners have made a radical departure from the method which has heretofore prevailed in the management of the county affairs. Since May 1st when Mr. Weymouth assumed charge as superintendent of the farm, the Commissioners have purchased and drawn orders to pay for all the expenses incurred in the management of the farm, and the support of its inmates. Previous to this time the custom had been for the superintendent of the farm to make purchases of goods for, and pay the expenses of, maintaining the farm, and the Commissioners have drawn their orders payable to the superintendent of the farm in such sums as he required to pay the bills. This custom has been in vogue as far back as there are any records showing what has been done. Under this method the superintendent has paid for repairs of the jail, board and care of the prisoners out of these funds.

An examination of the several annual reports of the superintendent of the farm will show that the salary of the superintendent and various other items, pertaining to the cost of running the farm, but paid by orders drawn by the county commissioners, have never been figured as part of the expense of supporting the inmates. They also show that the superintendent has received sums of money from various sources which have been applied to the support of inmates. By adding together the amount of the orders drawn by the commissioners, payable to the superintendent, the salary of the superintendent, the items paid by the commissioners and interest on the investments, at 4 p. c., it will give the total cost to the tax payers of the county of supporting the farm, jail and house of correction; adding to this the sums of money received by the superintendent from various sources, and adding the decrease or subtracting the increase in the amount of personal property on hand each year, will give the total cost of maintaining the institution.

The report each year gives the name of each inmate of the alms-house during that year, and the length of time each one was supported there. By applying the simple process of ad-

dition to these lists the number of weeks support furnished to the inmates may be easily determined.

The report also gives the number of weeks support furnished prisoners in the house of correction, which we are unable to verify, and by a reference to the reports of the jailer furnished the supreme court each term we have been able to ascertain the number of weeks board furnished prisoners in the jail, except in a very few cases, where the reports are incomplete.

It is a fact so plain that it does not seem it would need any argument to prove that the actual cost of maintaining the inmates at the farm, house of correction and jail is the interest on what may be invested in the farm, together with the money received from the sale of produce off the farm, and the amount paid by the county treasurer for the use of the farm.

Unfortunately separate accounts have not been kept in the construction, repairs and maintainance of the jail and alms-house, but both have been classed together under one head.

The following table, which has been compiled with considerable care, shows the amount invested in real estate for the use of the county farm and jail each year, from May 1st, 1880 to December 31st, 1898, together with the interest on the investment each year; at 4 p. c. the amount of money paid by the treasurer for the use of the county farm and jail; the amount received by the superintendent from other sources for the use of the farm; the number of weeks support furnished the inmates of the alms-house each year; the number of weeks furnished the prisoners in the house of correction, and the number of weeks furnished the prisoners in the jail, so far as it can be ascertained.

The Commissioners are indebted to E. P. Thompson, Esq., for the above statistics and the following table, which have been compiled by him with great care :

For Year ending May 1.	Value of Real Estate.	Interest on Investm't.	Orders Paid by Treasurer.	Total Cost to Taxpayers.	Number Weeks Board Furnished.				Cost per Week to Taxpayers.
					Inmates.	House of Correc'n	Jail.	Total.	
1880	\$19,708.45	\$788.34	\$4,428.58	\$5,216.92	3119	105	113	3337	1.56
1881	"	"	3,536.71	4,325.05	3131	51	147	3335	1.29
1882	"	"	4,646.05	5,434.39	3156	10	88	3254	1.67
1883	"	"	7,359.28	8,147.62	3154	87	111	3352	2.43
1884	"	"	4,881.16	5,669.50	3019	57	189	3265	1.73
1885	"	"	4,759.31	5,547.65	3130	36	145	3311	1.67
1886	39,905.97	1,596.24	5,452.14	7,048.38	3483	30	133	3646	1.93
1887	41,905.97	1,676.24	8,174.70	9,850.94	3437	32	131	3600	2.73
1888	"	"	5,935.26	7,611.50	3341	50	107	3498	2.17
1889	43,905.97	1,756.24	7,337.75	9,093.99	3242	67	219	3528	2.57
1890	"	"	6,783.32	8,539.56	3126	103	282	3511	2.45
1891	"	"	7,416.44	9,172.68	3155	206	453	3814	2.40
Dec. 31									
1892	"	"	*15,478.53	*17,234.77	4465	558	473	5496	3.13
1893*	"	"	9,565.84	11,322.08	3060	408	248	3716	2.04
1894	"	"	11,128.32	12,884.56	3306	295	281	3885	3.31
1895	"	"	9,442.88	11,199.12	3261	214	528	4003	2.80
1896	"	"	9,853.13	11,609.37	2596	167	653	3416	3.40
1897	45,166.96	1,806.68	8,471.08	10,277.76	2547	243	470	3260	3.15
1898	"	"	†6,196.24	8,002.92	2547	290	467	3304	2.42

For Year ending May 1.	Inventory of Personal Property.	Gain. Substract.	Loss. Add.	Received by Supt.	Total Expense Farm.	Cost per Week.
1880.....	\$5,828.67	.....	\$781.23	\$805.87	\$6,804.02	\$2.03
1881.....	6,049.30	\$220.63	.....	1,387.04	5,591.46	1.67
1882.....	6,371.16	321.86	.....	1,291.19	6,403.72	1.66
1883.....	7,113.53	742.37	.....	1,189.27	8,594.52	2.56
1884.....	7,805.49	691.96	.....	998.62	5,976.16	1.83
1885.....	7,898.01	92.52	.....	1,068.50	6,523.63	1.97
1886.....	7,060.14	.....	837.87	1,365.01	9,251.26	2.53
1887.....	8,022.37	962.23	.....	1,275.60	10,164.31	2.82
1888.....	8,367.46	345.09	.....	1,150.74	8,417.15	2.40
1889.....	9,024.00	656.54	.....	933.82	9,371.27	2.65
1890.....	8,815.38	.....	208.62	482.62	9,230.80	2.62
1891.....	8,287.82	.....	527.56	677.35	10,377.59	2.72
Dec. 31.						
1892.....	*10,329.08	2,041.26	.....	1,008.81	16,202.32	2.94
1893.....	9,845.34	.....	483.74	394.27	12,200.09	3.28
1894.....	7,223.86	.....	2,621.48	724.15	16,230.19	4.17
1895.....	7,336.97	113.11	.....	522.63	11,608.64	2.89
1896.....	8,253.43	916.46	.....	755.92	11,448.83	3.35
1897.....	7,438.36	.....	815.07	1,487.80	12,580.63	3.85
1898.....	7,622.24	183.88	.....	†1,344.02	9,163.06	2.77

* For 20 months from May 1, 1891 to Dec. 31, 1892.

† Less amount received by treasurer from farm, \$921.08.

‡ Includes cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898.

STATEMENT.

Paid the several towns for support of paupers	\$8,578.68	
Paid the several towns for support of dependent soldiers	2,744.79	
Paid N. H. Asylum for Insane	512.39	
“ State Industrial School	464.79	
“ N. H. Orphans’ Home, pauper children	119.50	
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Whole amount paid for external poor		\$12,420.15
COUNTY OFFICERS.		
Salaries paid by commissioners		\$850.00
COURT HOUSE.		
Paid W. B. Fellows, insurance	\$231.75	
“ For coal	234.71	
“ J. S. Chase, salary and cash paid out	440.06	
“ For repairs, stationery, blank books, printing, gas, electric light, telephones, water, postage, etc.	532.56	
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Total expense of Court House		\$1,439.08
Paid sheriff and deputies		701.52
“ C. F. Locke, cost and expense, Keeler case	56.08	
Paid C. F. Locke, repairs on jail	111.83	167.91
“ F. W. Fowler, coroner		33.75
“ Weeks Bros., printing 1000 reports		80.00
Whole amount of bills for County Farm, jail and house of correction, paid by commissioners		7,005.49
Paid miscellaneous expenses		243.89
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Whole amount of orders drawn by commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1898		\$22,941.79

Paid for Support of External Poor for the Year Ending
December 31, 1898.

ALTON.

Mrs. Wm. Jones	\$125.50	
Calvin H. Flanders	95.50	
Sarah Collins	24.14	
Leah Evans	42.08	
Sarah Rand	44.50	
Frank Clark	20.78	
Clark Perkins	46.23	
Rosella Blakely	8.63	
J. D. Flanders	2.50	
Mrs. M. V. B. Stevens	50.00	
N. H. Asylum, Alfaretta J. Flanders . .	283 20	
P. H. Wheeler, M. D., medical contract and medicines	161.50	
Transient	147.84	
Dependent soldiers and families	317.79	
		\$1,370.19

BARNSTEAD.

F. M. Maxfield	\$45.00	
George H. Randall	13.05	
Transient	71.50	
		\$129.55

BELMONT.

Lydia A. Johnson	\$96.00	
Mrs. Quinn	80.12	
Napoleon Ringley	5.44	
Lewis Truckey	5.20	
Bunker boy	26.00	
Nancy Dockham	40.10	
Transient	69.88	
		\$322.74

CENTRE HARBOR.

Harry George	\$48.00	
Dependent soldiers and families	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$168.00

GILFORD.

N. H. Orphans' Home, Willey boys	\$119.50	
Mrs. F. A. Dodge	22.05	
Lyman Thompson	283.99	
Mrs. John Thompson	49.53	
	<hr/>	\$475.07

GILMANTON.

Sarah A. Webster	\$21.00	
George Haskell	11.00	
Fannie Gordon	45.88	
Laura Page	35.00	
Blanche Adams and Addie Evans	97.25	
Melvin and Alice Greenough	99.25	
Mrs. David Fogg	13.35	
Transient	351.71	
Dependent soldiers and families	274.75	
	<hr/>	\$949.19

LACONIA.

J. N. Letourneau, M. D., medical contract and medicines	\$279.85	
Campbell family	84.08	
J. G. Quimby, M. D., medical contract and medicines	62.50	
Mrs. Anthony	76.94	
Mary Black	52.94	
William Black	40.95	
Matthew Mooney	77.24	
Mrs. Wm. Lewis	12.00	
Julia Shute	58.50	
Sallie Gilford	58.50	
Mary A. Severance	87.50	

A. W. & C. S. Abbott, medical contract	\$125.00	
Apphia Crafts	16.75	
Joseph Champeau	4.00	
Joseph Greenwood	48.00	
Daniel B. Leavitt	32.50	
Patrick Conley	30.00	
Mrs. C. S. Evans	36.00	
Kate Leavitt	67.65	
Eliza Blaisdell	13.00	
N. H. Industrial School, Joseph Dutrizac	45.00	
“ “ Harry Dockham	58.93	
“ “ Thomas Lessard	63.43	
“ “ Napol'n Lessard	63.43	
“ “ Wm. F. Burns	78.00	
“ “ Emma Tanguay	78.00	
Transient	3,279.60	
Dependent soldiers and families	826.20	
		————— \$5,756.49

MEREDITH.

H. S. Davis, M. D., medical contract and medicines	\$107.05	
Charles Clark	3.00	
Herbert family	7.75	
Harley Horn	66.16	
George Swain	9.45	
George Grant	1.00	
Jessie Swain	51.00	
Hannah Wiggin	47.50	
F. P. Smith	148.37	
Transient	120.05	
Dependent soldiers and families	634.07	
		————— \$1,195.40

NEW HAMPTON.

Benjamin Evans and wife	\$90.50
George Bliss	78.00

Nancy Webster	274.22	
George Watson	17.00	
Mary Thompson	41.25	
Charles Pickering	3.00	
Lydia Farnham	2.50	
Dependent soldiers	53.12	
	<hr/>	\$559.59

SANBORNTON.

Edwin Johnson	\$58.39	
Henry Davidson	13.04	
M. J. Whitehouse	156.00	
Mrs Daniel Loverin	31.00	
George B. Randlett	45.00	
Eliza Parker	21.50	
Transient	33.50	
Dependent soldiers and families	477.40	
	<hr/>	\$835.83

TILTON.

N. H. Industrial School, Arthur Thompson	\$78.00	
Willie Williams	13.71	
Noe Gonier . . . . .	.50	
C. W. Glines	45.25	
Henry Buchane	30.81	
Delia Hooper	8.25	
T. J. Maderson	3.00	
Henry Burnham	85.00	
Albert Mason	8.50	
Joseph Guyot	4.85	
L. M. Yeaton	3.00	
C. F. Patrick	3.00	
Kate Keaten	48.00	
Josie Bruno	6.00	
Transient	277.72	
Dependent soldiers and families	42.51	
	<hr/>	\$658.10

RECAPITULATION.

To amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer for		
support of external poor		\$12,420.15
Paid town of Alton		\$1,370.19
“ “ Barnstead		129.55
“ “ Belmont		322.74
“ “ Centre Harbor		168.00
“ “ Gilford		475.07
“ “ Gilmanton		949.19
“ “ City of Laconia		5,756.49
“ “ Meredith		1,195.40
“ “ New Hampton		559.59
“ “ Sanbornton		835.83
“ “ Tilton		658.10
		—————\$12,420.15

JOSEPH F. SMITH,	} Commissioners	
GEORGE C. PARSONS,		of
ORRIN D. HUSE,		Belknap County.

Superintendent's Report.

SUMMARY OF FARM ACCOUNT.

This is made by amounts actually paid by Commissioners without adding any interest on investment and deducting amount paid to the Treasurer by the Superintendent and for board of prisoners.

Inventory Jan. 1, 1898	\$7,438.36	
Amount paid for mdse. Supt's salary paid by Commissioners from Jan. 1, 1898, to Dec. 31, 1898	7,005.49	
Amount paid by C. D. Thyng, Supt., from Jan. 1, 1898, to May 1, 1898, which was cash on hand and amount received from products of farm	1,344.02	
	\$15,787.87	
Inventory Dec. 31, 1898	\$7,622.24	
Cash paid to County Treasurer by Supt. from sales from farm	524.56	
Cash paid County Treasurer for board of prisoners, for board and expense furnished by farm	396.52	
Amount due for board of sundry persons, Dec. 31, 1898	169.35	
	8,712 67	
Actual cash expense of almshouse, house of correction and jail for year ending Dec. 31, 1898		\$7,075.20

Number of weeks board at almhouse	2,547	1-7
“ “ house of correction	289	5-7
“ “ jail	467	
“ “ employees	520	
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	3,824	

\$7,075.20 divided by 3,824, number of weeks board furnished inmates of almhouse, jail, house of correction and employes is \$1.85 as cost per week.

INMATES AT BELKNAP COUNTY FARM.

Names.	Town.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Adams, Margaret	Alton	44	52	1
Ashton, Margaret	Laconia	47	52	1
Batchelder, Charles	Meredith	63	52	1
Burrows, Herbert	Barnstead	43	52	1
Bickford, Rosa	“	18	52	1
Bunker, Charles	New Hampton	40	52	1
Black, William	Laconia	60	52	1
Black, Mary	“	31	52	1
Colton, Grace	Sanbornton	38	20	0
Carroll, Timothy	Laconia	61	52	1
Donovan, Charles	Alton	40	52	1
Denney, Almon	Meredith	41	52	1
Drowns, Mary	Laconia	40	34	0
Evans, Eva	“	28	34	0
Elliott, Horace	Gilmanton	60	38	0
Fifield, Harriet	New Hampton	60	52	1
Frowley, Margaret	Laconia	52	52	1
Farnham, Lydia	New Hampton	89	18	0
Gilman, Belle	Gilmanton	30	52	1
Gilman, Annabelle	Born at farm	2	52	1
Gilman, Angie	Gilford	21	52	1
Gordon, Mary	New Hampton	79	11	0
Greenough, Etta	Gilmanton	38	32	0

Names.	Town.	Age.	Weeks.	Days.
Greenough, Florence . . .	Gilmanton . . .	1	32	0
Hubbard, Harriet . . .	Laconia . . .	60	52	1
Hadley, David . . .	" . . .	85	52	1
Harmon, Michael . . .	" . . .	52	15	4
Huckins, S. C. . . .	New Hampton . . .	50	15	0
Judkins, Lewis	Belmont	42	52	1
Ladd, Ann	New Hampton . . .	60	52	1
Luxman, Annie	Belmont	54	52	1
Merrill, Sallie	Laconia	83	9	2
Mooney, Mathews	Lakeport	82	22	0
Nutter, Rebecca	Barnstead	54	52	1
Merchand, Frank	Laconia	63	18	3
Noyes, Charles	Lakeport	22	4	5
Peavey, Emma	Alton	66	52	1
Parsley, Frank	Barnstead	36	52	1
Page, Jaradene	Meredith	43	16	0
Page, John	"	6	16	0
Rogers, William	Meredith	70	52	1
Rowe, Tamson	Laconia	72	52	1
Sorrell, Moses	"	84	52	1
Shaw Martha	"	71	52	1
Sumner, Lucy	Belmont	75	52	1
Small, Mary	Gilford	53	52	1
Smith, N. D.	New Hampton . . .	69	52	1
Stackpole, Laura	Meredith	74	52	1
Swain, Kate	"	44	16	0
Swain, R. M.	"	4 mo.	16	2
Twombly, Mary	Gilmanton	58	40	2
Thompson, Benjamin . . .	Alton	68	52	1
Tarlson, Guy	Laconia	2	52	1
Tarlson, Louisa	Born at farm . . .	1	52	1
Taylor, S. C.	Laconia		17	1
Weeks, Ann	Gilford	65	52	1
Young, Charles	Alton	56	52	1
Verrellaux, Charles . . .	Laconia	42	0	2

BOARDERS AT FARM.

Names.	Town.	Age.	Weeks	Days.
Shaw, Joseph	Laconia	91	49	1
Hackett, James M.	"	80	25	5
Huckins, Hannah	Gilford	49	52	1
Dixey, Mary	Sanbornton	63	52	1
Wadleigh, Margaret	"	55	6	3
Cole, Eliza	"	10	6	3

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Superintendent.

JAILER'S REPORT.

The following is a list of the prisoners confined in Belknap County jail from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1898:

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Charles Duntley	40	0
Wilder Vannah	52	2
John Bacon	27	3
Rose Tarlson	52	2
C. H. Davis	12	6
Robert Dewhurst	12	6
Frank Day	0	8
Joseph Guay	10	3
John Quinn	51	5
George Garland	1	2
Allen Patten	1	3
James Sullivan	1	3
Charles Smart	1	3
Peter Bernard	8	0
William Brown	8	0
Mike Riley	19	1
Montford Geer	9	1
Elmer Wadleigh	1	6
Fred Baker	7	2
John C. Page	27	4

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
James Keeler	14	2
Charles Blood	26	2
Mary Harriman	0	1
George Scribner	13	2
William Gibbs	21	6
Moses Colbath	3	3
Fred Huntress	13	3
John Trumbull	6	4
William Murrey	8	5
Thomas Laroche	8	5
Elwin Greenleaf	1	1
Harry Smith	1	5
Number in jail Jan. 1, 1898		7
Number committed during the year		25
Number in jail Dec. 31, 1898		9
Number of weeks board		467

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Deputy Jailer.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

The following is a list of persons committed to the House of Correction for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898 :

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Thomas Laroche	7	1
C. H. Merrill	18	6
George Dow	2	1
James Duff	10	4
George Norton	1	0
Luke Bree	1	0
Patrick Driscoll	9	6
Patrick Ford	9	6
William Barrett	7	6

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
John Clifford	1	3
George LaFountain	1	3
Paul Myers	1	3
James Livingston	1	3
Parquale Amable	11	1
Peter Maltais	8	6
John Bowen	1	5
John Reen	1	3
John Monahan	9	6
William Shapleigh	1	3
John Bowen	4	5
Thomas Burke	1	3
Edward Michael	1	3
Reuben Sealey	0	1
Noel Laroche	24	6
Benton Leavitt	26	4
Charles Brady	1	4
Charles Dockham	27	5
Mary Dockham	14	0
Mabel Blackman	14	0
John S. O'Brien	7	0
Moses Lasantra	6	3
Adolphus StCyr	1	4
Charles Kelley	1	4
Patrick O'Shea	5	3
Jeff Neuel	1	3
John Edwards	5	1
Isaac Leavitt	0	4
Julian Guyott	2	2
Patrick O'Connell	5	4
John Ames	9	0
Frank Sullivan	1	4
Frank Stevens	8	4
Edward Barrett	3	5
John McCormark	1	4

	WEEKS.	DAYS.
Charles McKnight	1	4
Michael Riley	1	3
Addie Theriault	0	3
Number in House of Correction Jan. 1, 1898		6
“ committed during the year		50
“ in House of Correction Dec. 31, 1898		7
“ of weeks board furnished, 289 weeks, 5 days.		

H. C. WEYMOUTH, Supt.

Clerk's Report.

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit an itemized account of all my receipts and disbursements as clerk, for the year 1898:

MARCH TERM, 1898.

Dr.

To fine and cost State v. Guay	\$61.87
" " Underwood	88.40
" " Maloney	62.68
" " Young	5.04
2 law dockets sold	2.00
20 trial dockets sold	40.00
One-half cost printing cases	8.00
152 entries at 90 cents	136.80
3 jury fees	15.00
Cost State v. Young	21.44
" " Lougee	15.04
Fine and Cost State v. Downs	62.55
" " Guay	61.18
" " Moulton	700.00

\$1,280.00

Cr.

By paid Lena G. Durrell	\$54.50
6 days attendance	18.00
Paid Ira C. Evans	3.82
48 State entries at 30 cents	14.40
6 months allowance	350.00
Paid Library Bureau	31.00

By paid Laconia Press Association	\$138.70
E. F. Woodman	5.18
Laconia Postoffice	10.00
15 days attendance	45.00
Paid Lena G. Durrell	37.50
Ira C. Evans	3.20
Recording judgments, March Term, 1897	46.22
Paid for sundries	3.28
Balance paid County Treasurer	519.20
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	\$1,280.00

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1898.

Dr.

To 2 law docketts sold	\$2.00
19 trial docketts sold	38.00
119 entries at 90 cents	107.10
4 jury fees	20.00
Order on Treasurer to balance	424.03
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	\$591.13

Cr.

By Paid for law books	\$60.00
6 months allowance	350.00
24 State entries at 30 cents	7.20
Paid E. F. Woodman	2.55
Lizzie H. Sanborn	11.25
Laconia Press Association	97.05
Laconia Postoffice	10.00
17 days attendance	51.00
Paid for sundries	2.08
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	\$591.13

E. P. THOMPSON, Clerk.

Solicitor's Report.

I am pleased to state that the County has been remarkably free from atrocious crimes during the past year.

There was on the continued docket at the March term of court eleven cases. Seven of these cases, on account of the respondents having fled the state, were continued; one was marked "not to be brought forward nisi," and three had fines and costs imposed.

The grand jury found forty-four indictments, which were disposed of as follows :

- 1 aggravated assault. 11 months in jail, pay costs.
- 2 cruelty to animals. On payment of costs not to be brought forward nisi.
- 2 adultery. Continued.
- 1 bringing pauper into state. Continued.
- 10 obtaining money by false pretences. One party sent to prison for one year and one day. Fine was imposed of \$500 and costs amounting to \$200 on one of the other indictments. The others were marked not to be brought forward during good behavior.
- 9 breaking and entering. States prison and pay costs.
- 18 for violation of the liquor laws. On 7 indictments fines and costs imposed. 11 indictments were against two parties who fled the state and the cases were continued.
- 1 for perjury in a liquor trial. Continued.

At the September term there was on the state docket twenty-seven continued cases. Sixteen were continued, the respondents being without the state. Five were marked "not

to be brought forward nisi ;" four were nol prossed, and on two fines and costs were imposed.

The grand jury found twenty-four indictments as follows :

- 2 obtaining money by false pretences. On trial, disagreement by jury. Case continued.
- 1 practicing medicine without a license. Fine and costs imposed.
- 2 aggravated assault. One year each in jail.
- 1 robbery. Five years in state prison.
- 2 breaking jail. 1 continued. 1 marked not to be brought forward nisi.
- 1 assault upon an officer. Upon payment of costs not to be brought forward.
- 2 embezzlement. 1 year in jail and pay costs on other. Upon payment of costs not to be brought forward nisi.
- 1 cruelty to animals. Upon payment of costs not to be brought forward nisi.
- 1 peddling without a license. Transferred to Law Term.
- 1 adultery. Continued. Respondent without the state.
- 1 larceny. Reform school during minority.
- 9 violation of liquor law. 2 paid fine and costs. 7 continued, respondents being without the state.

The freedom from crime within this county is in my judgment largely due to the energy and faithfulness of the sheriffs and police officers, and I desire here to acknowledge the courtesy and help which I have received in the discharge of my official duties not only from Sheriff Locke and his deputies, but also from the very efficient city marshal of the city of Laconia and his entire police force.

Believing it to be my duty to give to the officers of the County the credit of being the proximate cause of the decrease in crime, I can but feel that the attention of the citizens of the County should be called to one other element, which, in my opinion, enters into the reason for this freedom from violation of the law, viz : the absence of the open saloon. Dur-

ing the past year there has been in the County but ten persons who have been indicted for the violation of the liquor laws, and three of those have fled the state.

It is worthy of note that this is in marked contrast to the year 1893 as shown by the Solicitor's report for that year. He says "of 202 indictments found by the grand jury, 182 were for direct violation of the liquor law and for offences committed while intoxicated." So far as I know, during the past year, with one exception, (viz : the aggravated assault case), there has been no crime committed while under the influence of liquor.

If this element is a reason for the decrease in crime, it is a matter over which the inhabitants of the County may well ponder, and by comparing the criminal records of this County from the beginning of the administration of Solicitor Fellows until the present time, with that of other states and counties where the open saloon is unrestrained, they will be enabled to decide if I am correct in my conclusions, and also upon the policy they wish their Solicitor to pursue.

F. M. BECKFORD, County Solicitor.

Sheriff's Report.

Supreme Court Expenses— March Term, 1898.

Paid Charles F. Locke, Sheriff 15 days attend-		
ance		\$45.00
Charles F. Locke, travel . . . . .		.24
Rev. W. H. Getchell, chaplain		1.00
Fees, mittimus No. 1004		8.70
" " 1026		3.14
" " 1031		13.38
" " 1035		13.38
" " 1037		13.38
" " 1038		2.62
" " 1039		2.62
" " 1040		13.38
Paid C. D. Thyng, Jailer's fees		13.50
Philbrook Bros., team		7.25
F. O. Wallace & Son, meals for jurors, prisoners and keepers		8.00
	————	\$145.59
Calvin Jenkins, Deputy, 10 days attend-		
ance		\$25.00
Travel		1.92
6 trips to jail		6.00
	————	\$32.92
Ellis Gardner, Deputy, 15 days attendance		\$37.50
Travel . . . . .		.84
	————	\$38.34
Albert V. Locke, Deputy, 15 days attend-		
ance		\$37.50
Travel . . . . .		.24
2 trips to jail		2.00
	————	\$39.74

Paid Edmund Page, Deputy, 11 days attendance	\$27.50	
Travel	1.20	
2 trips to jail	2.00	
		<u> </u> \$30.70
John M. Flanders, Jr., Deputy, 11 days attendance	\$27.50	
Travel	1.68	
2 trips to jail	2.00	
		<u> </u> \$31 18
Edward M. Drake, Deputy, 9 days attendance	\$22.50	
Travel	1.20	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
		<u> </u> \$27.70
Total for March term		<u> </u> \$345.17

September Term, 1898.

Paid Charles F. Locke, Sheriff, 17 days attendance	\$51.00	
Travel . . . . .	.24	
Rev. R. P. Babbitt, chaplain	2.00	
Fees, mittimus, Moses Colbath	18.50	
“ James Keeler	13.38	
“ Charles E. Blood	3.14	
“ Fred J. Huntress	3.14	
“ Gibbs	3.14	
F. O. Wallace & Son, meals for jury, prisoners and keepers	\$20.00	
D. K. Marsh & Co., teams	2.00	
Philbrook Bros., teams	6.25	
		<u> </u> \$122.79
Ellis Gardner, Deputy, 10 days attendance	\$25.00	
Travel . . . . .	.84	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
		<u> </u> \$29.84

Calvin Jenkins, Deputy, 10 days attend- ance	\$25.00	
Travel	2.40	
5 trips to jail	5.00	
Team	1.00	
	—	\$33.40
Albert V. Locke, Deputy, 17 days attend- ance	\$42.50	
Travel . . . . .	.24	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
	—	\$46.74
Edmund Page, Deputy, 16 days attend- ance	\$40.00	
Travel	1.20	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
	—	\$45.20
John M. Flanders, Jr., Deputy, 10 days attendance	\$25.00	
Travel	1.68	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
	—	\$30.68
Edward M. Drake, Deputy, 17 days at- tendance	\$42.50	
Travel	1.20	
4 trips to jail	4.00	
	—	\$47.70
Total for September term		\$356.35

Twenty-five prisoners have been committed to jail during the year.

Number of prisoners in jail Dec. 31, 1898, nine.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LOCKE, Sheriff.

Physician's Report.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County :

As visiting physician at the county farm, I herewith submit my report. Of course there has been some sickness, during the first of the year, about the usual amount. The last of '98 when la grippe happened to strike the farm, it made work for everybody. But the superintendent and wife gave them the best of care and in consequence no one died.

The inmates have the best of care and everything has gone smoothly; the sanitary conditions are in good shape and it seems to me that everything is all right. There have been eight deaths, no births. Following is the list of deaths :

Mary Gordon	age . . 78 . .	Paralysis.
Sally Merrill	" . . 83 . .	Paralysis.
William Barrett	" . . 28 . .	Phthisis.
Lydia Tar	" . . 89 . .	Paralysis.
Grace Colton	" . . 38 . .	Epilepsy.
Mary Twombly	" . . 57 . .	Paralysis.
James N. Hackett	" . . 80 . .	Meningitis
Joseph Shaw	" . . 90 . .	Old age.

Respectfully yours,

H. C. WELLS, M. D.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of M. M. Robinson, Treasurer, for the Year
Ending December 31, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898 \$11,998.78

COUNTY TAXES.

Town of Alton	\$1,769.02
Barnstead	1,616.51
Belmont	1,549.41
Center Harbor	744.21
Gilford	1,079.70
Gilmanton	1,549.41
City of Laconia	13,737.29
Town of Meredith	2,257.02
New Hampton	994.30
Sanbornton	1,390.81
Tilton	3,312.32
	\$30,000.00

RECEIPTS FROM FINES.

C. F. Locke, sheriff, fines and costs, State vs. Jos. D. Guay	\$59.94
C. F. Locke, sheriff, fines and costs, State vs. Eliza McCoy	74.38
Bertram Blaisdell, justice fines, State vs. Guy Cochran	1.00
W. B. Fellows, justice fines, Ellis J. Brad- ley vs. Elizabeth Gonier	10.00
W. B. Fellows, justice fines, Hiram Knox vs. Thos. Shaw	5.00
W. B. Fellows, justice fines, Hiram Knox vs. Fred. Cook	5.00
	\$155.32

RECEIPTS FROM NOTES.

Langdon G. Morgan, on note No. 58 . . .	\$1,000.00	
“ “ “ No. 59 . . .	1,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,000.00

RECEIPTS FROM COUNTY FARM.

Town of Tilton, for board of prisoners . . .	\$33.14	
City of Laconia, “ “ . . .	180.55	
E. P. Thompson, guardian, for board of Hannah Huckins	104.00	
Commissioners account of expense for Mrs. Trombly	11.26	
Commissioners account for board of Joseph Shaw and wife	36.00	
Commissioners account for hay sold . . .	31.57	
H. C. Weymouth, supt., mdse sold . . .	524.56	
	<u> </u>	\$921.08

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Commissioners, refund account of Wm. Lane	16.00	
County of Rockingham, refund account of Geo. Randall	13.05	
County of Grafton, refund account of Patrick Conly	67.00	
County of Strafford, refund account of Hannah Wiggin	151.00	
E. P. Thompson, clerk account	519.20	
	<u> </u>	\$766.25

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

County tax	\$30,000.00	
Fines and costs	155 32	
Notes	2,000.00	
County Farm	921.08	
Miscellaneous receipts	766.25	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898	11,998.77	
	<u> </u>	\$45,841.42

EXPENDITURES.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Joseph F. Smith, services as commissioner from Oct. 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898	\$568.72	
Services appraising property	91.00	
	—————	\$659.72
Geo. C. Parsons, services as commissioner from Oct. 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898	\$377.05	
Services appraising property	76.75	
	—————	\$453.80
Orrin D. Huse, services as commissioner from Oct. 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898	\$515.75	
Services appraising property	78.00	
	—————	\$593.75
F. M. Beckford, salary as solicitor from Oct. 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898		400.00
C. F. Locke, salary as sheriff from Oct. 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898		200.00
M. M. Robinson, salary as treasurer from from Oct. 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898		200.00
		—————
		\$2,507.27

COURT EXPENSES.

F. M. Beckford, 3 mileage books for use in Moulton case		\$60.00
Geo. C. Parsons, expense in Moulton case		11.00
O. D. Huse, " "		11.00
J. F. Smith, " "		11.00
L. G. Burnell, services " "		4.00
F. J. Brown, moiety, State vs. W. J. Busiel		5.00
E. P. Thompson, balance due on clerk account		424.03
C. F. Locke, sheriff expenses, March term	\$345.17	
" " Sept. "	356.35	
	—————	\$701.52

Alvin Burleigh, referee fees, Brown vs. Brown	\$33.00
Alvin Burleigh, referee fees, Parker vs. Gove	66.65
Alvin Burleigh, referee fees, Fowler vs. Busiel	20.00
W. A. Plummer, referee fees, Simpson & Towle vs. Moulton	5.75
E. W. Smith, referee fees, French vs. Farwell	19.64
Ira Colby, referee fees, Mfg Co. vs. Gas Light Co	75.00
Ira Colby, referee fees, Kendall vs. Gas and Electric Light Co	75.00
R. E. Walker, referee fees, Carter vs. Putnam	10.00
Isaac W. Smith, referee fees, Hill vs. Hill et al	70.00
E. P. Thompson, referee fees, Ice, Coal and Wood Co. vs. Cook	10.00
E. P. Thompson, referee fees, Paquet vs. Park	20.00
E. P. Thompson, referee fees, Proux vs. Park	10.00
W. B. Fellows, referee fees, Avery vs. Prescott	5.00
W. B. Fellows, referee fees, Rhobidas vs. Concord	26.00
W. B. Fellows, referee fees, Hawkins vs. York	11.00
W. B. Fellows, referee fees, H. H. Jones vs. Shannon	11.50
W. B. Fellows, referee fees, 2 cases, Deputies vs. Park	2.00
A. S. Owen, referee fees, Marsh & Co. vs. Garland	5.00

PAY ROLL.

Sept. term 1894, State v. John Haines . . .		\$8.19
Mar. " 1896, " Edward Davis . . .	\$3.94	
" " " " Jos. alias James Russell	2.45	6.39
Sept. term 1897, State v. N. J. Guay . . .	1.37	
" " " Chas. H. Davis . . .	24.28	
" " " Wilder F. Vannah . . .	5.00	30.65

March Term, 1898 :—

Grand Jurors	150.58	
Petit Jurors	430.36	
State vs. Geo. H. Davis	16.93	
" Russell T. Jones	31.02	
" John H. Quinn	44.42	
" Fannie A. Dow	7.72	
" Ruben P. Lougee	10.64	
" N. J. Guay	6.48	
" Miner and Paine	8.48	
" Levi W. Downs	8.85	
" Geo. W. Brown	31.46	
" Alice Daniels	16.98	
" Allen L. Patten	25.97	
" James Sullivan	19.85	
" Wm. J. Busiel	12.87	
" Charles Smart	26.10	
" Eliza McCoy	8.48	
" Robt. G. Dewhurst	19.69	
" Geo. J. Knight	15.11	
" "	15.76	
" "	24.20	
" Mrs. Lillian Frohock	15.97	
" Alvin H. Moulton	378.31	
" Moulton and Clough	29.74	
" Various parties	29.50	1,385.47

September Term, 1898:—

Grand Jurors	\$132.96	
Petit Jurors	513.40	
State vs. Mike Riley	21.98	
“ Charles E. Blood	14.83	
“ “	13.80	
“ Fred. J. Huntress	12.63	
“ Loren M. Rollins	5.83	
“ Louis L. Wells	9.24	
“ Otis Cummings	19.68	
“ Montford S. Geer	21.68	
“ Ellsworth H. Rollins	8.50	
“ S. L. Sherman	135.88	
“ “	58.63	
“ Dean A. Fifield	24.46	
“ Wm. Gibbs	32.47	
“ Geo. J. Knight	52.03	
“ Moses Colbath	9.24	
“ James Keeler	45.32	
“ “	3.75	
“ G. Scribner & Mary Harriman	21.51	
“ “ “	14.28	
“ Various parties	26.89	
		1,199.99
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		\$4,333.78

COUNTY FARM.

F. A. Young, insurance	\$330.00	
“ collector taxes	202.04	
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		532.04
J. S. Morrill, grain		113.78
M. M. Cole, one clothes washer		4.00
McCarthy Bros., dry goods and clothing		66.25
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies		68.13
J. H. Pierce & Co., groceries		63.65

Mathes & Perley, 291 $\frac{1}{8}$ cords wood at \$1.25	\$363.90
“ 40 “ “ 1.75	70.00
“ 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ “ “ 2.00	56.50
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	\$490.40
L. M. Gould, Belknap Republican, 1 year .	1.00
J. P. Pitman & Co., hardware	30.81
S. D. McGloughlin, blacksmith work	50.86
Laconia Lumber Works, sawing lumber .	34.96
W. D. Huse, piping . . . . .	.95
S. and J. Laflam, chopping wood on San- bornton lot	50.00
Geo. C. Parsons, maple sugar	7.00
H. C. Wells, M. D., returns of births and deaths	1.50
H. C. Wells, M. D., medical contract . . .	75.00
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	76.50
F. M. Sanborn, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons phosphate . . .	42.00
N. H. Provision Co., 50 bushels potatoes .	45.00
L. S. Perley, repairing windmill	18.00
John Parker Smith, groceries	38.41
Perkins & Titus, boots and shoes	66.32
O. T. Lougee, clothing	153.17
N. E. Telephone Co	1.00
J. L. Roberts, ice	34.40
Geo. H. Mitchell, supplies	31.01
Taylor & Quimby, blacksmith work . . .	9.40
G. W. Dow, corned beef	3.55
Geo. A. Sanders, supplies	17.55
Geo. F. Mallard, drugs and medicines . .	7.56
Laconia Water Co, water supply	412.57
J. C. Tilton, 18 bushels potatoes	9.00
J. F. Conway, supplies	77.66
Chas. Maher, Manchester Union from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1	3.50
John Hordley, painting carriage	8.10
F. P. Morrill & Co., clothing	5.25

N. G. Plummer, collector, tax on Meredith wood lot	\$11.40
Diago Soap Co., supplies	7.00
W. L. Thompson, repairing boots and shoes	5.00
R. N. Dana, piping	11.04
A. B. Flanders, 1 bull	37.00
E. A. Chase, use of pasture	12.00
Dickerman & Co., 1 barrel coffee	15.00
C. W. Knowles, 1 hay rake	18.00
J. C. Russell, grain and feed	198.50
J. W. Mathes, use of pasture	14.00
Laconia Press Association, Democrat from June 1, 1894 to June 1, 1898	5.00
Knight & Huntress, dry goods	132.93
D. M. Rowe, groceries	695.81
E. J. Dinsmoor, repairing harness	14.15
J. P. Atkinson, groceries	19.90
F. F. Nelson, crockery	3.14
O'Shea Bros., dry goods and clothing	88.40
S. and J. Laflam, chopping wood	146.00
C. D. Thyng, supt. salary from Jan. 1 to May 1	266.67
C. D. Thyng, supt. extra services	8.33
" " amount paid S. J. Weston, labor	10.00
G. D. Thyng, for farm use to May 1	137.77
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	422.77
O. D. Huse, 2½ bushels potatoes	2.50
W. E. Foster, drugs and medicines	105.93
Dow & Roberts, meats	74.78
R. T. Moore, D. V. S., professional services	3.50
Lougee Bros., dry goods	74.08
J. Henry Story, drugs and medicines	100.40
Charles T. Smith, labor to May 1	17.33
A. C. Hunt, singing books	2.00

Joseph F. Smith, 4 pigs	\$10.00	
“ 3 barrels apples	6.00	
“ vinegar and hams	23.25	
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Hearns Shoe Store, boots and shoes from Jan. 1, 1897 to May 1, 1898	117.19	
Hearns Shoe Store, boots and shoes	21.73	
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F. H. Moore, grain and feed		278.21
Knight & Robinson, furniture	21.25	
“ “ ½ dozen disinfectant	2.25	
	<hr/>	23.50
Wm. A. Page, onions		4.00
H. C. Weymouth, supt., amount expended for help	927.00	
H. C. Weymouth, supt., amount expended supplies	183.27	
H. C. Weymouth, supt., salary from May 1, 1898 to Jan. 1, 1899	533.33	
H. C. Weymouth, jailer, salary from May 1, 1898 to Jan. 1, 1899	66.67	
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		7,005.49

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. S. Chase, janitor at court house	420.00	
“ cash paid out	20.06	
	<hr/>	440.06
Silby & Son, 2 record books		23.00
O. D. Huse, 1 mileage book		20.00
Weeks Bros., supplies for county offices	39.95	
“ printing county reports	80.00	
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M. B. Plummer, indexing records		101.00
F. S. Gilman, postage stamps		26.00

Laconia Press Ass'n, supplies for county offices	\$48.75
Truland Bros., envelopes for register of probate	2.00
E. P. Thompson, services as auditor for 1897	25.00
A. J. Pillsbury, services as auditor for '97	25.00
A. W. Wilcox, drawing wood	3.50
W. D. Huse, radiator and piping at court house	\$28.89
W. D. Huse, piping, repairs at court house	16.47
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	45.36
S. S. Jewett, desk for register of deeds' office	10.00
W. B. Fellows, insurance on court house	231.75
N. E. Telephone Co. service	68.22
Citizen's Telephone Co. services	36.00
F. H. Blackbird, 4 gross pens	5.00
F. W. Fowler, services as coroner and cash expended	33.75
Laconia Electric Light Co., service at court house	31.21
Winnepesaukee Gas & Electric Light Co., service at court house	26.80
Laconia Water Works, service at court house	11.77
Geo. C. Parsons, expense of commissioners appraising property	50.00
Knight & Robinson, mirror for register of probate office	1.37
Chas. P. Browa, taking depositions in Dockham case	1.00
F. G. Beaman, binding record books	16.00
T. S. Buck, supplies reg. of deeds office	2.55
G. H. Mitchell, supplies for court house	12.42
G. Cook & Son, coal for court house	234.71

C. F. Locke, Sheriff, exp. and reward for procuring escaped prisoners	\$56.08	
C. F. Locke, rep. and furnishing for jail	111.83	
	<hr/>	\$167.91
A. L. Davis, repairs on court house . .		10.66
Philbrook Bros., sprinkling streets . . .	5.00	
" use of teams	24.50	
	<hr/>	29.50
D. W. Judkins, lawn dressing for court house		1.00
Geo. Picard, mileage book for solicitor .		4.64
A. W. Jewett, ice for court house . . .		6.00
Laconia Hardware Co., 1 door spring for court house		2.50
C. E. Leavitt, 1 mileage book		20.00
M.M. Robinson, Treas., postage for 2 years		6.00
A. J. Hart & Son, teams per order of solicitor	4.25	
A. J. Hart & Son, stable exp. for Com. .	8.00	
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		\$1,912.63

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Langdon G. Morgan, note No. 58, princi- pal and interest	\$1,031.11
Langdon G. Morgan, note No. 59, princi- pal and interest	1,031.11
1 court house bond coupon, due J'ly 1, '97	10.00
60 " " " " Jan. 1, '98	600.00
52 " " " " J'ly 1, '98	520.00
20 refunding " " Jan. 1, '98	400.00
20 " " " " J'ly 1, '98	400.00
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	\$3,992.22

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of receipts	\$45,841.42
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DISBURSEMENTS.

County officers	\$2,507.27
Court expenses	4,333.78
Support of external poor	12,420.15
County farm	7,005.49
Miscellaneous expenses	1,912.63
Notes and interest	3,992.22
Cash on hand	\$13,669.88
	—————\$45,841.42

COUNTY DEBT.

60 court house bonds	\$30,000.00
20 refunding bonds	20,000.00
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Total	\$50,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

MARK M. ROBINSON, County Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast, and proper vouchers for the same. That we find in the hands of the treasurer the sum of \$13,669.88.

A. J. PILLSBURY,	}	Auditors.
E. P. THOMPSON,		

Auditors' Report.

To the Supreme Court:—

We submit herewith our third semi-annual report of the audit of the several accounts as required by law.

We have examined the several accounts of the county commissioners for service and expenses from January 1, 1898 to July 1, 1898, and are of the opinion that the sums charged for services are for time actually spent in the business of the county and that the sums charged for expenses are reasonable.

We have also examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers for all payments made by him. We have also compared the orders paid by the treasurer with the records of orders drawn by the county commissioners and find that they agree, and that the treasurer has paid all orders drawn by them.

The treasurer had on hand Jan. 1, 1898, as our last report shows, \$11,998.77; his account shows he has received from sources, including \$2,000 borrowed, \$3,323.69, making a total of \$15,322.46; that he has paid out on orders drawn by the commissioners, \$11,653.25, by the court \$2,170.93, and coupons on bonds \$1,010.00, making a total of \$14,834.18, which leaves a balance of cash on hand of \$488.28.

It appears from his books that Sanbornton is the only town which has paid any part of the county tax for 1898.

We have also examined the accounts of Charles D. Thyng, Superintendent of the County farm from Jan. 1 to May 1, and find that his total receipts from the county commissioners and other sources, including the cash on hand Jan. 1, 1898, of

\$1,125.91, has been \$1,481.79, and that he has paid out the same amount. We certify that the accounts are correct and well vouched, and that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value, and in our opinion such articles have been used for the benefit of the county.

From May 1st, when the new superintendent, H. C. Weymouth, took charge, the commissioners adopted the recommendations of the auditors to purchase the supplies for the county farm and all bills for such supplies are now paid by them.

The accounts of the superintendent from May 1 to July 1, show that he has received from sales of sundries, farm produce and board of prisoners, \$51.99, which he has on hand.

We have also examined the books of the County Commissioners and find that they have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$11,653.25, of which \$6,449.69 was for the support of the poor off the farm, divided among towns as follows :

Alton	\$544.32
Barnstead	129.55
Belmont	199.54
Center Harbor	000.00
Gilford	285.35
Gilmanton	464.53
Laconia	3,224.80
Meredith	621.93
New Hampton	313.87
Sanbornton	388.64
Tilton	277.16
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	\$6,449.69

They have also drawn orders amounting to \$5,203.56 for various purposes as follows :

Farm use	\$3,463.14
Salaries	450.00
Insurance, supplies, janitor, etc., Court House	728.00
Sheriff and Deputy Mar. 5, '98	345.17
Sundries	217.25
	\$5,203.56

The commissioners exhibited vouchers for all orders drawn by them corresponding in amount to each order.

These vouchers the auditors find in very much better shape than one year ago. The overseers of the poor have brought in bills which for the most part are itemized so as to show what the county was paying for, but there are yet some bills that are not itemized.

We would renew our suggestion "that the commissioners should refuse to pay any bills unless properly made out," and that they should require a receipt signed by the party to whom the money is paid, rather than to have a receipt signed by one of the commissioners for that party.

From an examination of the vouchers we are of the opinion that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value and have been used for the benefit of the county.

The commissioners at the beginning of the year, adopted a new method of keeping the books which is a great improvement upon the old method heretofore used.

There is evident to the auditors a disposition on the part of the commissioners and others to comply with the requirements of the statutes and to adopt such methods as will be for the good of the county.

The commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn

statement which is hereto appended, of all bills outstanding July 1st, 1898, the amount of which is \$369.08.

A. J. PILLSBURY, }
E. P. THOMPSON, } Auditors.

To the Supreme Court:—

We herewith submit our fourth semi-annual report of the audit of the several accounts as required to law.

We have examined the several accounts of the county commissioners for services and expenses from July 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1899, and are of the opinion that the sums charged for services are for time spent in the business of the county, and that sums charged for expenses are reasonable.

We have also examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct with proper vouchers for all payments made by him. We have also compared the orders paid by the treasurer with the record of orders drawn by the County Commissioners, and find that they agree, and that the treasurer has paid all orders drawn by them.

The treasurer had on hand July 1st, 1898, \$488.28; he has received for taxes and other items \$30,518.96, making a total of \$31,007.24; he has paid on orders from the commissioners \$11,283.54, on orders from court \$3,066.60, coupons on the bonds \$920.00, notes and interest \$2,062.22, making total payments of \$17,337.36, which leaves a balance of cash on hand \$13,669.88.

We have also examined the accounts of H. C. Weymouth, superintendent of the county farm, and find that he has received from July 1st, 1898, to January 1st, 1899, \$524.56, and that he has paid the same to the county treasurer.

We have also examined the books of the county commissioners, and find that they have drawn orders amounting to \$11,288.54, of which \$5,970.46 was for the support of the poor off the farm, as follows:

Alton	\$825.87
Barnstead	0.00
Belmont	123.20
Center Harbor	168.00
Gilford	189.72
Gilmanton	484.66
Laconia	2,581.69
Meredith	573.47
New Hampton	245.72
Sanbornton	447.19
Tilton	380.94
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	\$5,970.46

That they have also drawn orders

For farm use	\$3,542.35
Salaries	400.00
Court house	711.08
Sheriff and Deputies	356.35
Repairs of jail	111.83
Sundries	196.47
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	\$5,318.08

The commissioners exhibited vouchers for all orders drawn by them.

From an examination of the vouchers we are of the opinion that the sums charged therein for articles purchased are according to the market value and have been used for the benefit of the county.

The commissioners have filed with the auditors a sworn statement which is hereto appended of all bills outstanding December 31st, 1898, the amount of which is \$220.50.

A. J. PILLSBURY, }
E. P. THOMPSON, } Auditors.

Laconia, N. H., January 18th, 1899.



