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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR

SULLIVAN COUNTY,

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THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, for SULLIVAN COUNTY, submit the following Report of the Financial Affairs of the County, so far as they relate to the support of County Paupers, and other matters which come under their supervision.

COUNTY FARM.

Original cost of Farm, - - -	\$6,960.00
Cost of Land, Buildings and Permanent Improvements added, to this date,	<u>\$14,048.23</u>
Total value of Real Estate,	\$ 21,008.23

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

63 Neat Cattle, - - - -	\$ 2,103.00
2 Horses, - - - -	225.00
15 Hogs and 40 Pigs, - - -	385.00
70 Hens and Chickens, - - -	<u>35.00</u>
Value of Live Stock, - -	\$ 2,748.00

Amount brought forward,	\$ 2,748.00
Provisions and Produce, - - -	4,010.70
Farming Tools, - - - -	1,316.90
Beds and Bedding, - - - -	1,491.99
Household Furniture - - -	1,187.17
Cloth and Clothing, - - -	570.87
Miscellaneous articles, - - -	1,053.78
Total value of Personal Property	\$12,379.41
Total amount of Property, Real and Personal, at County Farm, Sept. 1st, 1873, - - - - -	\$33,387.64
Total value of Property, Real and Personal, at County Farm, Sept. 1st, 1872, - - - - -	\$32,591.13

Amount of Invoice more than 1872,	\$ 796.51
Amount expended from the Treasury, for current expenses, at County Farm, from Sept. 1st, 1872, to Sept. 1st, 1873, - - - - -	4,149.77
Add one year's interest on farm and fixtures, - - - - -	1,260.49
Add Proportion of Insurance, - -	55.50
Amounting to the sum of - -	\$ 5,465.76
From which deduct gain on invoice as above, - \$796.51	
Money and Clothing fur- nished transient Paupers, 125.00	\$ 921.51
Leaving the expenses of supporting paupers, at the County Farm, -	\$ 4,544.25

The average cost of each pauper being a frac-  
tion more than \$ 1.58 per week.

Whole number of weeks board at the Farm during the year, - - - -	2,869
Number of different inmates during the year, - - - - -	84
Number admitted during the year, - -	26
“ Deaths “ - - -	10
“ that have left “ - - -	29
Present number, Sept. 1st, 1873, - -	51
Average during the year, - - - -	55.17

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF PAUPERS NOT AT THE FARM, AS  
FOLLOWS:

TOWNS.	Jan. term,	Sept. term.	Total.
Acworth,	\$ 61.25	\$ 98.80	\$ 160.05
Charlestown,	427.06	438.32	865.38
Claremont,	299.18	288.13	587.31
Cornish,	181.58	82.75	264.33
Croydon,	249.64	159.00	408.64
Goshen,	76.62	200.04	276.66
Grantham,	267.68	288.38	556.06
Langdon,			
Lempster,			
Newport,	168.72	244.89	413.61
Plainfield,	348.20	380.17	728.37
Springfield,	49.88	85.15	135.03
Sunapee,	48.39	27.45	75.84
Unity,	71.45	46.50	117.95
Washington,			
J. Divoll for support of Mrs. Holden,		6.00	6.00
	\$ 2,249.65	\$ 2,345.58	\$ 4,595.23

## PRODUCTS OF THE FARM.

70 tons	English Hay,	at \$ 15	\$ 1,050.00
8 "	Swale Hay,	6	48.00
8 "	Straw,	8	64.00
20 "	Corn Fodder,	8	160.00
103 bushels	Wheat,	2	206.00
50 "	Oats,	50 cts.	25.00
1 "	Peas,	\$ 2	2.00
40 "	Beans,	3	120.00
230 "	Corn,	1	320.00
1000 "	Potatoes,	50 cts.	500.00
100 "	Turnips,	50 "	50.00
100 "	Beets,	50 "	50.00
50 "	Carrots,	50 "	25.00
1 "	Parsneps,	50 "	50
75 "	Apples,	50 "	37.50
16 "	Onions,	\$ 1	16.00
200 lbs.	Squashes,	3 cts.	6.00
1300 "	Butter,	30 "	390.00
5000 "	Pork,	7 "	350.00
10 loads	Pumpkins,	\$ 2	20.00
165 cords	Manure,	3	495.00
80 bushels	Ashes,	25 cts.	20.00
100 dozens	Eggs,		29.00
Pigs raised and use of animals,			200.00
16 Calves,			240.00
Pasturing 67 head of Cattle,			225.00
Pasturing 4 horses,			32.00
Poultry,			25.00

Total value of products of the Farm, \$ 4,717.00

## INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY.

County Bonds which become due as follows :

April 1st, 1874,	\$ 3,400.00
" 1875,	2,700.00
" 1876,	2,500.00

April 1st, 1877,	\$ 2,300.00
" 1878,	1,200.00
" 1879,	1,700.00

Total amount of Bonds, \$13,800.00

At the County Convention, on the 11th of June, 1873, upon the recommendation of the County Commissioners, it was voted to raise the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars, (\$ 24,000.00) as a County tax, to pay the expenses and debts of the County for the ensuing year. The Commissioners have deemed it advisable to recommend the raising of a tax sufficient to pay all ordinary expenses, interest &c., and also such proportion of the outstanding Bonds as may become due from year to year. If this practice is continued, in 1879 the last bond will be paid and the County will be free from debt. Since our last annual report was published, some improvements have been made at the County Farm. A set of large scales has been fitted into the floor of the new barn, which are found very convenient for weighing hay, cattle, &c. Considerable has also been done in the way of under-draining, which, although quite expensive, in that hard soil, yet, it is thought, will well pay in the increased value of the land.

The Commissioners have long been dissatisfied with the arrangement for the burial of the dead, at the County Farm—the ground where they were buried being wet and in every way unsuitable. By an arrangement with the town of Unity, we

have caused a new lot to be laid out, adjoining the old town cemetery, on the farm, and had it nicely graded and enclosed by a good and substantial stone wall. The remains of all who had been previously buried have been removed to the new cemetery. The Commissioners felt that decency and humanity required that the graves of the poor should in some way be marked, and although aware that they were, perhaps, overstepping their authority, yet, feeling confident of the approval of the citizens of the County, they caused a small but neat set of marble stones, bearing the proper inscription, to be placed at each grave.

The attention of the County Convention was called to this matter at its session in June last, when it was unanimously voted to approve the doings of the County Commissioners in furnishing grave-stones for persons buried at the County Farm, and that they be authorized to furnish suitable grave-stones for all such as may hereafter be buried there. Consequently each grave is now marked with a small but very decent stone, at an expense of a fraction over six dollars each, and we would here tender our thanks to the members of the Convention for thus putting it in the power of the Commissioners to do justice to the graves of the dead.

Religious services have been held at the farm, every alternate Sunday during the year, by the Rev. Elder Quimby, which have been attended by all the inmates who were able to leave their rooms,

also by the Superintendent and family, and by citizens of the neighborhood. Elder Quimby also attends all the funerals at the Farm, and makes frequent calls to visit and console the sick.

Heretofore it has been the custom to employ some one physician to attend all the patients at the Farm, but, as this course was not entirely satisfactory, on the first of January last it was left with the Superintendent to employ a physician, when necessary, and such physician as the patient preferred. This course, so far, appears to be satisfactory to all, and is attended with much less expense.

The Superintendent, Mr. Jonas Hastings, and his estimable wife, now on their third year of service, as overseers, have fully sustained their former reputation, not only for their prudence and economy in managing the concern, but for their unwearied care and attention for the well being of those placed under their charge. We most cordially invite the citizens of the County to visit this institution, for, most certainly, it is your privilege, yes, more than that, it is your *duty* to see and know for yourselves how the poor, who are fed and clothed at your expense, are being cared for.

The present board of Commissioners is clearly of the opinion that the present valuation of the real estate, at the County farm, is quite too high. When the farm was first purchased and buildings were being erected upon it, it was the practice to add the full amount expended on such buildings during the year, to the value of the real estate, and

probably it was very proper to do so for the first few years. But we believe that something has been added in this way to the value of the real estate every year since the Farm was purchased, till the present. There have been permanent improvements made upon the Farm the past year, such as putting in a set of large scales in the barn, putting in under-drains, building stone wall &c., but we have not thought proper to add this expense to the value of the real estate, but would recommend that, at the next annual appraisal, the valuation of the real estate be reduced to what it is worth to the County in cash.

The new court room, jury rooms, safes, &c., contracted to be erected by the town of Newport, and given to the County in exchange for the old court buildings, of which mention was made in our last annual report, are nearly completed. They are to be fitted up in modern style with the most approved facilities for warming, ventilating &c. The rooms are commodious and convenient, and when completed will reflect credit both upon the County and the town of Newport. It is expected that they will be furnished and ready for the use of the court at the next January term.

WILLIAM BALLOCH, }  
 A. H. DANFORTH, } *County Commis-*  
 J. V. GUNNISON, } *sioners.*

Unity, September 1st, 1873.

