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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The County Commissioners of Sullivan County make report as follows, of the matters coming under their supervision, for the year ending September 1st, 1874. The tabular statements appended, relating to the County farm, expenditures for paupers and their condition, will give such details as are of interest to the tax-payer. A summary of receipts and disbursements of the County Treasurer since the date of his last annual Statement, from May 13th, to Sept. 30th, 1874, and statement of the financial condition at that date, is also given.

The County Farm, situated in Unity, contains about 420 acres of land (and as appears by the report of 1873) with the land and improvements added to the original purchase, cost \$21,008-23. We have retained this sum as the appraisal of the Farm:—if needed by the County for present purposes, the buildings could not probably be erected any more cheaply now than when they were built; the repairs and improvements made from year to year, and not added to the cost of farm, will keep good the losses occasioned from natural wear and decay.

The Commissioners are fully convinced that a County Farm for County Paupers, is a wise provision for securing the most comfortable, as well as the cheapest home, for all paupers who stand in need of County aid, for while the applicants are lessened in numbers, and receive aid for a shorter time, none who are really in need of relief, are deterred from applying for it. It will be seen by referring to the table containing the names and condition of paupers now at the farm that but very little effect-

ive labor can be expected from them, and a large number require such degree of care in their diseased and helpless condition, as would much increase the present expense, if provided for at the Asylum, or in private families, where they should have needed attention.

The general health of the paupers at the farm has been above the average the past year; the number of deaths have been six; the names of those who have died may be found in the table of mortality. The Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Quimby, has often visited the inmates of the Alms House, and held services on each alternate Sabbath during the year at the House, and also attended the funeral services of those who have died. Such of the inmates as were able to leave their rooms, and others from the neighborhood, have assembled to listen to his religious instruction on these occasions, with apparent interest and good effects.

The Superintendent at the farm, Mr. Jonas Hastings, has performed his duties as farm manager, during the past year, in a thorough manner, and with untiring zeal for the interests of the County. There has been less labor performed by the paupers than in some previous years, and additional labor has been hired as it was needed. Improvements have been made largely in excess of some previous years, among which, the removing of stone from fifteen acres of tillage land, building culverts and underground drains, and the planting of one hundred apple trees may be enumerated. In the household management Mr. Hastings has been ably aided by his wife in unremitting efforts for promoting the comfort of the paupers under their care, and we are quite sure that no one conversant with the manner in which these various duties have been performed by Mr. Hastings and wife, would think of suggesting a change for the better.

The estimate of farm products for the current year, given upon another page, are fully equal to the average of previous years; the meadow hay and additional pasturage coming from land rented the past year.

The total expense of support of paupers, shown in the statement appended, is \$9,024.81, being \$114.67 less than in 1873, while the cost of support at the farm is 40 cents per week larger than last year. In accordance with the vote of the County Commissioners Convention in June, 1874, we have not inventoried the manure made at the farm as formerly, nor deducted from the sum drawn from the treasury the expenditures made for improvements the past year. It will also be seen that the appraisal of personal property at the farm shows a loss on the whole amount of \$392.73; the largest loss being made in the item of provisions and produce. With the exception of the live stock, which has been increased by the purchase of sheep and additional values by growth, there is not any material change in value of the personal estate from the preceding year; the additions necessary to be made having substantially supplied the losses from wear and decay. A reference to the tabular statement of cost of support of paupers at the farm, will give the items upon which the calculation is based, where it also appears, that the amount drawn from the treasury for support of paupers at the farm was \$321.09, larger last year, while only thirteen weeks more board were provided. These words of explanation prove conclusively that no increased expense for the support of paupers at the farm, has been incurred during the past year.

The indebtedness of the County has been decreased by payment of bonds due April 1st, 1874, to the amount of \$3,400. The expense attending the furnishing of the Court House, County Offices, and repairs on jail, required the carrying of \$1,700 of the bonds due April 1st, 1874, until the September following. The bonds now outstanding amount to \$10,400, the sum of \$2,700 maturing April 1st, 1875.

Sullivan County Farm.

Inventory of Real Estate.

Cost of Farm, in Unity,.....	\$ 6,960.00
Buildings, land and fixtures added as by report of 1873.....	14,048.23
Total valuation of Real Estate,.....	\$ 21,008.23

Inventory of Personal Property September 1, 1874.

Eight Oxen,.....	\$ 750.00
Thirteen Cows,.....	520.00
One pair three year old Steers.....	125.00
One Bull,.....	75.00
Eight two years old Cattle,.....	280.00
Sixteen Yearlings,.....	450.00
Thirteen Calves,.....	182.00
Sixty-three Sheep and Lambs,.....	252.00
Two Horses,.....	200.00
Fourteen old Hogs,.....	294.00
Three Poland China Shotes,.....	40.00
Twenty Pigs,.....	40.00
Seventy-five Hens and Chickens,.....	25.00
Total Live Stock Value,.....	\$ 3233.00
Provisions and Produce at Farm,.....	3231.06
Carriages, Farming and Mechanic Tools,.....	1351.00
Beds, Bedding &c.,.....	1475.50
Household Furniture,.....	1088.89
Clothing and Cloth,.....	654.95
Miscellaneous Articles,.....	952.28
Total Personal Inventory, Sept. 1, 1874,.....	\$ 11,986.68
Total Am't Real and Personal, Sept. 1, 1874,.....	\$ 32,994.91

Losses by lessened appraisal of Personal Estate, 1874.

On Provisions and Produce,.....	\$ 779.64	
“ Beds and Bedding,.....	16.49	
“ Household Furniture,.....	98.28	
“ Miscellaneous Articles,.....	101.50	
		\$ 995.91

Gains on Personal Estate from additions of value made in 1874.

On Live Stock,.....	\$ 485.00	
“ Farming Tools,.....	34.10	
“ Cloth and Clothing,.....	84.08	\$ 603.18
		\$ 392.73

Total loss on appraisal of Personal Estate,.....

County Farm Products.

The estimate of the products of the farm given below, includes what has been produced the present year, with the increase of animals, except those previously killed for use, with the amount of pasturage furnished, and in the aggregate is fully equal to the productions of previous years.

62 tons English hay ; 14 tons meadow hay ; 8 tons swale hay ; 8 tons oat straw ; 5 tons wheat straw ; 14 tons corn fodder ; 124 bushels wheat ; 200 bushels oats ; 2 bushels peas ; 70 bushels beans ; 280 bushels corn ; 900 bushels potatoes ; 100 bushels turnips ; 125 bushels beets ; 50 bushels carrots ; 5 bushels parsneps ; 75 bushels apples ; 20 bushels onions ; 500 lbs. squashes ; 5 loads pumpkins ; 80 bushels ashes ; 100 dozen eggs ; 1400 lbs. butter ; 1400 lbs. maple sugar ; 270 lbs. wool ; 5500 lbs. pork ; 6000 lbs. beef ; 23 pigs ; 14 calves ; 23 lambs ; 60 chickens ; pasturing for 75 head cattle, 2 horses, and 40 sheep.

List of Paupers at County Farm Sept. 1, 1874.

Name.	Where From.	Condition.	Age.
Sybil Kendall,	Swanzey,	Lame, helpless,	72.
Helen Randall,	Springfield, Vt.	Insane at times,	44.
Anna Wallace,	Merrimack,	Very infirm,	85.
Clarissa Whittemore,	Claremont,		77.
George Babcock,	Cornish,	Insane,	72.
Sarah Bradbury,	Unity,	Deaf, cripple,	72.
John Sholes.	Newport,		76.
Melinda Dunbar,	Grantham,	Very infirm,	65.
Mary A. Brown,	Canada West,	" "	64.
Sally Harrington,	Plainfield,	Non compos,	71.
Jonas Weeks,	Long Island, N. Y.		60.
Melinda Howard,	Croydon,	Insane,	43.
Abigail Chase,	"	Non compos,	25.
Mary Buckley,	Ireland,	Insane,	61.
Noah Porter,	Charlestown,	Lame non compos	77.
Eliza Colby,	Plainfield,	Insane,	66.
William Lane,	Cornish,	Hernia,	74.
Charles Lewey,	"	Lame, non compos	51
Rosilla Lang,	Goshen,	Cripple,	44.
Joannas Sawyer,	Ireland,	Insane at times,	45.
Abigail Goodwin,	Charlestown,	Infirm,	84.
Abigail Wheeler,	"	Helpless,	81.
Joel Chase,	Croydon,	Non compos,	37.
Alfred C. Heath,	Springfield,	Lame non compos	37.
Alvin Sanborn,	"	Deaf and dumb,	60.
Lydia Barbour,	Plainfield,	Insane,	56.
Leveria Chase,	Croydon,	Non compos,	51.
Hannah Felch,	Weare,	Blind, feeble,	79.
John Bell,	Greenfield, Mass.	Lame, helpless,	72.
Asenath Bell,	Halifax, Vt.		82.
Charlotte Abbott,	Manchester,	Feeble,	82.
Charles Howard,	Richmond, Mass.	One arm,	74.
Gilbert Back,	Royalton Vt.		78.
Mary Burke,	Ireland,	Lame,	42.
Amanda Field,	Claremont,		76.
Edward Hallihan,	Ireland,	Insane at times,	48.
Nancy Bingham,	Charlestown,		84.
Philistreen Moreau,	Canada,	Fits,	50.
Eleazer Dutton,	Plainfield,	Cripple non com.	63.
Lewis Hodgkins,	Charlestown,	Lame,	82.

Name.	Where From.	Condition.	Age.
Sarah Aiken,	Hardwick, Vt.		25.
Franklin Aiken,	(Born at Farm.)		2.
Prudence Blood,	Charlestown,	Non compos,	49.
George Laiton,	Scotland,	Blind, feeble,	81.
Hannah Lynch,	Ireland,		43.
Hannah Lynch,	(Child,)		2.
Jane Billings,	Ireland,	Insane,	45.
Albert Ellis,	Claremont,		72.
* Lucy Fletcher,	New Ipswich,	Dropsy,	74.

* Died Sept. 13th, 1874.

Deaths at Farm during the year ending Sept. 1st, 1874.

Name.	Date.	Where from.	Disease.	Age.
Nancy Fletcher,	Sept. 7, '73,	Plainfield,	Cancer,	86
Wm. Dunsmore,	Oct. 9, "	Townsend, Mass.	Old age,	84
Polly P. Hyde,	Dec. 6, "	Foxborough, "	Paralysis,	86
Bridget Rowen,	" 18, "	Ireland,	Heart disease,	83
Mary Kenyon,	Feb. 11, '74,	Plainfield,	Consump't'n,	86
Curtis Stoddard,	Ap'l. 13, "	Claremont,	"	65

Paid for the Support of Paupers not at the Farm.

Town.	Jan 1, 1874.	Sept. 1, 1874.	Total.
Acworth,	79.48	104.72	184.20
Claremont,	168.23	222.06	390.29
Charlestown,		214.13	214.13
Cornish,	81.75	162.68	244.43
Croydon,	124.98	182.48	307.46
Goshen,	124.95	76.30	201.25
Grantham,	168.12	197.50	365.62
Newport,	148.42	248.59	397.01
Plainfield,	147.89	279.52	427.41
Springfield,	118.76	111.70	230.46
Langdon,		110.75	110.75
Sunapee,	21.69	84.08	105.77
Unity,	31.50	50.79	82.29
Washington,	22.50	31.00	53.50
Joseph Divoll, for Pauper,	31.50	46.50	78.00
A. S. Bartholomew, for "		3.00	3.00
	<hr/> 1,260.77	<hr/> 2,125.80	<hr/> 3,395.57

**Statement of cost of support of County paupers in Sullivan
County for the year ending September 1st, 1874.**

Amount drawn from treasury for expenses at farm,...	\$3,828.68
Interest on cost of real estate,.....	1,260.49
Taxes on farm for 1874,.....	129.84
Yearly average for Insurance,.....	55.50
Loss by lessened appraisal of personal estate,.....	392.73

\$5,667.24

Deduct for clothing furnished transient paupers..... 38.00

Total cost of paupers at farm,.....\$5,629.24
 Cost of paupers not at farm, per table, 3,395.57

Total cost of paupers for 1874.....\$9,024.81
 Total cost of paupers for 1873,.....\$9,139.48

Less cost in 1874,.....\$114.67
 Amount drawn for current expenses, 1873, at farm,..\$4,149.77
 Amount drawn for same 1874,.....\$3,828.68

Less amt. drawn in 1874,..... \$321.09

Whole number of paupers at farm in 1874,.....	125
Admitted during the year,.....	84
Died during the year,.....	6
Discharged during the year,.....	69
Number at farm Sept. 1st, 1874,.....	50

Whole number of weeks board in 1874,.....	2869
Whole number of weeks board in 1873,.....	2856

Less number of weeks this year,..... 13

Average cost for week's board in 1874, \$1.98.

**Summary of Receipts and Disbursements of Treasurer from
May 13th, 1874, to Sept. 30th, 1874.**

May 13, Cash in Treasury,.....	\$1,003.89
Sept. " of A. Edes, fine,.....	5.00
County Tax, Acworth,	1,274.85
" " Cornish,	1,710.76
" " Croydon,	670.32
" " Charlestown,	3,108.98
" " Claremont,	6,567.52
" " Goshen,	588.08
" " Grantham,	530.50
" " Lempster,	690.88
" " Newport,	3,067.85
" " Plainfield,	1,764.22
" " Springfield,	641.53
" " Sunapee,	732.01
" " Unity,	875.94
" " Washington,	954.08
" " Langdon,	822.48
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	\$25,008.89

Disbursements.

Paid Support of Paupers, (per table,).....	\$2,125.80
“ Jury Pay Rolls,	1,218.36
“ State Pay Rolls,	174.70
“ Furnishings to Court House,	119.40
“ Bonds due April 1874, and interest, ..	1,754.74
“ Coupons,	90.00
“ Jonas Hastings, expenses on Farm, ...	1,200.00
“ Ira Colby, jr., bal. Solicitor's salary .	62.50
“ Rufus P. Claggett, bal. Sheriff's salary,	66.08
“ Wm. F. Newton, Clerk of Court,	193.85
“ Geo. R. Brown, Register of Probate, ..	189.89
“ E. M. Kempton, Register of Deeds, ..	14.35
“ Martin A. Barton, Jailor,	290.83
“ Blanks, Stationery and Printing,	92.25
“ Treasurer's salary,	200.00
“ County Commissioners fees and ex- penses,	576.00
“ James Holt Sheriff, and deputies,	210.81
“ Taxes, 1874 of County Farm,	129.84
“ To Claimants, one half liquor fines,	50.00
“ O. F. R. Waite, Coroner's fees,	18.48
“ H. L. Hubbard, Officers fees, Brooks case,	34.05
“ R. P. Claggett, “ “ “ “	15.83
“ Ira Colby, jr. expense of copies,	6.88
“ M. A. Barton paid for Brooks, Drs. bill,	4.00
“ R. P. Claggett, bill of fruit trees,	37.40
“ A. T. Batchelder & A. Edes, Justice fees,	10.58
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	\$ 8,886.62
Bal. in hands of Treas. Sept. 30, 1874, ...	\$16,122.27
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	\$25,008.89

Financial standing of Sullivan County Sept. 30th, 1874.

Indebtedness.

County bonds due April 1st, 1875,.....	\$2,700-00
“ “ “ “ “ 1876,.....	2,500.00
“ “ “ “ “ 1777,.....	2,300.00
“ “ “ “ “ 1878,.....	1,200.00
“ “ “ “ “ 1879,.....	1,700.00
Coupons and accrued interest,.....	313.00
Outstanding orders drawn,.....	289.20
Due for current expenses at farm,.....	650.00
Total,.....	<u>\$11,652.20</u>

Assets.

In Treasurers hands Sept. 30, 1874.....	\$16,122.27
County farm appraisal,.....	21,008.23
Personal property at farm,.....	11,987.38
County Jail &c.,.....	4,000.00
Total,.....	<u>\$53,117.88</u>

Assets above liabilities,.....	\$41,465.68
Deduct bal. in Treasurers hands for current expenses, 16,122.27	
Balance in favor of the County,.....	<u>\$25,343.41</u>

Amt. of bonds due from County, per report of 1873, \$13,800.00	
Amt. now due.....	<u>10,400 00</u>
Decrease of indebtedness in 1874,	<u>\$3,400.00</u>

The foregoing summary from the Treasurer's books, of receipts and expenditures from May 13th to September 30th, shows a balance of \$16,122.27, remaining in his hands, to meet the current expenses for the remainder of the year. The financial exhibit shows the sum of \$1,252.20 due on account of outstanding orders, claims and interest, not adjusted in the Treasurer's last settlement. Sept. 30, 1874. After deducting the sum in the Treasurer's hands from assets, a balance is left in favor of the County of \$25,343.41.

The County Convention holden June. 1874, upon the recommendation of the Commissioners, voted, to raise by tax the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, for payment of expenses and debts the ensuing year. We think that this sum will meet the current expenses of the County and pay the balance of such bonds maturing in April, 1875, as may have to be carried over, till September, and after this year, a less amount will be required to be raised by tax for payment of County indebtedness and current expenses.

ALBERT H. DANFORTH, } *County*
 JOHN V. GUNNISON, } *Commissioners.*
 ADOLPHUS HALL, }

Unity, September 1st, 1874.