ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE-

CLERK, TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF POOR,

-AND -

School Committee,

OF THE-

TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD,

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1892.

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TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWRALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPSHIRE SS.

To Asher Pease, Constable of the Town of Middlefield:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Middlefield, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Middlefield, on Monday, the seventh day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

- Art. 2. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and School Committee, and act thereon.
 - Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guide-boards.
 - Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers.
- Art. 5. To see if the town will make an appropriation for School Supervision.
 - Art. 6. To determine the disposition of the Dog Fund.
- Art 7. To see if the town will vote to pay H. Sternagle seventy-three dollars and fifty nine cents, expended on highway, in excess of appropriation.
- Art. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, and pass any vote relating thereto.
 - Art. 10. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.
 - Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new fire-proof safe.
- Art. 12. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this town the ensuing year.
- Art. 13. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1890, entitled "An Act to authorize the printing and distributing ballots for town elections, at the public expense."

Also to determine what officers, if any, not required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall be so chosen, also the number and terms of such officers.

Art. 14. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middlefield, this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

J. T. BRYAN,
GEO. W. COTTRELL,
S. A. KNOX,
Selectmen
of
Middlefield.

ASSESSORS' REPORT, CONTINUED.

Tax	rate per thousand,	\$12 50
No.	of Horses assessed,	111
**	Cows, "	249
44	Sheep, "	476
**	Neat cattle other than cows,	398
**	Swine assessed,	33
**	Dwellings, "	115
"	Acres of land assessed,	14165
	Fowls assessed,	975

TAXES ABATED AS FOLLOWS:

Charles J. Blush, abatement for lack of road, \$2 00

J. T. BRYAN,
GEO. W. COTTRELL,
S. A. KNOX,
Assessors
of
Middlefield.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, for board	Marian Taran	100
of D. McCarty, Jr.,	\$169 46	
Expense of Lyman Meacham,	88 87	
" Albert Gordan,	67 68	
Order to Dr. Boynton, for medical attendance of		
John Dolman's child,	5 00	\$331 01

J. T. BRYAN,
GEO. W. COTTRELL,
of
S. A. KNOX,
Overseers
of
Poor.

Selectmen's Report.

ORDERS GIVEN FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES.

To W. B. Viets, western division,	\$330 95	
To Henry Sternagle, center division,	354.78	
To J. T. Bryan, eastern division,	332 84	\$1018 57

ORDERS GIVEN FOR MILITARY AID.

To John A. Williams,	\$57.50
To George F. Friend,	55 00
To Mrs Sarah Rowen,	48 00 \$160 50

SELECTMEN'S REPORT, CONTINUED.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Solloon Rocochils.		
Orders given for teaching,	\$1056 00	
" Wood and coal,	78 50	
" Supplies,	76 69	
" Building fires,	8 50	
" Transporting scholars,	15 00	
" Salary of School Superintenden		\$1331 13
Order given H. O. Sprague & Son, for heating app		\$195 00
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES		
Mrs. L. S. Newton, services as librarian,	\$3 00	
R. D. Geer, ringing bell,	12 00	
M. L. Robbins, sundries,	2 94	
Express, postage and blanks,	10 16	
C. T. Bagnall, printing reports,	20 00	
George Tyler & Co., scraper-blade and bolts,	6 80	
Geo. W. Cottrell, printing School reports,	10 00	
M. J. Smith, Trustee of Library, for books,	54 35	
W. B. Rowen, sundries,	6 95	
J. T. Bryan, work and plank on Tracy bridge,	12 90	
Election Tellers,	3 00	
Administering oaths,	3 00	
J. T. Bryan, driving hearse,	4 00	
Asher Pease, order of abatement,	2 00	
discount,	48 41	
costs of collecting Marcy tax,	7,50	*****
J. McElwain, work in cemetery,	3 75	\$210 76
TOWN OFFICERS.		
M. J. Smith, services as School Committee,	\$11 00	
J. T. Bryan, "Treasurer,	25 00	
O. U. Church, "Selectman,	8 75	
O. C. Olds, "	75	
Geo. W. Cottrell, services as Selectman, Assessor	and	
Overseer of the Poor,	10 50	
Geo. W. Cottrell, services as School Committee,	8 75	
J. T. Bryan, services as Selectman, Assessor and		
Overseer of the Poor,	14 25	
J. McElwain, services as Town Clerk,	2 2 50	
Asher Pease, Collecting taxes,	40 00	
"Copying and serving Warrants,	2 00	\$143 53

SELECTMEN'S REPORT, CONTINUED.

SUMMARY.

ORDERS GIVEN FROM FEB. 1, 1891 TO FEB. 1, 1892.

\$331 01	
1018 57	
160 50	
1331 13	
143 53	\$3390 50
	160 50 1331 13 195 00 210 76

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Howard Smith	Charles M. Combs
Herbert H. Prentice	Willis B. Graves
George W. Howe	Levi Shaw
George S. Bell	Edward D. Blush
Elbert A	

J. T. BRYAN,	Selectmen
GEO. W. COTTRELL,	of
S. A. KNOX,	Middlefield.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, and find them correct, with proper vouches for all orders given.

GEORGE F. FRIEND, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE-

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE-

Town of Middlefield,

For the year ending March 1, 1892.

No	of per	rsons	in town May 1, 1891, between 5 an	d 15 years of age, 75
			and 14,	42
	No. o	f pup	ils enrolled,	119
	**		under 5 years,	. 4
	"	"	over 15 years,	7
	"	**	between 8 and 14,	63
	Avera	ige me	embership,	92 2-5
			endance,	79 1-4
	Perce	ent of	attendance,	85
	No. o	f scho	ols,	6
	No. o	f male	teachers,	1
	No. o	f fema	le teachers,	10
			ges of teachers per month,	\$21 33 1-3

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Raised by Town,	\$800 00	
State School Fund,	359 56	
From Town of Becket,	75 00	THE REAL PROPERTY.
From Town of Worthington,	95 00	
School supervision,	150 00	
Income surplus revenue,	6 00	\$1485 56

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Teachers' salaries,	\$1024 00	
Care of fires,	13 00	
Wood and coal,	81 50	
Books and supplies,	75 69	
Salary of Superintendent,	99 00	\$1293 19
Balance,		\$192 37
Due from State May I for School encomision	********	

STATISTICS OF EACH SCHOOL.

BANCROFT SCHOOL.

Dora M. Sternagle,	\$60 00	
Eliza E. Taintor, two terms,	132 00	
Wood and coal,	27 50	
Care of fire,	5 00	\$224 50
Average membership,	35	
Average attendance,	28:15	
Per cent of attendance,	80.50	
FACTORY VILLAGE S	сноог.	
Helen M. Wright,	\$50 00	
Dora M. Sternagle, two terms,	110 00	
Wood,	10 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	\$171 50
Average membership,	12.2	
Average attendance,	10 05	
Per cent of attendance,	82.50	
CENTER SCHOOL	ь.	
Mary E. Bryan, three terms,	\$192 00	
Wood,	18 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	\$211 50
Average membership,	21	
Average attendance,	19.75	
Per cent of attendance,	90.80	
PEASE SCHOOL		
R. May Jones, three terms,	\$160 00	
Wood,	8 00	

NORTH EAST SCHOOL.

Care of fire,

Average membership,

Per cent of attendance,

Average attendance,

Rosina M. Smith,	\$50 00	
Helen M. Wright,	60 00	
George Alderman,	50 00	
Wood,	8 00	
Care of fire,	2 00	\$170 00

1 50

7.39

92.50

8

\$169 50

NORTH EAST SCHOOL, CONTINUED.

Average membership,	9.14
Average attendance,	8.5
per cent of attendance,	92.50

SMITH HOLLOW SCHOOL.

Edith M. Smith,	\$50 00	\$171 50
Abbie W. Hills, .	60 00	
F. Lena Smith,	50 00	
Wood,	10 00	
Care of fire,	1 50	
Average membership,	7.1	
Average attendance,	6.6	
Per cent of attendance,	83	

Truant Officer, - - . S. A. KNOX.

GEO. W. COTTRELL, School Committee of Middlefield.