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Horticultural Society Letters
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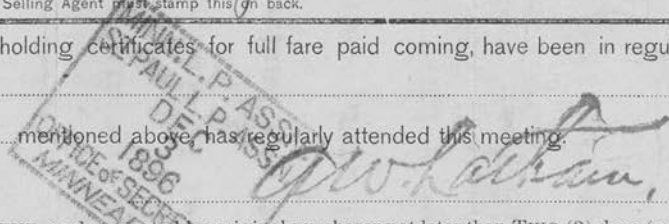
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J. J. MAHONEY,

General Superintendent.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 5, '96.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Sec'y Minn. State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Block,
City.

Dear Sir:-

My attention was called sometime since to a circular, sent out by you, to members, asking for information in regard to the varieties of fruit each one was growing.

As I take it, all is fruit that is cultivated in the garden, from a husk tomato to a mammoth pumpkin, and as my space is limited, (15 rods) or 1/10 of an acre, my information to you will of necessity be brief. What can be grown on one tenth of an acre.

// This is the sixth year I have cultivated this "patch." This year I raised 13 bushels Early Ohio Potatoes; all ripe in time to sell for 50¢ per bushel, 2 pie pumpkins, self sown, 5¢ each, 1 basket field corn, came up in the manure, value 50¢, sage 50¢, 30 quarts Burpee's Lima Beans valued at 30¢ per quart, \$9.00, sweet corn, 80 doz. at 10¢ per doz., \$8.00, and stalks \$1.50, 9 doz. hills of Nubia Peppers, no fruit, 1 basket G. Q. Pop Corn, value 50¢, 1 peck pickling onions, 25¢, 10 doz. cabbage \$3.00, 3 bushel peas, Premium Gen, \$3.00, carrots, Early Horn and 1/2 long, 5 bu. \$2.50, 2 bu. Beets, \$1.00, Parsnips, Hollow Crown, 4 bu. \$1.60, 50 bunches turnips, \$2.50,

#2.

6 doz. Lettuce 90¢, 60 bunches Radish \$3.00, 8 doz. Tomato Plants \$1.20, 3 bu. Golden Wax Beans, \$3.00, 12 bu. Tomatoes \$6.00, Egyptian Onions \$1.00, in the ground yet, total \$55.55.

Last year the product was worth about \$85.00 and two years ago I realized about \$100, prices being higher - getting 15¢ per doz, for corn, and having the piece in corn that year that I had in potatoes this year. Besides the enumeration above, I have saved my seed corn, beans, peas, etc.

~~If you, Mr. Sec'y, deem this worthy of notice you can use it as you think proper.~~

Very Resp'y Yours,

Wm. Gibson"

~~Minneapolis~~
Old No. 891,
New No. 823 E. Franklin Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

ILLINOIS STATE

Horticultural Society.

Annual Meeting for 1896 at Springfield,
December 29, 30, 31.

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Savoy, Ill., Nov. 25-1896.
(Champaign Co.)

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Dear Sir;

This will introduce to you Mr. H. M. Dunlap who has been appointed as a delegate from the Illinois State Horticultural Society to your annual meeting. Mr. Dunlap is Sec'y of the Illinois State Horticultural Society. We trust your meeting will be a pleasant and profitable one and that you will reciprocate by ~~the~~ appointment of a delegate to the annual meeting of our State Society which occurs Dec. 29-30-31- at Springfield.

Yours very truly,

T. E. Goodrich
President.

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 ADDRESS } Phone, Minneapolis—662-6.
 } Telegraph, Minneapolis.
 } Freight, Minnesota Transfer
 } Express, St. Anthony Park.

Dec. 7 - 1896

Dear Friend Latham,

Yesterday I telegraphed you to send copy to DeLano, thinking you might possibly have failed to do so Saturday. I trust I did not inconvenience you thereby. I did it on the receipt Sunday A. M. of a special delivery letter to the effect that they were out of copy. With kindest regards

Cordially yours

Samuel B. Green

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RECEIVED at Minneapolis, Minn. *11a*

M. Standard Time

Dated *Jan 6*

To *Ch Anthony*

Parke Minn 6
W Latham Secy Horticultural Society
"Residence"

Send copy to Eagle Printing
Company Delano today

Samuel B Green



State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute

C. C. Gregg, Supt.

Synd Lyon Co. Minn. OCT. 31, 1896. 189

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:--

Your letter of Oct. 29, asking me to prepare a short paper on the winter protection of strawberries on the prairie is received. We will prepare such a paper. My only thought in promising this, is that my experience so far is quite limited. Nevertheless, we may be able to make some suggestions growing out of our long experience on those prairies that are so persistently wind swept, that may be of value to others.

I am,

Very truly yours,

C. C. Gregg

H. Paul, Minn.

Nov. 23, '96

A. W. Latham, Sec'y of M. St. Hort. Soc.;

Dear Sir,

I herewith

return the enclosed as it must have
been sent to me by mistake.

December 2, 1895, having paid up
all of subscription till date, I sent
you notice of my resignation (of
the Horticultural Society as also
not to send me the monthly magazine
any more, as in my present position
I have no time or opportunity for horticultural
matters.

I occasionally received some
number of the magazine, how many
I do not know. But as I had sent
in at the proper time my resignation
and as I often get various sample
copies of mail matter, I gave the matter
not further attention, till receiving the
enclosed.

If you have neglected or forgotten
to cancel my name from the membership
list, please do so without further delay.
Respectfully, Rev. John McInnes.



State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute,

O. C. Gregg, Supt.

Lynd Lyon Co. Minn. NOV. 20, 1896. 189

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir and friend:--

Enclosed herewith please find my check for \$1.00 in payment of membership fee, as per card enclosed.

I am preparing for Mrs. Gregg to be present at the Annual meeting, to read for me the two papers which I have prepared for you. It seems that this is the best thing that I can do under the circumstances. At the time that you hold your meeting, our circuit will have commenced, and I shall be in the north part of the state in Wadena and Hubbard counties. It would give me much pleasure to be with you in person, but under present circumstances I do not see how I can spare the time. I am,

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg

Saco No. Nov 20 ⁹⁶

Secy. Latham

Yours - to be sure
& please find ^{the} enclosed
for membership coming
Yours

Yours truly

J. L. Goodale

Northeastern Iowa Horticultural Society.

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Secretary, C. H. TRUE, Edgewood.
Treasurer, G. A. IVINS, Iowa Falls.

OFFICE OF

THE

Vice President

Osage

Iowa, NOV 12 1896 189

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis, Minn.

Kind Friend:-

This Society meets at Osage Mitchell Co. Iowa the third Tuesday in Dec. We should feel highly honored if your Society would send a delegate. We will see that he is well taken care of while here.

There will be free entertainment for all horticulturists from abroad and we desire the attendance of as many Minnesota people as can possibly attend. Please give this matter as much publicity as possible.

Yours

C. F. Gardner

P. S.

I expect our program will be out a few days will send you one

C. F. G.

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Osage, Iowa, Nov. 2nd 1896.

A. W. Latham Sec.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of 30th of Oct. at hand. I shall be pleased to write the article you mention and I expect to be with you Dec 1st

Wishing you the compliments of the season

I am respectfully yours

Charles F. Gardner



State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute,

O. C. Gregg, Supt.

Lynd Lyon Co. Minn. NOV. 3, 1896. 189

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:--

Enclosed herewith I send you that article that you requested me, upon the winter protection of the strawberry upon the prairie. I send it to you to be placed with the other article that we furnished for your Annual meeting. I shall try to be there in person, but in case my duties in the field shall forbid, then the articles are at your service to be used at your pleasure. This article has a little in it concerning the cultivation, etc., but I have tried as a whole to stick closely to the "text" that you gave me. It is an outline which may serve as an incentive to discussion. I am,

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg

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OFFICE OF

THE

Vice President

Osage

Iowa, Nov. 5th 1896

A. W. Latham, Sec.

Dear Sir:

Your kind favor at hand.
For the title of my article I would suggest

"Berry Bushes"

Success, or failure in growing heavy crops.

In this article I will confine myself to Raspberries and Blackberries.

If you prefer some other title or wish me to speak of other fruits, put it in the way you want it. But if you change it different from above let me know in time.

The result of the Election has made us all happy down here. Big jollyfication to-night.

Yours truly
Chas. F. Gardner

Botcum Farm, Lynd, Minn.
Oct. 28, 1896.

Mr. A. W. Latham
Secy Horticultural Society
Dear Sir;

Upon my return after
an absence from home I found
your letter - in which you request
me to prepare a paper upon
"An Ideal Farmer's Home."

I thank you for thus honoring
me and I will do my best to
write up the subject and, if
possible, be present to read it.

With kindest regards I am
Very sincerely yours
Wm. A. C. Gugg.

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ADDRESS { Telephone, Minneapolis-662-6.
Telegraph, Minneapolis.
Freight, Minnesota Transfer Express, St. Anthony Park.



Aug. 18-1896

A. W. Latham Esq.

Dear friend: -

The following

premium list I suggest for this year ^{apply for same to}

1. One Green Mountain grape vine to each of the first 100 ^{to}
2. One Brighton " "
3. One Delaware " "
4. ^{four} ~~two~~ Elder Raspberry (black) plants.
5. ^{four} ~~two~~ Nemaha " (") "
6. One ~~Raffalo~~ ^{Tamarix amarensis} to first 100 ^{to} apply for the same.
7. One rose plant, Chloé Souper.
8. One Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora
9. Two white grape currants.
10. Six Hibernia apple root grafts.

Truly yours.

Samuel B. Green



State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute

O. C. Gregg, Supt.

Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn. OCT. 26, 1896. 189

A. W. LATHAM, ESQ.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir and friend:--

Your letter of the 23rd came to hand on Saturday, enclosing letter of Mr. Van Duser. As you request, we enclose his letter in return. I do not see how we can make any engagement with Mr. Van Duser in Institute work as we have already found that the horticulturalists for the farmers of Minnesota ought to be Minnesotans, familiar with Minnesota conditions. I can well understand that such an expert as this man undoubtedly is would be of help to you professional horticulturalists. His rates also are pretty high, and while we are willing to pay good wages for good men, we want them in all cases to be of a kind that will be greatly helpful to the farmers of our State. I am expecting some good solid work from Mr. Cutts, and I think it will be of a kind that will lead our farmers to take hold of this much neglected department of agriculture in our State, namely horticulture. Without interfering with Mr. Cutts, I shall be able to reinforce his words this winter as I have never been able to do before. I do not plan however to talk horticulture as a principal, but will have a sort of "Amen Corner" somewhere near the Superintendent's chair, that will heartily endorse what he shall say. I thank you for calling my attention to this part and will wik always be glad to receive suggestions from you in the interests of the work which we represent. I am,

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg



1425 6TH ST. S. E.

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LYND, Lyon Co., Minn.

OCT. 20., 1896.

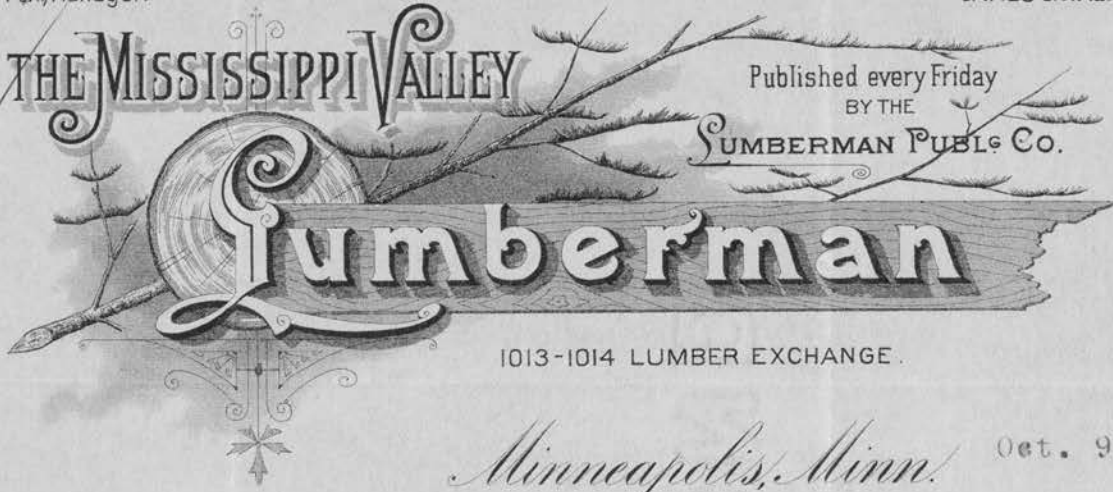
A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear friend:--

I am in receipt of your circular as enclosed, asking for information concerning varieties of apples, etc. As you understand, we have not as yet at this place reached a point where we can talk about results in fruit growing, but we are on the track in good shape, and one of these days will be able to fill out such a blank with confidence that we are recording valuable experience. I have entered a few answers that I thought could be safely made. I am,

Very truly yours,

C. C. Gregg



ans Oct. 10

Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 9th, 1896

Prof. S. B. Green,
State Experimental Station,
St. Anthony Park, Minn.,

Dear Sir:--

Would be pleased to receive from the copy of the paper which I prepared for the meeting of the State Horticultural Society, at St. Anthony Park in the summer, on the subject of "The Growth of Hardwood Trees". I was unable to be present, and mailed you the paper. You wrote me that it would appear in the published report of the proceedings, but not having found it among the proceedings, would be very much pleased if you would return to me the copy, as it is the only copy of the paper I made, and I wish to preserve the matter contained therein.

Thanking you for the favor, I remain,

Yours truly,

Fred H. Gilman

*Fred H. Gilman. I gave you the
paper herewith referred to on
Monday of the preceding week.
S. B. Green.*

Saco Maine
Sept 30 1894

Mr. A. W. Latham
Dear Sir

Dear Sir

Mr Kelley called upon
me yesterday - and in answer to my
inquiry if he had received books from you
answered yes - a Volume for '95 - to second
inquiry he stated that he had not received
any for Current year -

You may remember that I asked for the
copy of ~~Professors~~ Books to come to me -
that was because I desired it for present
reference - as it did not come I procured
a copy from Noyes - and so - when sent
(if not already on the way) will you kindly send
it to him direct - There is no haste -
I only desire that he get it - at your con-
venience -

Thanks for your references to Members -
for correspondence - I have already answers
both useful & interesting from several

Yours Very truly
S. L. Goodale

You do not know how much good your
publications have done me - One item -
Noticing in your list of Life An. Members the name
Wesley Valens
of ~~Chicago~~ ^{Chicago} when I had not heard from you
many years - He, W. S. Cleveland - I addressed
him at Minneapolis - got most hearty &
gratifying response - prompt too - from Chicago!!



State of Minnesota

State Farmers Institute

1425 6TH ST. S. E.

C. C. Gregg, Supt.

Minneapolis

L. T. D., Lyon Co., Minn.

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SEPT. 25, 1896.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir and friend:--

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 23rd. This letter gives me much pleasure, in that it expresses a willingness to assist us in the work which we have in hand. Such a friendly attitude on the part of those who occupy positions like yours is highly appreciated by me. Whatever help of the nature that I have asked shall be received by me is not to be used to personal advantage. My great ~~xxxx~~ aim in labor at this time is to make everything subject to the advancement of better agricultural, including horticultural conditions for our State, and particularly the portion with which I have been acquainted so long. I only wish the backing of each and every member of the Board in order that I may have the ~~xxxx~~ greater power and scope to accomplish that end.

I am glad to notice that you approve of the method of work which we have started here. It is new in its outline and peculiar in its relation to Institute work, but I believe that ~~it~~ it will have a mighty leverage for the improved and better farming conditions.

Please inform me if you have any bound copies of our Annuals. I have the impression that your office contains one or more volumes. In case however you have not those volumes, we will see to it at once that you get them. I can furnish you the bound copies of Annuals 1 to 7 in-

A. W. L., # 2.

inclusive, making three good sized volumes. .

I give to Mrs. Gregg the word which you send me relative to your visit at our home. We assure you jointly that your visit was a great pleasure to us, and hope that it may be repeated at some future time that may be agreeable to you. When you shall see us again, we expect to be in still better condition to advance the work which is now at our hand. I am,

Dear Sir:—

Very respectfully yours,

O B Gregg

Very truly yours,



State of Minnesota

State Farmers Institute

1425 6TH ST. S. E.

C. C. Gregg, Supt.

Minneapolis

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SEPT. 12, 1896.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir:--

Your letter of the 9th is at hand. It is not particular to me when you will come to our place. I think that if you should come down with Prof. Hays that it would be a good time, as I of course should endeavor to be here so as to meet you, and in that case will meet both of you at the same time. Please of course, drop me a line a few days in advance as to your coming, so that we may prepare to meet you at the train. I am,

Very truly yours;

C. C. Gregg

Saco, 29/8/96

Mr. A.W.Latham, Sec'y

Dear Sir

Hearty thanks for your kind favor of 23d, and the vol. for /95, both of which came three days since; and the Nos. for current year to-day. In April No. of the latter, (not '95). I find mention of the sand cherry you referred to, and am much interested; would like very much to give it a full test in Maine, feeling assured that, - whatever else might be its wants or demerits it would prove hardy here; as an ever-bearing mulberry did not - - sent me many years ago by Cha's. Downing, years before the public heard of it. This leads me to say that I am puzzled beyond ex-pression by what I read in your reports about Climate. Only this is yet sure, - viz, That temperature alone is not the controlling factor, and that the modifying conditions are not clearly revealed - to me, - by the things which yet appear.

You excel us in Grapes as surely as we surpass you in Pears.

To help you to a glimpse of things and conditions in Maine I venture to send you an antiquated Report touching on some fruit matters, and incidentally on climatic conditions here; also a few other scraps which have found their way to printers ink. Please dont feel obliged to read any, if the waste basket is available.

Very truly yours

U.L.Goodale

Saco Me 29/8/96

Will see Letter please find
to include ~~letter~~ for membership
of J. P. Kelley Saco Me - send
reports to him & a copy Amolans
(and Gronow Prof Gronow) to

S. L. Gardner

Saco

Maine

If that is
the proper thing

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State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute

1425 6th St. S. E.

O. C. Gregg, Supt.

Minneapolis,

SEPT. 22, 1896.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir and friend:-

If it be agreeable to you, and your judgment approves the matter as right, I would be pleased to have you write a letter to Pres. Underwood and tell him concerning the work which we are doing here, upon this sub-station in the line of horticulture and forestry. I do not of course, wish you to write anything but what your own judgment would lead you to write, and as due the work which we are doing, here, in this southwest part of Minnesota. I have entered upon that work with the firm conviction that it ought to be done. I have also become deeply interested in those two lines of work, and I propose to further advance them as rapidly as I can as an individual, with all of the help that I can safely control. Of course, Prof. Green is doing his part as you saw, and I think you will agree with me that he is doing it well. I only wish Mr. Underwood to hear from an unbiased party concerning this matter, so that he will appreciate our efforts as I firmly believe he will, as fast as he finds that they are worthy of his commendation and support.

You know of course, that Mr. Underwood is a member of our Board, and it is always to be desired on the part of anyone who works under a Board of Control to have their just appreciation of his work. I do not by any means admit that President Underwood has any other thought concerning what we are

Sugg. just

A. W. L., # 2.

trying to do, but I have the impression in my mind that he does not know as much about the work and about its value as he would know if he had seen it the same as you have seen it.

Please drop me a line and let me know if this suggestion meets with your approval. Enclosed please find an envelope for reply. I am,

Very truly yours,

Ob Gregg

Mendenhall The Florist,



Minneapolis, Minn., Aug 23 1896

H. Elliot Esq.,

Dear Sir:-

I visited the state fair grounds today in hopes of seeing some one in regards to space for an exhibit of plants, cut flowers etc. but found no one there. I filed entries for Div G. Class 72. lots 119, 120, 133, 138 and 141

Will you please reserve space for the above exhibit? or inform me when convenient, at what time I must be on the grounds to secure same: and oblige

Mendenhall Greenhouses
per R. M. Grey (Foreman)

Saco, Me. Aug. 21, 1896.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec'y Minn. State Horticultural Society.

Dear Sir:

Please accept cordial thanks for the copy of Horticulturist,--and find one dollar which I understood Prof. Green to say might bring more,-- and back volumes. Nothing will come amiss which throws light upon the peculiar features of Northwestern Horticulture, ^{especially} native American plums, and hybrids thereof; and upon the peculiarities of your climate, which I already perceive differ materially from ours, and chiefly in features other than temperature.

I much desire to obtain (before cold weather) at least one good yearling tree, or sion of every variety of native American Plum really worth planting so far North as we are. Will it be asking too much for you to give me the name of nurserymen most trustworthy as to accuracy of nomenclature, and would send me what need, and at moderate charge? (This because my purse lately came too near being utterly emptied) I am also desirous of obtaining a pounds of seeds or pits from the best natives, partly for stocks, more for study of variations in habit, foliage, etc. etc.

Very truly yours,

S. S. Goodale

*Please pardon garrulity -
Is it not an old name Perquitta?*

*Can you inform me whether change for 1000 to Boston or further west?
Plum really worth planting so far North as we are?
Is it not an old name Perquitta?*

Please understand that my
project has no aspect toward
money making - It is primarily
for my own benefit to brain
to insure its working out - with
avoidance of right or not -
(so far as a God Providence
permits -) and so - if
somebody has a new pair
of high promise & wants a
test - send "down cast"
with best price that he may
have full ownership - and
can trust me - I would
try it - During party years
& some neighbors trust me
with their savings of money
as you may see by a book
which is just come to me to
read -
It cannot be met & short
of any since Charles
Loring sent me for trial
in my clerk, his ever being
the best - before it was offered
to the public - and it failed
before the eyes of our Writ



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A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir and friend:--

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 21st inst. The Northwestern Agriculturist is correct in stating that Mr. E. J. Cutts of Howard Lake will represent the horticultural department in our Institute work this coming winter.

I am very glad to notice your post script in which you give Mr. ~~Cutts~~ Cutts so favorable a notice. Before I made an engagement with Mr. Cutts, I had some correspondence with Mr. Underwood of our Board, and President of your society, and he also was very favorable~~ly~~ to this engagement. I have had Mr. Cutts in mind for sometime, as a man who I thought would be successful in this work when I found it necessary to make any engagement; so that Mr. Cutts ~~x~~ is a man who I personally approve, and who I think will be successful in this line of work. I called him out at one of our meetings sometime ago, and he gave us a short talk on grape culture, making his illustrations at that time, on the blackboard, and did it so well that I then became satisfied that he would be a success.

I deeply regret the loss of Mr. Wedge from our work. His home conditions were such that he concluded he could not continue with us, so we have reluctantly parted with him. Mr. Wedge improved continually while he was upon the platform, was evidently well posted in horticulture, was a

A. W. L., #2.

gentleman in every way, and a man that made friends, and gained the confidence and respect of every member of the corps. I shall always remember my association with him in Institute work with pleasure and respect.

When I think of the horticultural work that has been done upon the Institute platform of Minnesota, I consider that we have been very fortunate in obtaining such a good line of Institute workers to represent that interest before the farmers of our State. I am fully persuaded that it has been a great factor in awakening an interest in fruit growing and tree growing through out Minnesota.

I would like to have you see our place here, and see what we are doing as dairymen in the line of horticulture. Would you come down and make us a visit provided I would obtain for you the transportation from Minneapolis to Lynd, and return? Please advise me and I think that I can bring that matter about. One of these days, I am thinking of applying for the first degree in horticulture at the hands of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, and I might perhaps want your endorsement before that Society would consider such an application. I am,

Very truly yours,

O. B. Gregg

W. E.

Please answer -

Ans
8.27.96

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Arosa Springs Iowa Aug 24
Mr. E. M. Randall

I have very suddenly concluded to stop my work long enough to write you a few lines in reply to your kind favor of June 13th 96. You say you sent me copy of the Premium List of your State Fair. Up to date I have seen nothing of it, I did intend to write you at once and inform you of our prospects as to making an exhibit of fruit at your coming fair. But to be brief as possible will say I have never in my life been so crowded with the labor and care on my farm as we have been the past few months. I have just stopped writing and have been over my neighbors orchard and he tells me I can have specimens of any thing he has if I will make the exhibit. He like myself and your man Harris of Crescent City have been growing all the choice

varieties of apples we could hear of to be short I feel confident I can beat Prof Budd a full length i.e. if he confines himself to the Russians mainly. We have by far the grandest showing of large perfect specimens of apples in this neighborhood we have ever had and I feel sure the like for show and quality can not be excelled by any Township or county in northern Iowa if in the State. Nearly all our choice varieties like the Jonathan Grimes Golden City, Seekno further N.W. Greening Pound Sour Wightman, Russett, and a host of like varieties that no one have grown outside of our Township. We have succeeded with these rich varieties by top working them on to extreme hardy stock. Myself and neighbor Heisz have been at this work for over forty years and can now make a showing that no other neighborhood can duplicate in Minn or N. Iowa. I have all confidence we can put Budds Russian back in the shade with our own grown Native American apples. I do not know what your prices offered are I do not care to compete with your fruit men but if you can afford to pay my expenses there and back and while there I will give in all my trouble and will try and stay with my fruit to answer all questions concerning the varieties and how I have succeeded in growing so many choice

varieties. The trees on which they have been
 grown are to all appearance as hardy as the
 Duchess some have been bearing 12 or 13 years
 and these the most tender kinds I have a
 most splendid showing of the N.W. Greening
 Lutter Red, Wealthy, Wolf River Malinda
 Benton County seedling and many
 others, I think ten dollars would cover
 all expenses I will only ask for cheap board
 can sleep with my fruit on a plank if
 wished I am now near seventy and cannot
 get around as I could a few years I expect
 my son to accompany me there if I come
 He expects to be there and a dozen or
 more from Nora Springs so I should not
 be alone if you wish to have me make
 up the exhibit please write me at once
 and give me your best offer for my show
 If I come I want to go at once to collecting
 I want to know what day I should express
 the fruit to be there in time. Think I can fit
 a table fifteen feet long with the finest
 and best varieties that will be found
 there on exhibition and these grow many
 miles north of Ames We are near the Iowa
 State line I think my exhibit would be
 by far more valuable than all the rest there
 Edson Gaylard

Mr. J. with England that we have
an abundance of fruit & must in this
State this year and we should under
ordinary circumstances be willing to pay
his expenses but since we have so
much fruit of our own raising it would
not be doing justice to our own growers to
invite outside growers by paying their expenses

but if he desires to come on we will reimburse
him for his expenses upon receiving a
telegram that he is coming. answers
is question about expenses & method
of getting to the line advise him to
bring his family ^{with} him on the line
that there may be no delay in receiving it in
line. He can get cheap haul at Passer's ^{disposal}
& so to ^{the} grounds ^{the} ^{ambly} ^{less}

Mr

I would like to see you but as you were
out in the car at once the car was gone



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A. W. Latham, Esq.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir and friend:--

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. I am pleased to know that the horticulturists of Minnesota appreciate our efforts at least, to advance the work of fruit and tree growing in our State, not only on the platform, but in our personal interests and our personal work.

I will write at once and try to obtain transportation for you from Minneapolis to Lynd, and return. I think that I can secure it without any difficulty. I shall expect to meet you at the Fair. I am,

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg