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Horticultural Society Letters
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College Station, Texas.

Dec. 18-1896.

Mr. A. H. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir: Your letter of Nov. 17th was received & should have had an earlier reply but I have been delayed in obtaining the data you desire for publication concerning my father.

I send you by this mail a copy of the "Agricultural Science" containing an article such as you desire which was prepared at the time of my father's death. It also contains a photograph & signature which I hope you can

Make use of. If this photograph
will not answer your purpose
I will be glad to send you one
from which this plate was made
should you desire it.

Hoping this may not be
too late for your purpose, &
Thanking you for your interest
I remain,

Very truly,

Lillie Porter Soule.

Long Lake Dec 29th
A W Latham

Dear Sir

Please drop my
subscription to
Horticultural

yours truly
Geo H Smith

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THE
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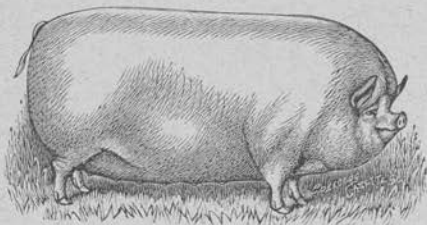
PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY
ORANGE JUDD COMPANY,
MARQUETTE ~~Building~~ Building.

Chicago, Ill., Dec 24, 1896

Mr A. W. Latham
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear sir:
If you have not returned
that cut of the Illinois fruit exhibit at
the state fair, please forward at your
early convenience to H. M. Dunlap,
Savoy, Ill and oblige

Yours very truly
E. A. Shamel
Managing Editor



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HANOVER, WIS., DEC 26TH, 1896.

A. W. LATHAM,

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

DEAR SIR: -

in YOURS OF 24TH, RECEIVED. SORRY TO SAY I CANNOT CONTINUE MY
"AD" ~~IN~~ THE MINN. HORTICULTURIST.

BUT I HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FIRST INQUIREY THE PAST YEAR THAT I
COULD TRACE TO THAT "AD"

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Agent selling Original Ticket will Stamp this In Space Indicated.

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RECEIPT FOR FARE PAID. CERTIFICATE OF STANDARD FORM, JOINT AGENCY RULE.

Agents will give receipt on this blank for tickets purchased, whenever requested.

Received of M. S. A. Sargent, whose signature precedes,
Name of Purchaser signed in ink in presence of Agent.

one + 3/2 Dollars (\$ 15.2),

for 1 ticket at 15.2 each, from St. Louis Mo to St. Paul

Form Card Number 24441 via Empire

Date 12/1 1896 J. A. May Agent.

This, when issued as a Certificate of going fare paid to meetings, is Not a guarantee of any reduction, and will be available for reduced return rate only when agreed upon, and then only upon fulfillment of all conditions of certificate plan Joint Agency Rule. It is Void if altered or if not filled in, signed and stamped by agent of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

J. A. May
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

Complete Route must be filled in Clearly when Tickets read over Connecting Lines.

Conductors will not Accept this Under Any Circumstances.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND FOR RETURN TRIP.

Invalid unless Reduced Rate has been agreed upon and conditions named below are fulfilled.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the purchaser named on back hereof has been in regular attendance

at the _____

Name of Meeting and of Society or Organization.

held at _____ and that One Hundred (100) or more persons, holding proper

Place of Meeting.

Certificates showing purchase of going tickets at more than fifty cents (50 cts.) each, have attended said meeting.

{ Secretary of
Meeting or Society.

Joint Agent.

If going ticket was purchased during three (3) days prior to announced opening date, or during the first three (3) days of meeting, this certificate, when signed by the Secretary, stamped and signed by Joint Agent, and presented by original purchaser, not later than Three (3) days (not counting Sunday in any case) after date announced for close of meeting, to proper Ticket Agent having special instructions, will entitle holder to purchase a continuous return-trip ticket at such reduced fare as may have been agreed upon, via same route and between same points as going ticket.

Return tickets must be purchased before taking the train, as otherwise full fare will be required.

Ministers or others using reduced fare permits or commutation tickets of any kind are not entitled to the certificate plan reduction.

To be filled in by Agent and received by Purchaser at time of delivery of Return Ticket. Agents selling Return Tickets will endorse each coupon "DELEGATE."

RECEIVED one First Class Special Return Ticket, Form _____ No. _____

From _____ to _____ via _____

at rate of _____ Purchaser.

Joint Agent's Stamp should appear on FACE of this.

JOINT AGENT
STAMP HERE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
MIN. & P. ASSN.
1906
DEC 3 1906
PAUL L. P. ASSN.

Agents from whom original ticket is purchased will stamp this in space indicated.

Standard form of Certificate available for use as an ordinary form of receipt for fares paid, as well as in connection with the Certificate plan, Joint Agency rule, and Agents will use this blank in giving receipt for tickets purchased whenever requested.

CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & OMAHA RAILWAY

CERTIFICATE OF FARE PAID.

M. J. Smith
Name of purchaser signed in ink in presence of Agent, whose signature precedes, has this day

purchased *om* Tickets at \$ *1.20* fare each, from *St. Paul to Minneapolis*

form *Cars* Number *5892* via *St. Paul*

Date *Dec 1* 189*6* *R. Anderson* Agent.

THIS CERTIFICATE is NOT a guarantee that reduced rate will be made for return trip, but is merely an evidence of fare paid on going trip, and to be available for reduced return rate only when the latter has been agreed upon, and then only when all other conditions of the certificate plan joint agency rule have been complied with, and is void, if altered or if certificate of purchase of going ticket is not filled out, signed and stamped by agent of the **CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS & OMAHA R.Y.**

J. W. Keasdale
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.



FORM 127.

Conductors will not accept this order under any circumstances.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the purchaser named on back hereof has been in regular attendance

at the.....

held at.....and that proper certificates have been presented showing ONE HUNDRED (100) or more persons have paid fare on going trip to attend said meeting, as required by the rules.

..... { Secretary of Meeting or Society.

When signed by the Secretary, stamped by Joint Agent, and presented by original purchaser, not later than Three (3) days (not counting Sunday) after date announced for close of meeting, this Certificate will entitle holder to purchase of proper agent, having special instructions, a continuous-trip return ticket, at such reduced fare as may have been agreed upon, via same route and between same points as going ticket, provided the latter was not purchased more than three (3) days prior to or three (3) days subsequent to the opening of the meeting.

Return tickets must be purchased before taking the train, as otherwise full fare will be required.

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To be filled in by Agent and receipted by Purchaser at time of delivery of Return Ticket. Agents selling Return Tickets will indorse each coupon "Delegate."

JOINT AGENT

STAMP HERE.

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From.....To.....via.....at rate of.....

.....Purchaser.

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Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

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207 KASOTA BLOCK.
(Cor. Fourth St. and Hennepin Ave.)
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Office of A. W. LATHAM, Sec'y, 207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 24, 1896.

Alton M. Shepherd, City.

Dear Sir:

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will take it for granted that you wish your "ad" continued in the HORTICULTURIST during the year 1897, but I should rather hear from you in regard to it, and perhaps you may desire to make some change in it. The price will be at the same rate, although the issue will be increased to 1,200 a month and its value correspondingly increased. You should by all means continue your "ad" in this publication. If you advertise at all, there can be no more valuable medium for you.

A prompt reply will greatly oblige, as the January number comes out on the first.

Yours fraternally,

A. W. Latham, Sec'y

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

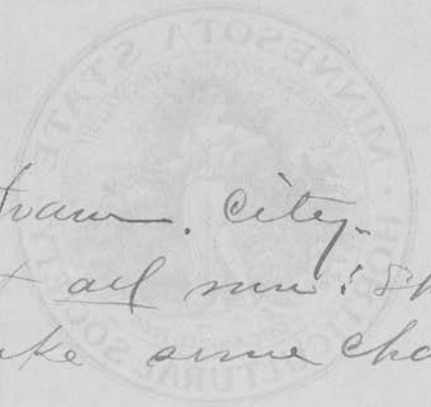
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A. W. Latham, City

Let all run! I shall

undoubtedly want to make some change
later!

Very Truly
C. W. Latham



Greenville Minn Dec. 19 1894

A. W. Latham

Dear sir,

Enclosed find
order for one dollar to pay
yearly membership fee. please
excuse the delay, finances
prevented my sending sooner

Yours truly
S. B. Smith

1 00

Mr Latham Dear sir

I am sure you will forgive me for being so delinquent in my duty when I tell you the reason. My son Willard tried to kill himself at the Como N. P. shops last March while temporarily insane, caused by family troubles. Dr. Becker of the City Hospital St Paul feeling an interest in him on account of the ill usage he had received kept him there hoping to cure him untill the last of Oct, when he wrote me Will had not long to live and his mind was gone. They had decided to send him to Rochester. I immediately went down and brought him home. I have hardly slept since, but now under God I have every hope that with his bodily health restored he will also regain his mind. I am so sorry I cannot meet with you all this winter. I look forward

to it the whole year, but I shall
think of you and imagine I see
you all. Especially I enjoy Mr
Dart and Mrs Kennedy.

Also it is an Education and
broadens ones Mind, takes you
from the little cares of life to meet
with congenial spirits. Mr Stage
told me that Mr Messenberg from
the Reformatory would attend
your meeting. Mr M told me
some time ago that you had
not sent him last years report
nor the magazine. Please rectify
the mistake and please find him
out if he is there and make him
welcome and acquainted and
Oblige truly Yours

Jennie Stage

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Minneapolis, Minn., 189.....

and I found him to be a man
of superior ability and rare
judgement. If this variety of
grape is grown in Massachusetts,
it can in a like manner be
cultivated in Minnesota.

Yours

John H. Stevens

I name ~~the~~ Green Mountain last, but it should be the first to be set if there is room for but one vine. After five or six years' trial I find I value the variety more the longer I have it. It is full of vigor, a great bearer, so it requires severe thinning of the fruit, and is sure to ripen every year before frosts. It is the sweetest grape I ever grew.

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F. Brand, S. B. Green, H. B. Ayres.

Minneapolis, Minn., ^{26th} Nov. 1890.

Dear Latham
My excellent friend, A. W.
Cheever Editor of the New England
Farmer speaking of the different
varieties of grapes alludes to the
Green Mountain grape as
follows:

"Now what do you know of
the Green Mountain? Is it cultivated
in Minnesota?"

I have much confidence
in Mr Cheever's judgement. He
visited the Rocky Mountains
together a few years ago.

Minnesota State Forestry Association.

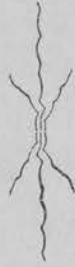
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Minneapolis, Minn., 189.....

If you can, please call on me before our annual meeting. I would if able go down to your office, but it is such a job to get out on my part, that perhaps, you can call on me, I am getting along splendidly, but can not get out of doors to any extent

JHES

Worthington Minn

Dec 12th 1896

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear sir

Lock over your Records
And see if i did send you
Any money last spring
Som time i send you two
New subscribers then and
I might have sent som for
My self to i recive two
Copies every month and
if ther is any to my Gr Esters
My subscription that much
Langer i send you one
Dollar in P.O. money
Order for next year
The Loudon red raspberry
Is Splendid

The Columbian is beter
Than Shaffers. yours
Truly C. A. Sundberg

Marzo Manie Wis. Dec 4/96
A. W. Latham Sec.

Dear Sir:

I have received
two Cards from you, one claiming
that I am owing for the Annual
fee for the year now closing. I think
that is a mistake. I sent last year
Dec 3^d One Dollar. Post Office Money
Order, which I supposed paid for
Membership & Horticulturest one year.
if so I do not understand that I am
in arrears.

Cordially Yours,

Asa N. Seymour

Mabel Minn 11/30/1899

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir

Inclosed please find \$1.00
for renewal of membership

Yours Respectfully

J. C. Spande

✓ 1.00

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of Mrs. Shepherd will be
found at our Poultry Houses,
The Very Best in this Line.
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AND

NURSERY.

ALTON M. SHEPHERD, Box 55.

Minneapolis, Minn., 12/14 1896

A. W. Latham

Cite

— I B

Please find sum-
stance for ad. Your notice was filed,
and being very busy, we forgot it.
Excuse delay.

Very Truly

Alton M. Shepherd

Zanesville Sept 13⁴⁹ / 96

Mr A. W. Latham -

Dear Sir - Yours to hand.

I was quite surprised to get a request for my book, as I have sent it - to half dozen papers, and not one took any notice of it or answered my letters. I also advertised a month in R N Y & County Gentleman (#50) and sold one copy - Neither paper noticed it. So you see, you astonish me. The book is too radical for the masshacks & not being a professor, the Ex. Stations ignore me also. The Delaware is the only one that has ordered a copy. The truth is I hit the masshacks some bits in the root pruning part, which

was a great mistake & very bad
policy - But I referred entirely to
money men therein. They have been
my opponents entirely & Prof. Mueser
only a few ~~was~~ months ago said
he would not have a "close root
pruned tree as a gift." But he
will have to come down. My book
has several blunders owing to my
own carelessness and is only intended
to set people thinking & experimenting.
It is not a complete work in any sense.
Only suggestive. I hope you will find
something to commend though I don't
ask it except from honest opinion.
As a financial venture it will be a
flat failure. Have sold 8 copies only.
I will send it post paid to any one who
may want it for \$4.00. I would advertise
with you but \$60 has been wasted last month
& I see its no use. I hope you will ex-
periment with peach trees (young) that have the
yellow if you have any & I am sure my
treatment will cure them - ^{truly}
H. M. Thayer

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United States of America.

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*A. W. LATHAM,
Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.*

10/30

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S. 1004

Will do as requested
to best of ability!

Very Truly

Alma M. Shepherd

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A. W. LATHAM,

Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.



Excelsior Nov 11 / 96

Mr Latham, I will try and fill
my part of the program
if health permits,

Respectfully

J. A. Sampson



Wayzata

Nov 24 / 96

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Mr A. W. Sathorn

Dear Sir

As you ask information
in regard to fruit growing
will say that we only
started to plant trees a
few years ago. we have
the Turner and the Loudon
rasberry both wich done
exceedingly well this year
we also have the mulberry
wich also done verry well
further than this I cannot
say as I havnt much

experience in fruit growing
yet

Yours

Respectfully

Chas Schieb

Wayzata

Minn

Enclosed find one dollar
for one year membership
of Horticulture society

Yours

Respectfully

Chas Schiele

1896
Ada Minn Nov 19

Sir: enclosed find \$1.00 for the
renewal of my membership
in the M. S. Horticulture Society
also find enclosed the circular
which is not satisfactory
because fruit culture is
just starting up here in
the Northwest and I hope
~~we~~ we will have success
some farmers that have
tried meet with good
success.

Yours For Horticulture,

Harmon F. Sprung

Ada
Norman Co Minnesota

P.S.

The magazines I will
distribute.

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A. W. LATHAM,
Sec'y Minn. State Hort. Soc'y,
207 Kasota Block,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Shawbornis
Apr 10

Money Creek Nov 9th 1896

A W Latham Secy Min

S N S Yours of Oct 29th
at hand would say in
regards "strawberry beds
after harvest"

I run the mower over
it and let the leaves and
weeds lay where mower
leaves them if I want
berries the next year if not
rake up and burn or plow
under the green tops I always
have my nicest fruit as
for market first year
after setting

Yours Truly Wm Sandrock

I have not ^{found} report for 75

Sank Rapids Oct 20th 1902

Dear Mr Latham

All apples done well here this summer, the first time for years but with the exception of Currants no other fruit amounted to anything. A great number of intelligent people here are in a fix just now and it serves them right, for when a person thinks he can get something for nothing someone will get cheated. An Agent from an Oronono Nursery came here this summer, agreed to send the fruit plants ordered, plant and take care of them until they fruited and take half of the price of crop. Also not to charge for plants until then. But whether he was to lose price of plants or then, I am not sure

well the plants are here, but
not the agent, and of course
pay is expected for them.
Some of them came to me
thinking I was in the same
fix. But I told them that
I expected to pay for things
I ordered knowing no nursing
could do business that way.
Most of them can afford to
pay whom I know, but how
about all of the poor people
through the country he
has gulled.

James James Stager

Money Creek Minn Oct 19 1896

A W LaTham Minneapolis Minn

My dear Sir enclosed find filled out
the I know What is the matter
with the bound volume for 1895
it has not showed up I would like
one very much Yours as ever

W^m Sandrock,

Money Creek Houston Co
Minn

Mabel Primm Oct 11th 1896
A. W. Latham
Minneapolis
Minn

Dear Sir

I hear with return the
Questions. Answerd. according
to my best knowledge.
As to the Red Rasp. I head
to leave blank. as my own
Bushes is to young. To Bear
and ~~my~~ my nabor. did not
remember the Names of there
Berries. I have 17 Different
varieties of Berries that will
com in to bearing next year
I top warked 15 Wild Crab
apple Trees. the Scions. I Jused
was Whitney & Welthy I also
maid a few pear root grafts

from wild crab apples roots
They are all nice so far
I also made A. few. peas.
Root grafts. on Wild plum
roots. The Scions. was DeSoto
Lynchard. & Wever. They are fine
I have got 6 thousand
Evergreens. which I have raised
from Seed. They are from time
to 16. and from 1 year to 4 years
old. I have the S. Pine. W. Pine
N. Spruce. A. Spruce A. W. Seader
Balsam. F. C. B. Spruce. I also
planted some Read. Seader
Seeds. I pcked them in the
last fall. and planted them
the same day. so. they were
exposed. to the action of
Frost. all winter but I did
not find one of them to
sprout. Please can you give
me any information as to

the handling & Planting
of the Read. Seader seeds.
Yours. Respectfully
T. R. Sparden

Red Wing Oct 15 1896

Mr W. Latham Sec.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find 1.00
to renew membership fee for one
year

C. A. Sargent

OFFICERS OF THE STATION:

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ST. ANTHONY PARK, MINN.

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

Secy A. W. Latham
 Minn State Hort. Society
 Minneapolis
 Minn

October 16 1896

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter received this morning in regard to an article for the Evening Horticultural Society Meeting let me say that I shall be pleased to do whatever I can. How would an article be entitled?
 The Preparation and use of Manures for Horticultural Purposes?

Very truly yours
 Harry Snyder

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

United States of America

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ASK
12
1896
6 PM
N.



A. W. Latham
207 Kasota Blk,
Minneapolis
Min.

Eureka Minn. 9/12

Friend Latham.

2 fine buckets Halimaw 2.50

I will not be in soon. Could
you not send me proof + copy
of description soon.

Yours
C. W. Sampson.



St. Paul, Minn., Aug 13th 1896

Mr. A. W. Latham

Secy. Minn. State Horticultural Society
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 10th inst
inviting me to act as judge of the
Floral Department at the coming
State Fair; received and hereby accepted

After thinking the matter over I have
come to the conclusion that I might as
well serve though I am not anxious
for the position; I am well aware that
no judge will be able to give all
exhibitors satisfaction, but I will
try to be fair and honest and impartial
in any awards I may make

Respectfully

C. J. Swanson