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EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

**WEDGE  
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Dec 12

1898

Friend Latham:

I wish you to put the enclosed with my paper. insert it just before the description of the Kaunps. I had a most enjoyable time at the meeting, but it is very pleasant to get back home and into the harness again.

Very cordially

Clarence Wedge

will do as soon

I have not had time to write out my Rep. as Supt. of Trial Sta.

Bay Lake Minn Dec 10th 1898.

Secy A. W. Latham,

Dear Sir,

About a year ago I wrote you a note, stating that I had no desire to be a member any longer, consequently you should have stopped sending the magazine. Why don't you respect a man's wishes? You kept sending the magazine at intervals (not regular) and I refused to take it from our office, what is the use of all this? I am obliged to cut short expenses and as I have Farm Stock & Home already it must be sufficient. With best wishes for the prosperity of the Horticulture Society

I remain yours truly

Otto Wassergieher

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A. W. Latham

207. Kasota Bldg.  
Nipis, Minn

# WEDGE NURSERY

ALBERT LEA MINN. Dec 15 1898

Friend Latham:

There is so much of pressing work on hand that I cannot go to Des Moines. in response to your telegram. I did not write a reply as I thought it was probably a last resort. I appreciate the compliment very much  
Sincerely  
Clarence Wedge

# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec 26 1898

Dear Friend:

I hope you had as joyous a Christmas as wife and I. All the old folks with us, and a large contingent of brothers sisters and their troop of children made the old house "merry as a marriage bell". It was a real old yule log festival and no skeleton of care or sorrow to mar its perfect joy. It is too late to wish you a merry Christmas, but sometimes I could wish to say or do something to make the new year seem more cheerful to you, and have you <sup>know</sup> appreciate that we appreciate the many kindnesses we have received at your hand in the past. It seemed to me that there was quite a shadow over you when we last met, and I do not wonder that you felt the loss of that loyal support that you have had so long in Mr. Underwood, and can hardly expect to receive in such measure from any one else, but we are all at your service

# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

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Albert Lea, Minn., ..... 189

and feeling every confidence in your ability to guide the Society into every harbor.

The scale bill is giving me a heap of trouble. Sherman has stirred up a multitude of pretexts and they seem all to have it out on me. I don't say much, but use as many words as possible in doing so. However please give me names of legislators in Am. also the minutes added at the meeting. also the present draft (if the bill is not too much trouble) and the present gossip concerning it. My impression is that, if the nurserymen should be as quiet as possible and let the Society do the work. And I will say that in my opinion a well digested bill will be of great value to the state. And although I live out 12 miles of Iowa and get  $\frac{1}{3}$  of my present business there I am perfectly willing that Iowa should have as harsh a restrictive measure as we. Yours most cordially  
 who is Chas. + Secy of Leg. Com. Clarence Wedge

**WEDGE  
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Dec 27 1898

Friend Nathan:

I am under the strong impression that it would be best for me to resign my place on the legislative committee so that it might be said that there are no nurserymen whatever promoting the measure that is to be presented to the legislature. This need not lessen my work in its behalf at all but rather give me a freedom that I cannot otherwise have and relieve me from some odium that attaches in the minds of my brethren in the trade outside of Minn. especially in North Iowa. And so the vacancy can be left open for filling by some one outside the trade.

Very truly

Clarence Wedge

# Echo Farm Nursery.



FRUITS, ORNAMENTALS, FOREST TREES,

EVERGREENS

CLARENCE WEDGE.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Sept 21

1898

Friend Sachan:

Your kind letter of the 19th was very much appreciated. Whether deserved or not you have touched me in a tender spot by praising my boy, and the boy himself seems to enjoy it almost as much as I.

I have been working in some new men as agents and so felt the need of all the time I could spare away from home.

Let Prof Hausen's report of the meeting do for the La Crosse affair, and I prefer that some one else say Elliot as Chm. of Com. or yourself as sec. should look after the Darts report. I will say for myself that I am in entire sympathy with the kind of work being carried on at Watonwan and think that it should be encouraged and extended.

I believe in seedling production most heartily and that the trial of new varieties in connection with this other work as carried on at Mt Darts is just about the right thing. I am writing a personal letter to Mr D. today recommending

# Echo Farm Nursery.



...THE HARDIEST

FRUITS, ORNAMENTALS, FOREST TREES,

EVERGREENS

CLARENCE WEDGE.

Albert Lea, Minn., ..... 189

Some changes and improvements in labeling and so forth and also in his reports, which I think may appeal to his good sense.

Apples are now bringing 50 to 75 cts per bu and are looking up decidedly.

I don't know how much faith you have in such a meeting as that we held in La Crosse but to my mind it is something that if held once in 2 or 3 years for purposes similar to that for which we met this time would be a most excellent thing for Horticulture in the N.W.

We are all well. Nursery in every satisfactory shape and business beginning to improve after the <sup>usual</sup> drop in harvest time.

You may now reserve a good place for me to make a No 1 Commercial Exhibit at fair next year.

Cordially yours

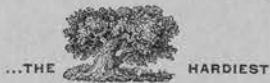
Clarence Wedge

P.S.

I am nearly out of my old heading as above. Notes to them good

paper away.

# Echo Farm Nursery.



FRUITS, ORNAMENTALS, FOREST TREES,  
—EVERGREENS—  
CLARENCE WEDGE.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

July 14 1898

Dear Friend:

In reply to yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> which one of my promising boys has kept in his pocket till this morning, I will reply if not too late.

Our constitution is still in hands of committee. Think we will pass upon it again before printing as we wish it to be a permanent document. The picture of the Tuttle homestead I mailed you about the time I wrote (Mar 7th.) If you do not find it think I can send another. Will try to get my report to you by the 20th. If you will direct me <sup>or so</sup> to, or send me a sample score card, I will look them over and prepare one. Could you not find some in the library and copy. A nice crop of strawberries and raspberries this year. Very truly Clarence Wedge

# Echo Farm Nursery



FRUITS, ORNAMENTALS, FOREST TREES,

EVERGREENS

CLARENCE WEDGE.

\$ 34.50

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Jan 15

1898

Friend Loeban:

Yesterday afternoon we completed the most successful Herb. meeting, viewed from the point of attendance, that I have ever had anything to do with. Average attendance at each session did not fall below 75 and in two sessions exceeded 100. Never knew farmers to turn out anything like as well. Kimball & Hawkins are a great pair.

I return herewith list of 81 members for this year one of them (Leonard) remits arrears of \$1.00 for last year's roll. I think 7 have already paid you, and I believe I failed to remit for Dr. C. H. Street last year. The acct between us will be as enclosed

as I make it. Please return receipt to Robt. Parkhill <sup>the new Secy.</sup> Chatfield, Minn. for \$34.<sup>00</sup> being full amount due on 81 members. <sup>Think you had best send to me after one</sup> Also kindly send him suggestions for enrolling members on record book, and any other suggestions that will facilitate business between you. I was not tired of the office or the Society tired of me (I hope) but it gives me a chance to work in the ranks where I can do more good during the winters.

Enclose draft for

Cincerely Clarence Wedge

(over)

\$34.<sup>50</sup>

You may send 10 or 12 books to ~~me~~ at A. J. Kimball will tell you how many were ~~needed~~ needed at Austin.

Our society rather slopped ~~was~~ in the matter of honorary members for 1 yr. Fortunately only two Mitchell & Patten will need the magazine. I do not know whether or no they get their books.

Will send papers & report of meeting later.

We hope you will publish our Constitution in the magazine soon. It will perhaps serve as a

model for other locals to adopt, and at the same time strike off 300 in good shape to fold and keep among our members if not too expensive.

\$ 24 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

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—EVERGREENS—

CLARENCE WEDGE.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Aug 16

1898

Friend Lotham:

I am delighted with the outcome (so far) of the La Crosse Meeting. In order to help out Mr Philips make the date Tuesday Aug 30 at 10 a.m. at some hotel which will be determined later. Write a good letter to each and urge that as large a collection as possible be taken with them in order to have material for discussion and identification.

I will write to Harris about the hotel and will notify in good season each member.

Cordially

Clarence Wedge

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NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Oct 19

1898

Friend Soham:

Enclosed find copy for  
the article you desired. I confess to have  
written it in a hurry. Please pare or rectify  
it at your pleasure. Also give such heading  
as you think appropriate. I tried to make it  
useful and suggestive rather than ornamental.

Date of meeting not set I suppose.

Spring Valley is the place. Will try to look  
over list of books if possible.

Yours cordially  
Clarence Mudge

Thanks for help in business way it is greatly  
appreciated.

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Friend Latham;

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Nov 12

1898

yours of the 11th at hand, Change  
my paper to, "Apple Seedlings of merit in Northern  
Iowa." This is a field that I can work to  
much better advantage, and, although I confess  
it is not a subject just to my taste, I hope  
to make a fair showing from the field covered.

I think Gaylord will stir up the annuals  
somewhat, and in my opinion they need it quite  
a little,  
Cordelia Clarence Kelly

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A. W. Latham

207 Kaseta Block

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# WEDGE NURSERY

ALBERT LEA MINN. Oct 18 1898

Friend L. Would it not  
be a good thing to encourage  
preparation for a show of  
winter apples at our next  
state fair, to make a note in  
"your corner" that there is  
likely to be a very fine premium  
offered at the next fair for  
best peck (or half peck) of  
winter apples <sup>as you think best</sup> crop of 1898  
not having been kept in cold  
storage. If the fair com.  
do not see fit to offer a  
premium I will. but of  
course do not tell them  
so as I have other uses  
for the surplus change that all  
two seldom find a lodgment  
in my pocket. C.W.

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207 Kasota Block  
Minneapolis, Minn

# WEDGE NURSERY

ALBERT LEA MINN. Oct 31 1898

Friend Tatham:

Our paper does not as yet have more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  the names of your membership on our list. but we shall push it now for a while.

Yours

C.W.

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A. W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Saturday.

No.

Mr Latham.

Dear Sir I find it impossible  
at this time to comply with  
your request. As I am out from 6 am  
to 6 P.M. Daily Yours very truly -

A. F. Wool, 3728 West 44th St  
City

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W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

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New-York Nov, 12-98

Mr Latham

Dear Sir

Your letter  
received. I have bin so busy that,  
I could not answer before  
I am sorry that I can not fulfill  
the Bill, I can not undertake to write  
a paper on Raspberries because I  
have not raised any, before  
just beginning to grow them now  
Yours John J. Little



Send to the Secretary for folder describing the Society and its work and copy of its Magazine.

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## State Horticultural Society.

President, J. M. UNDERWOOD, Lake City.

Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLOCK.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 4, 1898. 189

Dear Friend:

A petition has come in from Excelsior, signed by about one hundred citizens there, accompanied by a similar one from the town and village boards, asking us to hold our winter meeting there. They have very suitable hall accommodations, and we can find places to stay there at \$1.00 per day. Will you please let me know at once what you think of this, as the decision must be made without delay? There are a large number of members at Excelsior who are very loyal to the society, as you know.

Yours in haste,

*A. W. Latham*

I should be in favor of meeting there, unless it will make awkward <sup>good</sup> connections for the a, share of the membership. Personally I should particularly enjoy it. Do you wish to furnish me a ticket this year? *Clarence Mudge*

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(Over)

Friend Totham:

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Oct 24

1898

I have been able to "make together" just one article and that so poor and worthless that I had purposely left it out of the bundle. But perhaps you can furbish it up and make it pass muster. Our idea of the report of the La Crosse Society was to have Prof. Hansen make the report. Taking great pains with the spelling and nomenclature and introducing <sup>or outlines & descriptions</sup> cuts of some of the apples that were especially brought into question, and after submitting it to each of the Com. make it the report to each society. I will however make a general report to you as Chem. Soc. Com. and in it make <sup>at stated periods</sup> some say of things for the continuance of such a com. et c.

How could it do to work in some of the  
best matter that has appeared in Veriker Traits,  
especially such as was contributed by our S. W.  
people?

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A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Blk.

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DETACH ANNEXED CARD  
FOR ANSWER.

408 Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minn. 10-25/98

A. W. Latham Sec Horticultural Soc.

Dear Sir. Yours of 22nd rec'd. I thank you  
for your kindly thought for our young  
mycological club. Yes. It may be a mutual  
help to report your work so I have

requested Mr. Babcock to prepare an  
article or paper for that occasion.

If possible, will you please put the  
paper for the latter part of the afternoon  
say between 4 to 5 so I can be present

If not that time about 9.30 A.M.  
Cordially yours.

M.S.

Mary S. Whetstone, M.D.

Bay Lake Minn Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1898

A. W. Latnam Minneapolis

Dear Sir:

Last winter I resigned my position as a member of your society, and I considered my decision there final as I do now. I have permitted nothing, if you kept my name on the rolls, you did it on your own responsibility. You send me a few sample copies of your magazine of course that was your affair.

Hoping that your society may prosper now and for ever more I remain

yours truly

Otto Passerius

Hastings Mini  
11-19-98

Friend Graham

I do not know whether we are  
to have a meeting or not. Was not a slate fair  
I have not learned what was done. Mrs D  
Searns our Secretary writes Syndicate  
Block can tell you

Yours truly

J. O. Smith

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ST. PAUL, MINN., November 26, 1898

Meeting Minnesota Horticultural Society, Minneapolis, December 6-9, 1898.

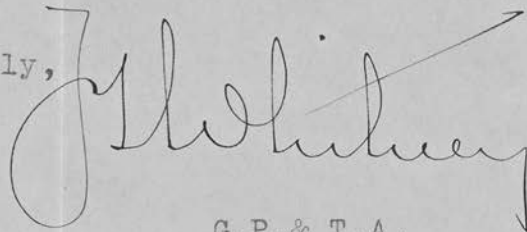
Mr. A.W.Latham,  
# 207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 17th, and in reply am pleased to state that a round trip rate of a fare and one-third on the certificate plan will be authorized by this line from West Superior, Wis., and points in Minnesota, subject to the usual conditions.

I enclose herewith some sample certificates, which I will thank you to sign and return as soon as possible, that instructions may be issued to our agents.

Yours truly,



Enc.

G.P.& T.A.

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*A. W. Latham*

*Minneapolis*

*Minn.*

# WEDGE NURSERY

ALBERT LEA MINN. Dec 2 1898

Friend Nathan

Yours with  
transportation and ~~best~~  
notice of meeting recd.  
What is the place  
of meeting Monday Dec  
5th?

Very truly  
Clarence Maye

May come on afternoon train  
and just make the  
meeting if I know the  
place. If I do not get word  
shall go to your office.

# Crescent Fruit Growers' Association.

OF DRESBACH, DAKOTA AND LA CRESCENT, MINN.

DIRECTORS:

A. C. Brown, Dakota, Minn.  
W. S. Widmoyer, Dresbach, Minn.  
E. F. Baker, Dresbach, Minn.  
L. J. Brown, Dakota, Minn.  
Ed. Shippee, Dakota, Minn.

All orders or communications by mail or wire about buying or consignments of our fruit, should be addressed to our President or Secretary.

Dresbach Minn. Dec. 3 1898.

A. W. Latham Secy,  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir,

I send you my paper on "The valuable newer varieties of Strawberries" which you will please present at the proper time if it is needed. Do not expect many will agree with me, but it will serve to draw others out on the subject.

Will try and be with you the last two days, nothing certain about it however.

I have some fruit in cold storage which I had intended to enter as single plates but see there is no premiums offered on any except those on the State Fair list, which may make it advisable to put most of them up as a collection. Think Rollins Prolific - Patten - Wolf River, Utters Red and Longfield may do for single plates but balance will have to go into a collection, unless they make list same as last year then want them all in for plates.

Yours Resp W. S. Widmoyer

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



J. C. Hawkins Pres.  
Jonathan Freeman Vice Pres.  
~~Clarence Wedge Secy.~~

~~Secretary's Office~~

Albert Lea, Minn. July 20. 1890

Friend Latham

I enclose sugges-  
tions for score cards for both  
Collections and single plates of  
apples. The latter is altogether  
gratuitous and may not be  
of any use, but I am inclined  
to think that such cards printed  
and sent to exhibitors would  
be a valuable guide to them  
in making up their exhibits  
and would ~~add~~ <sup>tend</sup> very materially  
to raise the standard of the  
department which you superintend.

My Stokerson report is also  
enclosed.

I am very much pleased  
with what you have

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Secretary's Office,  
Albert Lea, Minn..... 189

written to the sister societies  
in regard to the conference  
at La Crosse. Will write to  
the President of the Iowa society  
myself, also the Wis.

C. H. Gardner Osage Iowa  
is president Iowa Soc.

Our family with some  
relations start on a camping  
trip tomorrow morning. Expect  
to camp near Mr Harris'  
place so that for the present  
my P. O. Address is La Crescent.

Excuse haste

Clarence

Clarence Wedge

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CLARENCE WEDGE.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

July 14 1898

Friend Lotham:

If you have not already done so, I wish you would correspond with the Wis. and Iowa Societies in regard to the proposed meeting of a committee of 9, three from each of our societies "to correct and agree upon a nomenclature of the Russian apples as at present under cultivation in our portion of the country"

It is proposed; that each society ~~reimburse~~ direct its committee to ~~not~~ make such collection of fruit and leaves buds and wood of each variety within <sup>its</sup> ~~their~~ reach as <sup>it</sup> ~~they~~ ~~are~~ able, and take them ~~with them~~ to the agreed place <sup>for purposes of identification and comparison</sup> of meeting. That upon the assembling of a majority of the members appointed by the several societies at the time and place appointed, they proceed to organize by electing chairman and Secy.,

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and to inaugurate and complete the work of the meeting. That ~~you~~ <sup>as a part of the whole</sup> large latitude be given each committee, <sup>as to them shall seem</sup> to make <sup>such</sup> a report, ~~that shall prove~~ <sup>most</sup> useful to our northern horticulture. That each society bear the expenses of its own committee.

In this connection it would be well to give the names of our committee as appointed. Also the suggested meeting place, La Crosse and time Aug 29th, 2 P.M. at a hotel to be provided later. The meeting place will be convenient to the large experimental orchard of J. S. Harris one of our committee convenient of access to Wis. people as well as Green, Myself and Mitchell and others who may be appointed. Can you begin this at once and let me know who and when you have written that I may follow with a list of suggestions to them. <sup>Clarence Wedge</sup>

Merriam Park, Aug 5  
Mr Latham Sec.

Dear Sir

I know some fruit growers  
they like to get members of  
our society I do not know  
your rules please let me know  
if I send you some subscrip-  
-tions now. when does their  
membership begin the first  
of January 1898 or 1899.

Yours Respectfully  
August Wittmann  
Merriam Park Minn

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Larrabee Iowa  
written July 29/98  
S. F. 98  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your 1896 Annual  
at hand but it does  
not appear to be the  
one I want.

I had Annual #4  
1896 which had some  
very valuable reading  
matter in it and  
was foolish enough  
to let a party have  
it thinking I could  
get another like it.  
The one I had  
had a piece by  
Mr. Clarence Wedge

The <sup>day</sup> Echo Farm Nursery.



FRUITS, ORNAMENTS, FOREST TREES,  
EVERGREENS  
CLARENCE WEDGE.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Aug 9

1898

Friend Latham:

Am just back home from our three weeks camp on the "Father of Waters" 1 1/2 miles down from Desbach. Two families of fine healthy people total 16 souls. Bluffs, Sand bars, Springs, Steamboats, Fishing, Boating, swimming, with Rattle snakes, yellow jackets and Mosquitoes for spice, made up a experience long to be remembered. Don't it make you ~~glad~~ <sup>eager</sup> to think of it. Thanks for reminding me of my duty at Darlts, and keeping me posted about the Sacree Cem. Have written to Gardner asking him to hustle. and as he is quite a close friend, think he will do it. Mr Harris is at work on a large fair exhibit shall help him some myself. Our fruit is excellent and early kinds in season now.

It seems so good to get back to work and meet my men who have so faithfully looked after things in my absence that I can't spend this out at least tonight. Most cordially

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A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Block

Naples, Minn

Albert Lea 8/29 - 98

Friend Latham

We might be helped  
by some pamphlets you may  
have in the Library on Russian Affairs  
if so express them ~~to~~ to J. X  
they will reach us by Med. Am.  
and in plenty of time.

Cordially yours  
Clarence Wedge

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207 Kasota Block

Nepes, Minn.

# WEDGE NURSERY

ALBERT LEA, MINN. 8/20 1898

Friend Latham:

Your circular letter to committee is just right. I have also written personally to a number of them encouraging them to do their best in making preparations for the meeting.

I begin to feel very enthusiastic as to what we may accomplish. When you have that score card or cards printed send me copy also Prof. Green I want to talk with him about it at La Crosse. Fine rain here last night. Cordia, Blaine Wedge

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Howard Lake  
Minn.

Aug 31, 1898

G. W. Randall Esq.,  
Hamline, Minn.

Kind Sir - You will  
please find enclosed filled  
blank for a few varieties  
of apples which I would  
like to exhibit at State  
Fair Exhibition. Also please  
find enclosed ~~postal note~~<sup>express order</sup>  
for membership ticket.

Hoping this may reach  
you in due time I am

Respectfully Yours,

R. C. Workman

P.S. If I send in my apples  
is it necessary that I be there  
at opening of Fair to look after  
and arrange them for exhibition?

A. W. Latham:-

Please answer postscript. Ticket has  
been mailed and other inquiries answered.

E. W. R.

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207 Kasota Bldg  
Nipels, Minn.

Albert Lea Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 98

Friend L. . . . .

What is the best way  
for me to get my fruit to the  
fair this year Can I not address  
it to Minneapolis care of some local  
express? Can not the meeting of Ex  
Board be called for Wednesday at latest.  
I do not like to stay longer at the fair.  
yours Clarence Magee

President - W. W. FIELD - Odebolt.

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*Waukeee, Iowa,* September 7, 1898. H.

My dear sir,---Last winter while at your office, in company with Mr. Van Houten of Iowa, you requested that I send you specimens of our new plum, the Stoddard, as soon as ripe. This entirely slipped my mind until they were almost gone. I sent you the best that we have. Could have sent you great quantities of them that would have averaged 6 1/2 inches in circumference. It is a pure Americana of our own introduction, and is the direct outgrowth of cross fertilization. What think you of it? We sent you description of it in the box.

You gave me prices last year on running an advertisement in your monthly, but I have mislaid them. Would you please be so kind as to quote me your advertising rates again and oblige?

Dic. by M. J. W.

Yours truly, *M. J. Wragg*

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*Wauke, Iowa,* September 23, 1898.

A. W. Lathan,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir,---Yours of the 16th of Sept. at hand, and contents noted, and was a little disappointed that you could not start our advertising before the January issue of your magazine, but you may keep the space for us and we will arrange the ad at that time.

Yours truly,

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*Let us know 30 days  
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Wauke, Iowa, September, 14th, 1898

Minneapolis, Minn .

Dear Sir ;- We wrote to you this morning, stating that we would take the space in the "Horticulturist ", and we send you by mail to day an "Electro " which you may run for a couple of issues, and then we will make a change, when ever you want your money send Bill

Yours truly

J. Wragg & Sons Co.

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*A. W. LATHAM,*

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

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

Hastings Minn

June 13 1898 -

Friend Lathrop -

I do not know as much  
about Goose Berries, as I do  
about Hobson & St. Shih he sends  
I was not present & did not vote  
for President of our Society at last  
meeting -

Yours truly

J P West

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

**WEDGE  
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Oct 3

1898

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> I forward to Mr Wedge who is out west placing salesmen at different points, and I hope he will receive it in time to get the benefit of your good offer.

I wonder how you manage to be more busy when your time was already so fully occupied.

You and Mrs Latham would certainly find it delightful to have a home of your own, and it must be pleasant to build it.

With regards to Mrs Latham and yourself. I am

Yours sincerely  
Cornelia Wedge.

# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Oct 8 1898

Friend Latham:

Yours in regard to the Southern Minn. Herb. Soc. number of the Minn. monthly is before me upon my return from the P. W. part of the state.

I would suggest as a frontispiece the photo of F. W. Kimball its first president which I think Mrs. K. would furnish while he is away from home bridge building. If this should fail, a pretty rural scene in park or cemetery or lake or river which I think could be selected at this place or Austin. In regard to the constitution I think we need one year more to work upon it and perfect it.

I think we will not care to have programme printed so early but will think it over and perhaps correspond with the Secy.

Our Wealthy and Long field are most beautiful and delicious just now, as choice fruit as I ever tasted. Wishing you success in your arduous building plans I am  
Cordially  
Clarence Wedge