



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Duluth Minn. Feb. 15 1904  
2112 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St

Secy. A. W. Latham  
207 Kasota Building  
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Jan. 30 at hand. If I have had photographs to send, I most certainly had done so at your first request. This ~~two~~ I send ~~is~~ not very appropriate, but are the only ones I can get hold of at the present.

One is a typical home of the earliest settlers. The other gives a glimpse of our native forest, and ~~the~~ harvesting of the first crop

of the soil.

If used or not I must  
ask you to return them to  
me, as they are not mine

Yours Respectfully  
A F Gastfield

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L. A. GOODMAN, SECY.

4000 WARWICK BVD.

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A. W. Latham, Secy.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

We cannot say that the dust process is as good as the liquid, but it is beneficial and we have use it for three years and shall continue to do so. I have never used Mr. Hazeltines machine.. There are three or four dusting machines, that I think are all right. Write Mo. Valley Seed Co., St. Joseph, Mo. they handle good machines and materials. I have seen using six or seven Leggett Bros. machines, all the time.

*L. A. Goodman*

Nora Springs

Jan 27 1904

Friend Latham }

My Dear Sir

For some months I have been looking for a letter from you if for nothing more than to learn whether you are still living or whether I had took my departure to lands unknown But notwithstanding from you personally I have thought it might not be out of place that I pencil you a few lines But by way of introduction I will suggest I flirt that if when I am called to leave and you have any opportunity presented to you where you can assist in sending me to some other world It will be hoped that you use your influence in securing me some honorable position where an honest Horticulturist will be most likely to command at least as much respect as the majority of Shanty Nursermen and Tree Dealers

I have many things I would  
be more than pleased to talk over  
with you. But may never have  
the opportunity. My hearing  
remains much the same so does  
my blindness. But am seriously  
concerned about my sight. I can  
only see to read very plain print  
Am much troubled to secure any  
glasses that help me just a little.  
And yet I can write by lamp  
light as I am now writing.  
But when I lose my eyes I fear  
what will I do. Our friend Keiser has  
neither read or written for two or  
more years. I often call on him &  
he calls on me and I try my best to  
read some of the best things I find  
to him especially on Horticulture.  
His youngest daughter lives in  
town. She is quite a noted Dr.  
I pass their residence nearly  
every day for my mail & other  
errands. They won't let me pass  
if they see me going by or in town.  
He has spent his whole life or the  
last fifty years in orcharding in  
our township. He is quite an intel-  
ligent man. Was educated for a lawyer.

But before going further I wish  
to interrogate you first as  
to the possibility of my securing  
one two or three of your back  
Book report that contain my  
Biography and Photograph etc  
I have never secured but one book  
The thought has come to me  
that you may have on hand  
a number of that years Reports  
and if so you might be able to  
suggest some way by which I  
could secure a small number to  
hand down to my young friends  
I have a number of our Iowa Book  
Report that I have duplicates of  
An the thought struck me you might  
be pleased to exchange yours for ours  
Of our Iowa Book Report I have  
an excess of Have two Books of  
1902 - Two of 1887. One of 1897  
and one of 1900. One of 1901  
one of 1884. One of 1886 I think  
I can pick up some more of 1902  
if wished If I could fly over  
Minn. no doubt there could  
more or less picked up for a song  
and perhaps some more or less  
could be got without the song

Especially so in case they thought I was to sing it (Well such is life) But it gives me much satisfaction To read some letters I have One recently from our much respected State Pres. of our State Short. I've he wited Give us men who dare speak the Truth and they will stick to it. Our Ia Fruit Commissioner Visited my place examined my grounds and my work thruoughly Then after he had burnt bill over the stat wrote me I had the finest showing of fruit he had seen in Ia. And what pleased me more he wrote that no man in Iowa had done more to advance the cause of Hort. than myself He and Prof Budd looked over my grounds in the fall of 85. I shipped 16 barrels of apples to Mr Wilson to be put in cold storage at St Lewis You will most likely see them there Nearly all I sent was my own growing We are having quite a cold spell am not sure just what affect it may have on tender kinds is not sure

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I have been out examining find  
all sound except the last buds of  
Grimes Golden. This may be a  
bud or two am not sure I am now  
laboring, watching; and waiting  
results I was honestly in hopes  
the mercury would go down a low  
as 40 one it is said did get down  
to 42 - Others went down to 35. They  
will try our tender kinds and test  
the reliability of Top grafting on  
extremely hardy stock to breach  
success I hope it will for if I have  
been wrongly advising I want to  
know it in time to make amend  
before I am called hence My health  
is quite good but my sight is failing  
I can just barely see to read very  
clear print I can write by lamp  
light with penicil some get. Suppose  
you read our Fruitman if so you  
cannot but see the need of reform  
Three columns for Evens to try and  
make all believe they all can grow  
orchards just as well on a low  
flat sand and gravelly bottom  
as on such locations as I have often  
described see our last Book Report  
See how he strikes at me & R. P. Speers

Well I felt the <sup>6</sup>blow and like  
the poor worm we read of turned  
I spent one full day to reply in full  
to his most heinous teachings  
I never labored more carefully  
or more earnestly to do any  
subject justice than I did  
in my reply. But what come  
out of it. Why the Editor Haged  
clipped off and dropped out so that  
I scarcely recognized the article  
when it came out. My art would  
not have exceeded over one column.  
I felt hurt some and wrote the  
Editor in very plain language  
what I thought of what he had  
done I did not mince matters  
neither as I had but little to  
lose at best. But the editor wrote  
me all manner of excuses and  
invited me to write more so I  
wrote up the Deadroot question  
as you see in the last Fruitman.  
But in the last Fruitman we see  
three columns more as I suppose to  
please his advertisers. All I can  
see is this Mr Patten got in a warm  
place at our state meeting and  
when he got home he thought he had

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better patch up matters as best  
he could so he wrote up three columns  
all I can see is this. He claims he  
has done wonders in his hand  
crossing. Well let us investigate  
a little I could not say fool by  
planting seed from Hardy Sticks  
produced other trees that would have  
good foliage if they were left standing  
on their own hardy roots. Now is it  
at all strange that other old kind  
standing where there should show  
a poorer foliage when grown with  
most of their under roots were  
rotten (What nonsense) But you see  
he had another dull axe to grind  
in his last column. He wanted to  
make it appear that his Greening was  
a fine thing and was steadily making  
its way in Minn. This may be  
all true. But while it is <sup>or may be</sup> pushing its  
way with you I know it is very fast  
loosing its hold all over N. Dowd  
I do not know of a man who would  
set one as a gift. He claims much  
for the hardiness of the tree. But I have  
the best of evidence to show it is not  
quite as hardy as Duchess if the  
mercury goes down to 45 you will see

I see in your notes a reference  
 in need as to how best to advance  
 Hort. in Minn. I am glad to see  
 you are looking for some reform  
 that will keep you ahead and  
 hold the proud position you now  
 hold. But of all things don't let  
 yourselves be disserviceed by any  
 attempt to reform or advertisement  
 by running a paper supported  
 by the funds secured from the  
 advertisements or from Schenck  
 Nurseriesmen or tree dealers.  
 This what has set us back in Iowa  
 full twenty years. I challenge you  
 or any one to show is a paper that  
 is a farm paper and gets its support  
 from its advertiser but what have  
 all along the line learned to the  
 interest of their advertisers. I  
 have for years taken 8 to 10 farm  
 papers and scarce one but what  
 every now and then publishes  
 that are evonious that will sore  
 do more evil than good. I will  
 close now hoping to hear from  
 you ere long. I have a plan I hope  
 to present to the public ere long that I  
 think fare better for Hort than we now have  
 accomplished.

Edson Gaylord

I think the funds now spent can be made to accomplish more than we are now

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January 7, 1904.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

We have on hand about twenty (20) pounds of apple seed, the most of which was gathered from varieties of the larger, hardier apples that have fruited on our grounds the past year. I have thought that you would like to advertise it, possibly to go as one of the premiums, or to go straight at ten cents per ounce from this station.

Kindly let me hear from you in regard to this at your early convenience.

Yours very truly,

SBG-D

*Samuel B. Green*

PHOM BOMBI

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January 16, 1904.

*Also send to names below*

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Kasota Block, Winneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Please send copies of the January Horticulturist to

the following:

- ✓ Mrs. Anna E. Green, #22 Parker St., Chelsea, Mass.
- ✓ Miss Mary W. Green, 917 California Ave., Urbana, Ill.
- ✓ Mrs. J. R. Hatch, #22 Parker St., Chelsea, Mass.
- ✓ Hiram Waldron, Woodmans, N.H.
- ✓ Hon. A. R. McGill, St. Anthony Park, Minn.
- ✓ H.E.W. Shutte, Knapp St., St. Anthony Park, Minn.
- ✓ Allen Bros., " " "
- ✓ Mr. Isaac Cheney, " " "
- ✓ Rev. E. S. Pressey, " " "
- ✓ Prof. Henry Baker, " " "
- ✓ Mr. Todd, Langford Park Place, <sup>West</sup> (West) St. Anthony Park, Minn.
- ✓ Mr. P. J. Kennedy, St. Anthony park, Minn.
- ✓ Mr. Stevenson, Marvel St., " " "
- ✓ Mr. Soderberg, Bayliss Ave., " " "
- ✓ Mr. Curtiss, Post Office, " " "

Yours truly,

*Samuel B. Green.*

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*also send to*  
 ✓ Dr. Isaac Hazelton *Millsley Hills Mass.*  
 ✓ Miss Clara L. Hazelton " " "2 copies



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Mr. A. W. Latham

Sir:

Enclosed for which send membership card to Peter Gorgren % Burr Hill Farm - Long Lake, Minn. See that he also gets the usual publications

Yours truly,  
C. W. Gamm

Cohasset Minn Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1904.

A. W. Latham Sec. Minn. Hort. Society.

Dear Sir,

I have rec<sup>d</sup> the  
Jan No of the Minn Horticulturist,  
also bound numbers of same for  
1903 and find much to interest  
me, Do not know if I am entitled  
to Premium or not, as I knew  
nothing this when I sent in my  
subscription, being informed in re-  
gard to the Society by Mr R. H. Pen-  
deryest. If I am entitled to same  
you may send me Premiums  
No's 3 + 4.

I am located a few miles  
north of the 47<sup>th</sup> Parallel in Itasca Co.  
the country is yet new and unde-  
veloped and but little attention  
has been paid to fruit culture,

I am but a novice at the  
business - having worn out the better  
part of my life as a Mechanic -

but am anxious to learn all that I can about fruit culture, and am more interested in that than I am in agriculture.

We have far wild fruits in this vicinity, Plums, Wild cherries (2 kinds, red & black,) June berries (dwarf and high bush,) Cranberries (marsh and high bush) Hawth (red and black,) Blue berries, Strawberries, Black currants (2 varieties) Goose-berries (smooth and prickly) Raspberries and Grapes.

Nearly all of these grow on my place and I believe that some kinds of fruits <sup>of the cultivated kinds</sup> can be grown here successfully and I have been reading up fruit culture but do not find anything pertaining to grafting, ~~and~~ I would like to know if cultivated Plums can be grafted in the wild varieties, also if grapes can be grafted &c. If you can give me any information it will be thankfully recd. Yours &c J. E. Gary.



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#1012 N. Y. L. Bldg. St Paul, Minn.

A. W. Latham Esq.,

#207 Kasota Bldg.,

Hennepin Ave.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend Latham:--

I am glad to receive your letter of Jan. 8th. which so favorably considers the proposition to have Prof. Johannott become a member of the second corps this winter. It will make no difference whether the books are sent to Prof. Latham or Mr. Litchard, as we have planned to have both parties in that corps.

Am pleased to learn that your visit at Norwood made such a favorable impression upon you. Mr. Yahnke is certainly growing in favor. The Institutes with two day sessions will continue through month of February and into March.

As ever,

Yours very truly,

C. C. Gregg

LIST OF MINNESOTA FARMERS' INSTITUTES TO BE HELD DURING JAN.1904

(TWO Days)

Town	County	Date	Railway
Morris	Stevens	Jan.12 & 13	Great Northern
Willmar	Kandiyohi	" 15 & 16	"
Marshall	Lyon	" 19 & 20	"
Pipestone	Pipestone	" 22 & 23	"
Fairmont	Martin	" 26 & 27	Milwaukee
Austin	Mower	" 29 & 30	"



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A. W. Latham Esq.,

Secy. for Minn. Hort. Society,

Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend Latham:--

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of Dec. 28th. I may be able to call upon you during this week and talk the matter over concerning a representative man that will be in our second corps for your Horticultural Society. My impression is that we should accomplish more general good if we could arrange for Prof. Jehonnot, for that will not only give us your membership roll with a good advance, but at the same time our Institute will have the benefit of the singing which is so helpful in many ways. This is a matter that is just as important as the instruction which we give from the platform.

You will find that we have placed in our new Annual good material bearing on fruit questions, and each year we shall devote a good space to advancing the Horticultural interests of the state.

*as to books*

Please take this as final, that you send your books for the second corps to Hon. A. W. Litchard, C/o State Farmers' Institute. Enclosed herewith please find a list of Institutes



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which will be held during the month of January by the two day  
corps.

I am,

Yours very truly,

C. C. Gregg

List me



State of Minnesota  
State Farmers Institute,

O. C. Gregg, Supt.

Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn. Dec. 28th. 1903/1904

A. W. Latham Esq.,

Kasota Blk.,

Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir & Friend:---

Please advise me if you think the Horticultural Society would be satisfied if I should again engage Prof. Johannott to be with the second corps of Institute workers? We think that we can get you more life members and at the same time put more life into a corps who will appreciate the kind of assistance that Prof. Johannott will give.

Herewith I send you list of Institutes which will be held this week. This is a special list that was provided on the spur of the moment to be held for this time rather than to wait the force until Jan. 2nd.

Eden Valley 29th.

Kimball Prairie 30th.

Buffalo 31st.

Rockford Jan. 2nd.

Yours very truly,

O. C. Gregg



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At #1012 N.Y.L.Bldg. St Paul, Minn.

A.W.Latham Esq.,

#207 Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend Lathan:---

Mr. Yahnke will be with one of the forces under Mr. Trow, and I think it would be wise for you to at once address him a letter at Winona, and so make arrangements with him for the forwarding of your books. I had not fully made up my mind as to who would represent the Horticultural Society with the second corps, but I had thought of Mr. Phillips to whom you make reference.

If you will forward to me those reporters notes, or a copy of them, I shall be pleased to receive them.

Give me an idea when you want that article, and I will see that it is furnished.

I am,

Yours very truly

O. C. Gregg

Chicago City, Minn., Dec 14 1903

A. W. Lathan Sec. State Horticulture Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Sir; When down at the Horticulture meeting I handed you in a name of a new member to the Society that intitles me to a premium I do not want any for my self but I would like to have you send a copy of Green's Amateur <sup>Fruit</sup> Grower to the New Member as he do not have it send it under adrese

Alfred Slyer,  
Forest Lake,  
Minn.

I will write you later about the plant premiums we will want.

Yours Truly  
Geo. Alf. Peterson,  
Chicago City,  
Route 2, Minn.

Duluth Minn. Nov. 30. 1903  
2112 W 2nd St

Secretary A. W. Latham  
207 Kasota Block.

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir

Sorry to state that I  
can not be present at our  
winter meeting. My sister is  
here convalescing from  
an operation. She need  
my constant help and pre-  
sence. Yours Respectfully  
A. F. Gastfield



# Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company.

WALTER H. COBBAN, Manager,

413-414 Phoenix Building.

99 Spruce Place

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 2 1903.

Dear Saltham: When I left the hall this afternoon you were too busy for me to hunt you up - say good by.

We leave this evening for Palatka by 10.20 P. & N. W. train; Chicago next Monday for Melbourne Beach, Florida, where we expect to arrive Wednesday afternoon the 9th.

Kindly mail me the Report of '93, as I could not get a copy today.

Here is Miss McCray's address in full. Please scratch out the one you have on the list of "annual members" and substitute this: Miss Alice Candace McCray, 558 Ashland Avenue, St. Paul. Now, good by & good luck to you.

Oliver Gibbs

# YANKTON NURSERY.

YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.  
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-LATE HESPERIAN NURSERIES.-

Aug. 14. 1903.

A.H.Reed,

YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA,

Glencoe Minn.

Dear Sir :- I have just read your article on the Apple in Minnesota in the Horticulturist for August, page 283.

I am going to give it a little mild criticism, not "just for fun" but because it is raining and I have nothing else to do. It may be of benefit to you.

The article from first to last is very good and of value but you are up against some propositions that are untenable.

" Never cut a limb off, or mar an apple tree before the month of September " (Nor after).

"The time to commence to trim trees is in September when the sap begins to recede to the roots" (The sap never recedes to the roots" )

There is no "circulation of sap in a tree. That is an old humbug that was taught by Dowling, Warder, Thomas and others. I read it in "Coles American Fruit Book" sixty years ago. So we read of the "Great American desert" which included much of Minnesota and all of South Dakota, where land is now selling for 40 to \$80 pr acre. Those good old people were mistaken. The sap of a tree can and does move readily upward, or away from the root but cannot go back a single inch. The roots are just as full of sap as the top is, that is absolutely full, and what

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would you do with as much more? Where would you put it"?

"If apple trees grow and all do well in latitude 65 north. why should they freeze to death in Minnesota 20 degrees further south"?( I don't know. I don't know as they do well in all places in 65 , and I ~~do~~ don't know as they "freeze to death" in Minnesota". If so the conditions aside from latitude, are ~~over~~ so superior as to overcome latitude. Soil conditions are extremely interesting and important.

"The great damage to our apple trees is done in March and April by freezing and thawing" (In the spring of '99, before there had been any thawing I cut through the frozen ground and discovered our apple roots all "winter killed").

" The hot rays of a March sun penetrate to the roots nearest the surface and start the sap to flowing upward, and buds often swell, and when a sudden freeze comes the sap in the limbs is frozen, which latter in the spring turns black, often extending to the roots This is your so called root killing" (Also in connection with this ") "I contend that cold weather never killed an apple tree if conditions were right" (*Ten Then*) heat never killed an apple tree. There is a degree of cold as there is of heat, that is fatal to all vegetable fibre. Did cold ever kill an orange tree? Did cold ever kill a peach tree? Did cold ever kill a

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tomato vine? Did cold ever kill an apple tree? why not?.)

Every vegetable has a limit of endurance in cold. It ranges from a light frost to probably 100 below in the sage brush.

We know that your theory that the injury in what we call "root killing" originates in the top and spreads downward to the root is not correct. In the spring of 1899 we found all hardy varieties in perfect condition above ground, and I cut cions after I knew roots were killed and grafted successfully.

Mulch is all right, practically, it prevents an unusual and unhealthy degree of cold penetrating the soil. This is the whole in a nut ~~shell~~ shell. For thousands of years the roots of all trees have accustomed themselves to a warmer condition in winter than the tops have. Ordinarily this will balance and come out all right. But, "with 6 weeks below zero in the month of February" and the ground bare, as it was here and to a great extent all over the country, a degree of cold was forced into the earth that was fatal to the life of those roots. "That is your so-called root killing" Many theories have been urged to account for that destructive period, all but this are untenable. This alone is tenable.

My trees in the nursery were killed down from the ground surface to a depth of 10 to 12 inches. Roots below this

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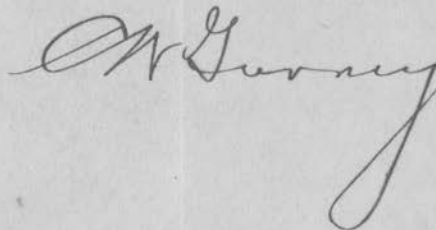
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were normal. The dead line was the ground surface. One eighth of an inch above the surface all was right. The same below all was wrong.

Planting apple seeds, Good. Plant lots of them. and let the state furnish them ~~instead of~~ or the General Government instead of garden seeds.

Very Truly Yours,



**YANKTON NURSERY,**

YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA.

E. B. GURNEY, PROPRIETOR.

C. W. GURNEY, MANAGER.

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YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA,

I shall want to buy sixes this  
fall of Sweet Russet Crab Surprise  
plum & Compass Cherry