



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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805 Division St
Northfield Minn
Mar 14th 1904

Mr A. W. Latham

Sec of Minn Horticultural
Society

I saw by your literature
that your society offers
a prize of \$1000.00 for seedling
apple as large and as good
as the wealthy and as long
a keeper as the Malinda -
I have one which I would
like to enter if it is eligible
it is propagated in Ill
from which point I would
order the tree sent if it
is eligible for the contest &
I am quite certain its

keeping qualities has
never been equaled +
as they keep in an ordinary
farm cellar for one year
and more + It is named
The "missing Link" and
is propagated from a seedling
tree +

Please let me hear from
you as regards to receiving
it for the contest +
also - for test in experimental grounds +

Yours truly
Geo. A. Woodworth

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DES MOINES, IOWA,

MAR 10 1904

Mr. A. W. Lathan,
Kasoto Building,
Minneapolis,

Dear Sir:- Please accept my thanks for your very full letter of the 8th. I am trying to get scions of some of the sorts you mention. I keep Soulard on the list because it is a splendid thing for Jellies and is wanted. What is the trouble with it up there? Is it too tender?

I would gladly become a member of your society and get the reports except for the reason that I have too much other work to do to read what I want. My eyes have been troubling me some and I find it a great burden to get through with some of the things which I desire to read. I find that if I have too many horticultural papers I lay them down for future reading. That proper time never comes. This is a matter of deep regret but until I am more free from the cares of business I cannot do it justice. Instead, I will pump you once in a while as in this instance and remain very much in your debt for the advice given.

Very cordially your friend,

C. L. Watrous

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MAR 4 1904

A. W. Lathan,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:- I am looking for two or three of the best northern crabs to add to my list. The best ones for this region seem to be Whitney, Martha, Hyslop, Virginia, Briers Sweet and Souldard. I have been for many years hearing of an Early Strawberry; also Excelsior and a Florence from the north and also a newer one called Lyman's crab.

I enclose stamped envelope and wish you would give me the discussions and papers in your Society and your observations upon these crabs that I may not put in my catalogue and nursery something more worthless than anything already there.

Also if you know of one or two fine apples I shall be glad to have you perform the same kind office for me in relation to them. The Windsor apple does not seem to succeed as well in nursery here as

I could wish, the tree being a slender and weak grower. It may do better hereafter.

I thank you in advance and assure you that I shall much appreciate what you choose to do for me in this behalf. I know that your opportunities for observations have been better than those of any other man and I shall appreciate your advice accordingly.

Very sincerely yours friend, *C. L. Watrous*

P.S.--I have a letter from our friend Patten saying he thinks there is one of Gideon's crabs that is very promising but that he has lost the name. He says that it is a little later than Martha and not quite so large, heavy bearer, alternate years, a slow grower in nursery and immune from blight. Do you know anything of it?

✓ 100 /

Olatona Minn. March 14th 04

Mr W. M. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir:-

Herewith $\$$ change 1.00
in payment of membership of
Leonhard Fritze

Claremont Minn

Please send him the book numbers
of UH magazines, "Museum Front
Yonder" and premiums

#2712. Please send me
a good lot of the leaflets
and a few extra magazines
One into Feb. Number please

Yours fraternally J. V. Wickler

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**WEDGE
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Feb'y 27-'04

Dear Mr. Satham:

Your very "serene" letter
at hand. I return herewith the order, signed,
and trust that it will touch the right
spot. Our Hort. meeting had a good attendance
of enthusiasts, but a very small crowd,
general sickness and bad weather accounting
for it I believe. We are however, ^{now} in good
healthy condition for another campaign.

All well. No news of interest in the institute
matter.

Cordially Yours

Clarence Maye



HOTEL CLAREMONT



HERMAN ALTHOFF, Prop.

Claremont, Minn. Feb 22 1904

M W A W Latham

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith Postal Order \$2.00
in payment of annual
memberships for 1904

✓ Thos Holloway.

Dodge Centre Minn.

RFD # 2

Please send to M W Holloway
also Green's "Meteor Fruit Grower"
and premiums # 374

✓ Chas Kiehn.

Dodge Centre Minn

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HERMAN ALTHOFF, Prop.

Claremont, Minn. 190

Did you receive my
letter with 1.00 for the
membership of J. N. Mosher
At Beaumont Minn.

Yours Fraternally
J. N. Mosher
Owatonna Minn.

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Feb. 19th, 1904.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Yours of Feb. 13th, enclosing an order for me to sign, and also a highly amusing clipping, which I am pleased to retain among my curiosities, duly received.

I enclose herewith the order duly signed, and would say in regard to the meeting in the Red River Valley, that unless there is some very particular reason why I should attend, I think it would be well for the new organization, and better for the treasury of the society, if some of our prominent men in the city, or further north should represent us. How would Mr. Taylor of Howard Lake do? Perhaps you can think of some one a little nearer yet, who does not at present come to my mind.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Gray

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City

Dear Sir: There are three definite
ways to help the Big Tree Bill -
3581. First, urge Speaker Cannon
to give the Gillett Bill a hearing
before the "House".
Second, ask Mr. Wolsted
to serve on the Cong. Committee the
Cal. League are forming -
Third, write each Minister
member to ask and vote for
the bill -
The Council, the Commercial Club
and the M. F. W. C. will bring their
influence to bear in the ways named
Cordially yours Lydia T. Williams

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
NORTH DAKOTA

Feb. 10th, 1904.

Mr. A.W. Latham,

207 Kasota Building,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir :--

I enclose you a list of our members of the Horticultural Society. As there are very few of these living in Fargo, I think perhaps it would be better to send the books from your office.

I understand from your letter that while the supply of bound volumes for last year is practically exhausted that you will have enough of the current volumes to supply our membership list as fast as it develops.

Mr. Bush may have written you that the members which he secured, the same being the last twenty names on the enclosed list should be, in his opinion, entitled to a copy of Greene's Forest Culture, inasmuch as he, an old member of the Society, secured these as new members, and is entitled to a premium for each member. If this does not coincide with your ideas you will please inform me, so that we can shut it off in the future. I have been holding the list for a few days expecting a large number of names from north of New Rockford. I will forward them as soon as they come.

Yours truly,

C.B. Waldron.

Per E.

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Albert Lea, Minn., Feb. 16th, 1904.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Your letters with those enclosed from Mr. Philips and Gregg have all been duly received, and I enclose you herewith also the letter which I have received from Gov. Rice, and also my answer to him and Supt. Gregg.

You will notice that as usual I have put my foot right in to the trouble, and may very likely make a mess of it before I am through. I return you also herewith the certificates of Life Memberships properly signed.

I hope you will continue to keep me advised in this matter, and let me have also with it the benefit of your frank counsel.

Very truly yours,

Clarence Wedge

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Copy

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Feb. 16th, 1904.

Gov. A. E. Rice,
Willmar, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Your favor of Feb. 3rd only received for which I thank you. In regard to Mr. Gregg's disposition toward horticulture, I have probably had a much longer experience than yourself, and I find it very hard to believe, that Mr. Gregg will do anything more than he is at present doing, unless some unusual pressure is brought to bear upon him.

We of the Horticultural Society, have been at him for years past, to put in a horticulturist of good standing in the state with every Institute corps, and give him a fair opportunity on the platform. He has always answered us very pleasantly, not promising anything definite, but answering very courteously and pleasantly, but doing little or nothing in the matter as by way of improvement.

He finds room for instructions of all kinds, hygiene, alfalfa and the diseases of hens, etc. etc., but I think I am safe in saying, that fully one half the Institutes that have been held have passed without any definite horticultural instruction of any kind. He does not at all seem to appreciate the growing importance of this branch of agriculture in our state, and as one of the board of administration, I can not think that I am doing my duty without bringing such reasonable pressure to bear on the superintendent of the Institutes, as will compell him to recognize his duty in this regard. And I hope that you will join with me ^{and make it an} ~~at the~~ ^{at the} issue ~~of our~~ next meeting, that the superintendent be required to secure a competent horticulturist for each branch of the Institute corps, and give him such reasonable time as is allowed to other important branches of agriculture.

You will not understand from this, that I have ^{the} least bit of ill feeling toward a man, whom I esteem as one of the most useful citizens of our state, as well as one who has always been extremely kind and courteous to me personally; but that I am desirous of doing my duty as I see it, and not ^{my} simply fill a position in a passive and characterless way.

Cordially yours,

C. Wedge

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copy

Albert Lea, Minn., Feb. 13th, 1904.

Hon. O. C. Gregg,
Lynd, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

We are lately in receipt of your three letters of Feb. 5th and 6th, also one from Mr. Yahnke, giving us somewhat in detail the work of the Institute corps that he is with.

From what I can learn I think that we have every reason to feel satisfied with the one day Institutes. Mr. Yahnke appears to have the confidence of those who manage them, and we have the best of evidence, that he is making good use of his opportunity, not only on the platform but in securing memberships for the society. I only regret that you had so little faith in him a year ago, that one whole year of his valuable ^{were} ~~are~~ services ~~are~~ lost to the state.

Now in regard to the horticultural work of the other corps I will say plainly, that I shall not feel satisfied, and do not think that any of us should feel satisfied, until a competent man is secured, and given full opportunity to represent horticulture at every place where an Institute is held.

I am sorry that I was unable to leave home at the time the Institute was held in Austin, as I should like to have heard how well Mr. Philips might be able to do if given full opportunity in a day session. If I understand rightly he was given no opportunity until late in the evening at Willmar, when of course he might feel somewhat inclined to entertain and hold the audience rather than instruct. Really I am somewhat surprised, knowing as I do your disposition to appreciate entertainers, that Mr. Philips did not fill the bill, for I have heard him a good many times, and never yet known him to fail to hold the attention and give wholesome instruction to the audience.

You will pardon me if I tell you plainly, that I find it hard to believe that you really want a horticulturist with the Institutes at all, and I have good reason for knowing that this is the general impression that Mr. Underwood, Mr. Lathan and others of our people are under. You have always talked very pleasantly about the matter, but the outcome has been that you have found time for talks on hygiene, alfalfa and diseases of fowls, where no

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

Feb. 13th, 1904.

time has been given to horticulture in any of its branches.

I am entirely of the opinion, that when you have a will, you will find a way of employing a good horticulturist with each corps.

I can see that for the rest of the present season, you probably have all the material that you can make good use of in your two days corps, and that you can scarcely be expected to do more than perhaps experiment, where it may be convenient, with some man whom you will employ another year. And we of the Horticultural Society will do our best in helping you to get hold of such a person.

Now my dear Mr. Gregg, you will not understand from what I have written that I wish to make any trouble or friction in the management of the Institute, or that I feel any lack of appreciation of the noble work you have inaugurated and carried on, or any lack of friendship toward one who has uniformly treated me with the kindest consideration, but you will rather understand, that I have a very definite conviction, and also a very definite purpose to bring about an adequate representation of our branch of agriculture in the Institute work. And that the only thing that will satisfy me at the present time is a definite assurance that next season will find each corps of the Institute provided with a horticulturist, who will be given a reasonable opportunity to present the subject.

The point that will most interest me in your reply will be your disposition to give this last proposition a thoroughly satisfactory response.

Very cordially,

C. F. Wedge

Kandiyohi Jan 21st 1904

~~Quincy~~
A. W. Latham Esq

Dear Sir,

by request in the Secretary's
corner to report about apple
Seedling Will Jay. there is
a Seedling, owned by R. E. Broman
of Town of Kandiyohi, do County.
the Seed was from the apple
known as the Russett, Planted
Some 12 or 13 years ago, by
Andrew Broman. and bore for
the first time last Summer
about one peck of apples
resembling very much the
Russett in size taste and color,
probably a little more brown on
one side of apple. appears
to be a good keeper. the tree
has been neglected and no care

given to it this maybe
counts for the tardiness in
bearing, it is between 3 and
4 inches in diameter and
upright grower, appears to
be perfectly Hardy,
do you think it is worth
Propagating

Respectfully

John Wickham
Kandiyohi Minn

Cleveland Minn. Feb. 8th 1904
O. W. Lathem

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Friend: "Have faith and you can remove mountains. Faith and my Inviolator protects my trees, 40 below zero does not injure them last Friday the weather turned quite warm, so I went around examined my trees, did not find any discoloration of wood of last summers growth, so I have no reason to be alarmed," we had a number of mild winters, I look for some old fashioned winters, when old Boreas will stop circulation of sap in all trees that are not on crab roots or are otherwise protected. My Apples did not keep as well as they did other years, my Ben Davis and N. W. Greenings are in bad condition, but think there will be any left by 1st of April, the few Jonathans and Chicagos I raised are in good condition, may yet in chance to send you a few. Shall try my best to have some nice specimens to send to St. Louis next fall.

Yours ever sincerely friend Andrew Wilsh.

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Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 30th 1904.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

The letter of Mr. Philips, which you sent me yesterday was read with great interest, and it gives what I believe ^{to be} about a fair sample of the way the Institutes are being handled.

You will notice by the copy of the letter that I wrote to Mr. Gregg enclosed to you, about what I have in mind ~~in regard~~ toward changing the situation. I wish that you would advise me very faithfully in this matter, I realize that I am by nature disposed to be a little rash and radical, although I believe nearly always good natured. In order that you may know pretty well what I am doing, and be able to advise me intelligently, I enclose a copy of a letter, which I am writing to day to Governor Rice of Willmar.

I think that you may possibly remember of my telling you, that at the meeting of the board of administration with Colonel Liggett, Governor Rice ventured some very earnest advice to Mr. Gregg in the matter of putting more horticultural instruction in to the Institute work. I was very glad of this at the time, and thought that possibly it might have an effect, as with myself it made a two thirds majority in favor of the idea. But I have become of the impression, that there is only one thing to do with Sup. Gregg, and that is to force him through absolute pressure, to give this subject proper attention, and I am not so sure that we shall be able to get up sufficient pressure in any way that we can devise. However let us try.

Yours cordially,

Clarence Mudge

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 30th 1904.

Hon. A. E. Rice,
Wilmar.

Dear Sir:-

I think it possible that you may remember me, as one of your fellow committee men at the meeting of the board of administration, of the Farmer's Institute last summer in Colonel Lidset's office. At any rate I have a very pleasant recollection of meeting you, and in particular the advice that you gave Superintendent Gregg of the Institutes, in regard to giving more time and attention to horticulture, forestry and kindred matters.

I am in receipt of a copy of a Wilmar paper giving quite extensive account of the work of the Institute at that place of the past few days, but fail to notice any account of instruction given in horticulture. I therefore write you to find out the facts in the case, for knowing as I do that he had with him at that time Mr. A. J. Phillips of Wisconsin, one of the best posted and capable men of the Northwest, I should be very sorry to learn that he gave him no opportunity in the regular day sessions to instruct the farmers on horticultural topics.

I would be very much obliged, if you would write me a letter enlightening me in this matter, and put it in such form that you would be willing that I should show it to Superintendent Gregg. For to tell the truth we of the Horticultural Society, have had so much experience with Superintendent Gregg, that we are getting of the opinion that the only way that we can get any reasonable attention paid to horticultural, forestry and garden topics, is to bring such a pressure to bear on him, that he will not dare to ignore it. If you do not put it in to this letter that I would like to show to Mr. Gregg, I wish that you would at least put a part of it in such form, making it as strong as you feel willing to place it, and let me have the rest in private way.

Cordially yours,

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Claremont Minn
Also one copy Green Muttur Fruit Grower
to me at Owatonna.
✓ Claremont.

Address me Claremont Minn
please until Feby 15th

I note what you said about
my reading my proposed
paper at the Annual Meeting
for which I thank you. I shall
endeavor to make it worth while
but shall not expect to read it
unless you are well satisfied that
it will be worthy the time

Fraternally yours
H. J. Wickler

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Owatonna, Minn., Feb 1st 1904

W A W Latham

Minneapolis Minn. ✓ 10

Dear Sir:—

Herewith check \$10.00 in
payment of life membership for

Willis P. Mann

Claremont Minn

PO address

Dodge Centre RR-1-

I told Mr Mann that we would
publish his photo in the
Magazine when he would
furnish a good photo which he
says he will do some time in
the Spring

Mr Mann is a progressive
young farmer of the first
degree of usefulness and
will be a credit to our Society

Apples not on the Minn
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- 1 Apple of Commerce
- 2 Arkansas Beauty
- 3 Black Ben Lewis
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- 5 Chicago
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- 7 Delicious
- 8 Grimes Golden
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J. W. Burke,
H. E. Morsching.
W. V. Brockway.
John White.

Cleveland Minn., Nov 20th 1903

Friend W. W. Latham. Our State Fair is getting to be a money making institution, you and Mr. Hyman Elliott are the main spokes in the horticultural Department.

Please allow me to suggest that the Premium list be revised, and a special Premium of \$50. be paid, for not less than 12 varieties of winter apples not heretofore on the premium list, apples must have been grown in Minn. by a Member of our Society. Or, \$3 for each variety of winter apples not on the premium list of 1903. And a special premium be paid at our winter meeting in 1904 for special exhibit. In my paper last winter I predicted that we would see all kinds of winter apples. Dr. F. C. Loope said, that he had been filled with faith after he listened to our proceedings. Tho the best prove of all is when the apples are on the trees. If the apples are not forthcoming at the fair, the premium won't have to be paid, and, if some one can make a better show as I can let him have the premium and I'll shake hands with him and call him a good fellow.

Enclosed find a list of apples trees growing on my place, about 2 of them had a few Apples on this year.

M. J. FEENEY, President,
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John White.

Cleveland Minn., 26th Nov. 1903

I am sorry that I can not be with you at our winter meeting. While shreelining and husking corn last Friday, my barn cut fire both barns were burned, one 20 x 80 with 20 tons of hay in it, the other 38 x 84 feet with L to it 33 x 36 feet 60 tons of hay the corn paddles of 25 acres and 1000 bushels sweetash 325 bushels of Rye lots of other things, loss \$4000 insurance \$800 on one barn \$500 on hay and grain, we have been haying since, to morrow my neighbors will assist me putting up sheds, do not know whether I get things in condition so I can leave home next week, my health has not been very good lately, if the weather should be stormy dont look for me, there is nothing I would prefer to going to our meeting, sercumstances alters cases, if I can not come please send me 2 annual reports, one for me and one for the Library at St Peter.
Enclosed find money order \$1. Membership fee
Yours Very Truly
Andrew Wilfert.

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Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 28th 1904.

Hon. O. C. Gross,
Lead, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

I am very much interested in learning about the work of the Institute this season, especially in regard to the horticultural side of the question. I have been informed that Mr. Yahake is proving himself very useful, and perhaps the best man that you have had in that line for many years, and shall hope to have you corroborate this statement. It was partly through my influence that Mr. Philips presented himself on trial for something like the same place. I have had no word from him or any body else, that would indicate that he is proving himself a useful man to you, but know that he has some qualities that you are inclined to appreciate, and have hoped that with some suggestion on your part, which I believe he would take very kindly he might become perhaps as good as any one that you have had.

I feel that I am in a position of some responsibility, both to the Horticultural Society and to the state in regard to the conduct of the Institutes, especially in relation to the department of horticulture. I am particularly desirous of knowing just how much time is devoted to this at each institute, and have therefore written Mr. Yahake, to see me informed as to the time given him at each place and the subject that he takes upon.

As you may readily believe from your acquaintance with me, I do not do this in a cautious or critical way, but ^{am} simply desirous of knowing the facts and fulfilling my duty and responsibility. However as you know I have very definite convictions, and one of them is that no Institute should be allowed to pass without some time being given to some branch of horticulture, provided of course that the horticulturists are able to furnish a man reasonably ^{competent} to present the subject.

I think that at the meeting of the board in Colonel Lisset's office, that the only criticisms offered on your work, was that given by Governor Rice to the effect that you was not giving sufficient prominence to horticulture. This was rather interesting to me at the time, as it was of course without any suggestion on my part, and represented my opinion so perfectly that I felt no need of saving much myself.

I am in receipt of numerous letters all the time to the same effect, and while I realize the difficulty that you have in attempting to please

Clarence Wedge

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

everybody, I will say very frankly that I think you fail, and have failed for a number of years to appreciate the growing importance of this branch of agriculture in our state.

Very cordially yours

P. S.

Mr. Lathan writes that there is a very great falling off in memberships secured at the Institutes for the Horticultural Society. This we very much regret, as we had hoped that with this in a measure might offset a needed instruction given on this subject during sessions.

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St. Paul, Minn. January 27, 1904.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sect.,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of the 26th with enclosure \$7.50 in settlement of our account received, for which accept thanks.

We are sending you twelve copies of "Vegetable Gardening", and have cautioned our shipper to see that these are put up in good shape.

Enclosed find check for \$100.00. I believe I told Prof. Greene that I would send this early this month, but matter have been overlooked. I take pleasure in sending this check, and note what you say with reference to expenditure of same.

I do not know that it is the purpose of the Society to publish the paper I prepared and read before the Association. *in Annual Report* As far as I am concerned I would just as soon it was omitted. It was a hard subject to handle, and was perhaps too long. If, however, it is the intention of the Society to publish the paper, I would like to have manuscript before it is put in type to revise; I will shorten it if necessary. *I was too much hurried in its preparation.*

I will publish the list of fruits in the February 15th number. Am glad you called my attention to it. I have left the Orchard & Garden Department very largely to Mr. Wedge, who as you know edits it.

(ENC)

Very sincerely,

Ans. 128.00

Carroll

E. A. W. -- 1/3

Mapleton Miss. Aug 21st / 04

Ms Q. V. Sathern.

My dear Sir.

At your suggestion I sent samples of the apples, such as I submitted to you for inspection to Hon G. B. Brackett. Pomologist. Washington D. C. I have recently received a very courteous reply, in which he says "After careful examination I fail to find, so far as I know, them as any known variety". He further states that he finds the quality "rather poor".

He also pays a high tribute to our now famous "Meathy".

Now Mr Sathern you have seen and examined samples of my apple and may I ask you candid opinion as to what course to take with it. I do not know how long the fruit would keep in good condition but I know it keeps well. As to the

hardiness of the tree: it has never been
known known to have a blighted leaf or
a dead limb. It has been in bearing
for five years or more, and bears every
year. I do not know why Mr. Brackett
got the impression that the quality is poor.
It may be that the samples had suffered
from exposure before he got them in his
hand. However we are satisfied that the
quality is not poor. This tree stands in
an orchard of three or four hundred bear-
ing trees, and by some is considered the
best of the whole in quality.

Any reply ⁱⁿ which you favor
this will be thankfully received.

Very respectfully yours
J. N. Wispart.

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 23th 1904.

A. W. Lathan,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Yours of Jan. 23th together with two hundred folders were received yesterday. We are very glad to know that the society is continuing to roll up members at an increasing rate. We had learned through Mr. Philips something of the success of the North Dakota society, and congratulate you very heartily on beginning so important a work in so auspicious a manner.

I shall write to day to Superintendent Gregg, in regard to the horticultural work of the Institute, I do not have much of an idea that it will do any good, but am inclined to make the attempt.

As soon as the weather moderates a little, I shall go out and make observations on the behavior of the different varieties in our orchard after such a long continued cold. However as the wood has thoroughly ripened I have very little expectation of finding any very serious injury. When Mr. Stevenson of Manitoba gathers apples at the rate of fifty barrels per annum, it begins to look as if we were well with in the apple belt, and that the matter of extreme cold alone is not so important a factor, as perhaps we have been inclined to suppose.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Mudge

OUTDOOR ART LEAGUE
OF
CALIFORNIA

"The beautiful rests on the foundations of the necessary."—Emerson.

Mrs. Lovell White, President

SAN FRANCISCO

Jan. 5. 1904

Mr. A. W. Latham Sec'y
Minnesota State Horticultural Soc'y

Dear Sir:—

Your kind favor reached me, and I thank you for writing to Mr. Volsted in the interests of the Big Trees.

I will at once address a communication to Mr. S. R. Moyer, Montevideo, Minnesota, and attempt to secure his co-operation in this matter. Meantime, if you can reach any other Congressmen from your State, please do so. No doubt your influential body of people would do much

towards securing votes for
the Big Tree Bill, should
it request the various
members to support the meas-
ure.

Again thanking you, I
am Very sincerely Yours,

1616 Clay St.

Wm Lovell White

we hope for this happy result.
Should the bill finally
be passed through both
Houses of Congress, you can
safely feel that you had an
important part in the transact-
ion. We are grateful for your
friendly interest, and we thank
you -
Very sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Lovell White

1616 Clay St.

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 19th 1904.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I am some what chagrined to find that I have neglected sending you the bill, which you sent some days ago asking me to approve. I enclose it herewith begging pardon and with my entire approval.

I am very glad to hear reports about the election of officers in regard to the ^{Agri} horticultural society, and also in regard to the institute.

I regret very much that our Southern Minnesota Society failed to hold a meeting this winter. I have had altogether too much to do and think of to give this matter the attention that I usually have done. I think that you are entirely right about the matter of charging the ^{whole} membership fee ^{to} with the local society, and shall express myself to Mr. Freeman whenever he writes me, or I have an opportunity to see him.

Very truly yours,

Clarence Hodge

Am working on a new catalog.

Kandiyohi June 21 1904

A. W. Latham, Esq.

Dear Sir

In regard to a Building
for the Horticultural Society
I would suggest that the
Society Petition Mr Carnegie
for a donation toward
Such a Building.

We are to ^{have} ready Feb 1st. 04
in Willmar a Library that
he has Donated \$10,000. too.
or has he Donated to any
Public Building in Minneapolis
if he have not I think
that Plan Will Work.

Respectfully
John Wicklund.



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THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Please send us two hundred
of the society folders.

Very truly,

Jan 26. 04



Albert Lea, Minn.

JAN 26 1904

**WEDGE
NURSERY**

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
 AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
 NORTH DAKOTA

Jan 23

A. W. Latham

Wpls Minn.

My Dear Mr Latham:

Mr. ^{W.A.K.} Bush would
 at Valley City

like to have you send him, by N.D. Ex

50 copies of your horticultural report. If these are sent out Monday they will reach him Tuesday - in time for the institute. You may also send me by freight what copies you can readily spare. We now have 112 members and I shall attend a farmers institute myself Feb 1st where I expect to get at least 25 members. Of course I have a large number in mind all over the state that I can secure at any time for the

asking. Of course the difficulty will be
in working this new material up to program
pitch. We will probably have a meeting
at the station early in July. I am to have
some blank applications for membership printed
right away that we can send out with our
station letters. If you will kindly send
a statement of the books forwarded and
the express and freight I will remit draft
at once. I think perhaps you understand
how much we appreciate the aid we re-
ceived from the Minnesota contingent. We
will try and see that it bears fruit.

Yours truly

O B Waldron

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43 & 45 East Nineteenth Street

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New York,

Jan. 19th, 1904.

A. W. Latham, Sec'y,

Minn. State Horticultural Society,

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

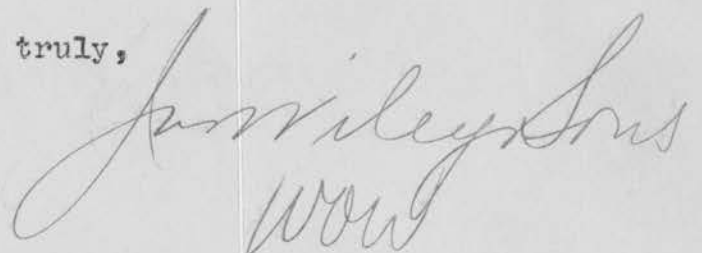
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of January 15th, we beg to say:

That we will allow you a discount of one-third ($1/3$) on Professor Budd's "Horticultural Manual;" carriage at your expense. The two volumes are sold separately, and the postage on Part I. is 12¢.; the postage on Part II. is 14¢. If ordered together, they go for 25¢. Therefore, the net price, postpaid, to you on the two volumes at once, will be \$2.25; on Part I., \$1.12, Part II., \$1.14. We make this special discount, which we usually make on one dozen copies, because we feel sure you will order one dozen.

We should prefer to have you pay your accounts monthly, rather than have you send cash with order. If this is satisfactory to you, please acknowledge it in sending your first order, and oblige,

Yours truly,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wiley & Sons". Below the main signature, the initials "WOW" are written in a simpler, bolder cursive hand.

W. O. W.

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
NORTH DAKOTA

Jan. 13th, 1904.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir :— I have not yet heard from the Great Northern people since I wrote them for transportation for you and three or four more to enable you to be in Fargo during the Grain Growers Association on Jan. 21st. From some conversation I had with them last fall however, I think there is no question but what they will grant this transportation for the purpose named, as they are anxious to awaken an interest in tree culture along their lines in this state.

If you can find time I wish you would go over to St. Paul and call at the office of Mr. Blabon, the Fourth Vice President ; his assistant Mr. Somers has the direct charge of this matter. If you will call his attention to the fact that the time is getting short and ask for transportation for such people as you can bring with you I think that everything will be all right.

Very truly yours,

C. B. Waldron,
Per E.

V. J. O.

Claremont Minn.

Jan 23^d. 04

W. A. Latham

Munciepolis Minn

Dear Sir:—

Herewith Exchange ²2⁰⁰
in payment of Annual
Memberships M. S. H. S.
for 1904 for

D. L. McMartin,

Claremont, Minn.

Milo Whiting

Claremont, Minn.

Each of these have
Chosen the two Raspberry
offers for their premiums

I hope to secure a
number of other
members

What is the premium
for securing a life
member and how many
back Reports do you
furnish with the
Memberships?

I would suggest that it
would be a good plan
to give a photo of
each new ^{Life} member (when
he joins) in the Journal
When one ~~waits~~ please
Yours truly J. Wickley

Nov

Watrous Mining Jan 18-04

Mr W Latham

Miner of his Mine.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose & charge 1.00
postage 1.00 in payment for
Annual Memberships for
Mr J L Blanch Clearcut Miner.
Hon' E F Way Clearcut Miner.

premiums Selected

Blanch 1 Beta Grape
" 3 King Raspberry

Way - 3 Columbus Rasp
3 King Rasp

I will choose for my premium
"Grews Amateur Fruit Growing"

"Green's Forestry in Minnesota"

I notice you give my
address as Glen in the book
My Address is 506 East Main St
Owatonna

I was at Glen only temporarily
I have not received my
Card yet perhaps you sent it
to Glen. I saw a "Tree" pattern
for the Chisago Falls Nursery Co.

I want to write an article on the
winter Care of fruit trees for the
Horticulturalist will mail copy to
you at an early date and if it's
worth printing you can use it -

Yours truly
J. Wickler

S. A. U. M.

Jan. 21, 1904

A. W. Latham,

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry
that I could not send this
paper in sooner but it was
almost impossible on account
of my school work. I hope
it is not too late.

Yours truly,
Rott. Wedge

Morris Public Schools

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Morris, Minn., July 15th 1904

Mr. A. W. Cathers:

Secy Hort. So.

Dear Sir:

Please send me a few folder-fruit lists etc - of the Hort. So. for 1904
I will try to get some subscribers to our
Magazine - Have just had an Institute here
for two days - a crowd present all the time
but nothing in the horticultural line except
a few questions in the question box and I was
called upon to answer them - I thought there would
be some folders to give out at the meetings, but
not one. After the meetings were over a package
of old ones came to life. It seems to me the
Institute is giving Horticulture the attention it
deserves - I know that there were some who
expected and wanted to hear something on the
subject - We had a good Institute, all right.

Yours truly,
D. T. Wheaton

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
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NORTH DAKOTA

Jan. 16th, 1904.

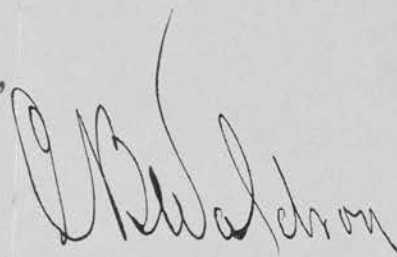
Mr. A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir :-- Your letter of Jan. 14th came this morning. Our program occupies the forenoon of Thursday Jan. 21st. Some of the North Dakota people have promised me something for the occasion, but just how they will materialize when the time comes I am unable to say. The chances are that we can shake something out of it anyway.

By taking the Great Northern flyer Wednesday you can get into Fargo at 6 O'clock in the evening. Hoping that there will be no circumstances arising to prevent your attendance I am

yours truly,



NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
NORTH DAKOTA

Jan. 7th, 1904.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

207 Kasota Block,

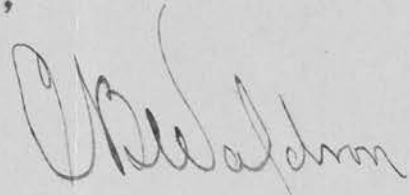
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir :-- In response to your favor of Jan. 4th I will say that I have been corresponding with some gentlemen in different parts of the state relative to the organization of the Horticultural Society in Fargo on Jan. 21st.

It is my intention to have about half a dozen of you people from Minnesota here at that time, if I can make arrangements with the Secretary of the Commercial Club for your entertainment, if not we will have you here anyway. I would gladly leave the naming of these men to yourself, and shall be much pleased to see Mr. Philips and Mr. Elliott with the number. Mr. Bush will undoubtedly be here at that time as will the rest of the institute corps.

I think there will be no difficulty in arranging the matter of transportation with the Great Northern Railway people. Thanking you for the suggestion I am

yours truly,



EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Jan. 4th 1904.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Yours of Jan. 1st enclosing the clippings desired is at hand, we thank you very much for your pains in selecting them and indicating the paper from which they were taken.

I am delighted to hear such good news of Mr. Yahnke, I feel that he is a credit to our fraternity in every way, I enjoyed my excursion to his place last summer very much indeed. Mrs. Yahnke is in her way also a very remarkable person, I think you would enjoy stopping off there some time yourself. I shall write to Mr. Gregg to day in regard to Mr. Philips, the ^{outlook} work for better horticultural instructions in the institutes is certainly very encouraging.

I note with interest Mr. Brand's ^{curse} ~~curse~~ against latter day grafting, I greatly sympathize with him in the whole matter. By the way I received a beautiful letter from him in the same mail with yours. He ^{has} passed through the same experience, and I believe expressed what he really ^{felt} of sympathy for me. At least I shall always take it so, and as I wrote him shall prize it as one of the pleasantest that have come to me in these past few weeks.

My two older boys are leaving for school just now, one to Chicago and one to the school of agriculture. I hate to see them go, but shall put as brave a face on the matter as possible and try to be contented with what is left of us.

I want to return to you your very kindly expressed good wishes in some unconventional and hearty way, but can not think of any words quite so nice as those you used, and so will return to you my best wishes to one of my best friends.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Mudge

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

**WEDGE
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec 24 - 03

Dear Mr. Nathan:

In regard to Philip's letter: I like his enthusiasm very much. And I am quite impressed with the idea that he would be a good man to talk horticulture. He and Gregg would work well together, I believe, and if you concur in the matter I will write Gregg about it. The Gideon memorial does not strike me as a proper subject to present to an institute - better stick to good practical instruction in horticulture. Besides \$500. is a large enough sum for that fund. If we work for more money let it be for a permanent home for the society. Which latter object I take great stock in, Cordially Yrs
Clarence Wedge

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Mrs. Lovell White, President

SAN FRANCISCO,

Dec. 22, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:

The petition to the President issued by the Big Tree Committee of the Outdoor Art League, with the valued signature of the State Horticultural Association of Minnesota reached me yesterday, and I hasten to thank you.

As you doubtless know, the Big Tree Bill is now in the Public Lands Committee to be reported on later. Can you not through some of your affiliations reach the Honorable A. J. Volsted (House of Representatives) of Granite Falls, Minn.

sota, who is a member of the
aforenamed committee, and
urge him to work and vote
for the Big Tree Bill now
pending in Congress.

The recommendation by
the Public Lands committee
of this bill would almost in-
sure its passage. Also if you
can write to other members
of Congress, either in the Senate
or House, and call their attention
to the Bill, you would be
serving the interests of the Nation
- for these unique trees should
belong to the Nation.

Thanking you in
advance, I am

Sincerely Yours,

Wm. Lovell White

1616 Clay St.

W. W. FARNSWORTH, Pres't, Waterville, O.
WM. MILLER, PRESIDENT, Gypsum, O.
E. M. WOODARD, SECRETARY, Kirtland, O.

U. T. COX, VICE-PRESIDENT, Bradrick, O.
R. J. TUSSING, TREASURER, Canal Winchester, O.

Ohio State Horticultural Society.

Membership Fee, \$1.00 per Annum
YOU are Invited to Join. * * *

Kirtland, Lake Co., O. 12/22 1903

P. O. Willoughby, O., R. D. No. 1.

A. W. Lathram

Minneapolis, Minn.

The Ohio State Hort'l Society is working to secure an increased appropriation from the Legislature, and we wish to secure information as to what other States are doing for their Hort'l Societies.

Will you tell us what State aid your Society is receiving, number of members and salary of Secretary?

Any other information you can give will be appreciated.

Hoping to hear from you very soon!

I am

Yours truly,

E. M. Woodard,

Secy O. S. H. S.

R. J. T.

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 26th 1903.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 23rd duly received, and we forward
immediatly to Mr. Mitchell his credentials.

In regard to the clippings I notice from the reply to them you have
received from the clippings ^{being} ~~being~~ that they mention my name rather than that of
Mrs. Wedge, but presume however they understand.

We hope that the Christmas season has brought you the usual joy. A
large circle of our friends spent the day and night with us, and made things seem
as joyous as possible. All of our family were present except Jesse who was unable
to get out his seed at Princeton in time to be with us.

Very truly yours,

Clarence Wedge

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St. Paul, Minn. December 14, 1903.

Mr. E. F. Stephens, Mgr.,
Crete Nurseries,
Crete, Nebr.

Dear Sir:-

(The writer)

We have your letter addressed to Mr. E. A. Webb; the dollar you enclosed has been forwarded to Mr. A. W. Latham, Kasota Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., who is Secretary of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

We have written him requesting him to enter your name as a member of the Society, and send you their magazine, published monthly, which I believe is included in the membership, though I am not certain about this; he will write you acknowledgement.

We are mailing you a recent copy of The Farmer. We have quite a large circulation in Iowa, Southern Minnesota, South Dakota, etc., and believe you will find our paper a good advertising medium.

Very truly yours,

THE FARMER.

Cauley

E. A. W.--/3

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

**WEDGE
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

DEC 23 1903

Dear Mr. Latham:

Yours with credentials for
Mr. Cashman duly recd. and forwarded.

You may continue my ad in same style.

The children are gathering in one by one till
only Jesse is away. he is looking after the
pine seed at Princeton.

We are all well and with the help of many
willing hands very comfortable.

Cordially

Clarence Wedge

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

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NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 15th 1903.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Yours of the 12th came duly to hand.

Your ideas in regard to the delegates are entirely satisfactory, and of course Prof. Green's portrait would be just the thing for our frontispiece this year. I was very glad to know that he took my place in the chair, although I think that his vivacity and good humor must have been quite in contrast to the ~~dispondency~~^{and} gloom, that I fear I was scarcely able to conceal during the time I occupied the chair. We enclose herewith the bills properly signed.

I am very glad to learn of the good reports that you say are coming in from the meeting, I not only have ~~the~~ very great interest in the society, that I always have had, but have a very particular pride in making things move along in a prosperous way during my term of office. I sent you yesterday copies of our local papers with notices of the late event in our family. I see that the name is given wrong in one of them. It should be Cornelia instead of Corena.

We are getting along quite comfortable in the family, the wife of one of my foremen who lives near by comes in regularly each day, and puts things to rights, so that with the work that the children are able to accomplish, things go on much as before. I find that the new experience gives me a very different view of life, and has changed my thoughts and feelings more than I had supposed was ~~to be~~ possible in a man of my age. Expressions of friendship such as those contained in your last letter strike a great deal deeper than they would have done a few weeks ago. Every word or letter *even* though awkwardly put, seems to meet a deep felt longing in my heart.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence Magee

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

WEDGE
NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Dec 18-1905

Dear Mr Satham:

I have heard so much from
these that have seen notices of my wife's death
in the city papers that I have a curiosity to know
what they might have been. Would your Clipping
Co undertake to furnish such or how could I
get them. Her death was on the 2nd.

How about the Samsen Bankruptcy case I
have heard nothing and indeed have not had it
in mind for a year. What was the name of my
atly. I could look it up, but you will remember.

Excuse this hasty letter.

Very truly,
Clarence Wedge

Established in 1872.

THE CRETE NURSERIES,

E. F. STEPHENS, Mgr.

Full line of Nursery Stock, reliable and in condition to grow.

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We propagate from Bearing Orchards.

Refer to thousands of orchardists in Nebraska and Kansas who have bearing orchards from our trees.

We grow fruitful trees, evidenced by fact of our orchard yielding

13,000 Bushels of apples, and

700 Bushels of cherries in one season.

Fresh Fruits in their season.

Nebraska Farmer *Office*
CRETE, NEBRASKA. 12-12-1903

E. A. Wells Dear Sir: we are planting Commercial
 partnership Branch orchards in western Nebraska
 Elevation on Guernsey Division of B+M near ~~W~~
 line about 4500 feet. we need the hardest
 varieties of apple plum & cherry suited to Commercial
 work. Not knowing your Horticultural people
 I send a Dollar for membership in your State
 Horticultural Society & please ask Secretary to
 send me a lot of recent printed matter & Reports

E. F. Stephens
 Very truly
 Yours
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824 TEMPLE COURT.

St. Paul, Minn. December 14, 1903.

Mr. A. W. Latham:-
Kasota Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

\$1.00

Enclosed find letter from E. F. Stephens, Manager
Crete Nurseries, Crete, Nebr., who wishes membership in the State
Horticultural Society. As I understand it, this includes the Monthly
Magazine.

I have written Mr. Stephens giving him your address.

Very truly yours,

Carroll

E. A. W. -#3

(ENC)

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE.

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 11th 1903.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

I have two or three letters of yours before me to day, two of them I believe containing nothing but receipts and papers for me to sign which I return herewith.

I have a very good opinion of secretary Randall for the position of Regent of University, and will write to the governor to day, giving him the benefit of my influence in the matter.

In regard to my own health would say, that I am beginning to sleep well nights, and trying to get back in to the harness again.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence Drey



St. Paul, Minn. Dec 11th 1903

Mr. A. W. Rathbone
Sec. State Hort. Socy.

Dear Mr Rathbone

Your letter of the
9th was duly read. We had time
to embody quite a little of your
report in the matter already
prepared for Dec 15th Journal
and I wish to thank you
for your prompt response

Very sincerely
Yours
C. W. Webb

Mr. Elliott

Mr. Elliott

Dear Sir I see by looking
over the Premium List that I am
entitled to ten dollars Special Premium
offered by Mr. Leving, that I didnt
get; will you please speak about it
your Respectfully

R. A. White

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WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR.

Albert Lea, Minn.,

Dec. 3rd 1903.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I thought it due to yourself and Mrs. Latham, and other friends who might inquire, that you have a little better information about the circumstances, that immediatly preceded the sad news of yesterday.

My wife had been carrying altogether too heavy a burden for years past, and ~~due to~~^{her} the peculiar disposition made it very difficult for any of us to do anything for her health. However until within the past six months, *she* ~~has~~ always held up most wonderfully under the strain. About that time she began to fail in strength, and we have tried with the help of her brothers and sisters to get her to go away and try to secure absolute rest. But her heart was in her home, and it was impossible to get her consent, until about a month ago, when I think she began to realize the absolute necessity of a change, but it came too late. She left with her brother's family for New York, where for two weeks or more she seemed to enjoy herself and improve slightly, but from that time she began to have severe headaches; ~~and other~~ *And other* alarming ~~symptoms developing~~ *symptoms developing*, she was placed in a private hospital, and ~~had the~~ best care that human ingenuity and many loving hands including her pastor could give, and for a few days we received somewhat reas~~ur~~^{ur}ing news. Indeed the letter that was handed to me while at the meeting immediatly after reading my address was very encouraging, but as you know I received a telegram at two o'clock stating that she had passed away quietly without pain. We have not set the day for the funeral, coming from such a distance, and the necessity of embalming will put it off several days.

Whatever notice you may have in the magazine, I trust altogether to your good taste, and your knowledge of my feeling in such matters. You can imagine that I was hardly able to do my ^{own} justice during the time that I was in the chair, as the uncertainty of her case was almost more than I could bear.

Very faithfully,

Clarence Wedge

Mapleton, Minn
Nov 1st 1903

Ms A. W. Satham
Society Minn State Horticultural
Society.

My dear sir

I send here-
with six apples and send to
you some time ago of which you
said you could not tell the name
I send them while the society is
in session in the hope that I may
learn whether it is a known variety
Regret that I could not have sent
it sooner but hoping that it
will reach you before your class
and wishing you a pleasant and
profitable meeting.

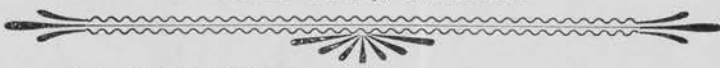
I am yours truly

J. V. Webster.



Town of Millwood

Stearns County, Minnesota



A. WILWERDING
TOWN CLERK

Freeport, Minn., Nov. 26th 1903.

To H. W. Latham

Secretary Horticultural Soc.
Dear Friend Latham:

Yours of Nov. 15 received at Freeport Nov. 26th;
asking taking part or open the discussion of N. 5
"How is Green Grapes." Well if my conditions would
allow me to come to Minneapolis I would indeed
do so, but I am not sure yet if I will be able to
be present. But now in the world you are guessing
that I am raising grapes as I raised the best
you ever seen in winter time: the wooden grape invention
is a snuffbox.

You see before a man can prepare for some
questions he should know what is coming
from this paper which is to be read before the
society and this is indeed a secret to me what
will come on. Well Grape raising isn't so
easy as ^{to raise} potatoes!!!

Can you furnish me a copy of this paper?

Maybe I'll try to come but I am
German and no English speaker any.

Very respectfully Yours,

A. Wilwerding
Freeport Minn.

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Paw Paw Mich Nov 5th 1903

Minnesota Horticultural
Society

Gentlemen

I see by the Country Visitor
that you offer for an
Apple as good in quality
as the Wealthy and as
hardy as the Duchess
P/1000 is it Summer
Fall Or Winter Variety
you seek hoping to
hear from you soon
I Remain Resp W^m Wishart
B+ 3/6

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St. Paul, Minn. Nov. 5th, 03.

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

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly act as one of the judges in this year's Flower Show, to be held Nov. 10th at Mozart Hall, cor. W. Sixth and Franklin Streets.

Associated with you will be Mr. Samuel. B. Green, who suggested your name to us, Mr. T. Berry of Stillwater, and Mr. E. Nagel of Minneapolis.

Judging will be done on the opening day, Tuesday Nov. 10th at 2 o'clock at Mozart Hall. Please be in attendance.

Very truly yours,

C. J. Whellams
Sec'y.

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

SEP 2 1903

Dear Mr. Satham:

I enclose herewith some
random suggestions on program. I think
that it would be in line with our policy
to offer an even \$100.00 on Winter seedlings
and keep a good record of them. I don't
think we need to do much by way of
record on summer & fall varieties. But
the winter ones early & late of good promise
ought to be kept track of. I will look over
old programs and see what more I can
think of that you can digest for the
society. I think that we ought to have

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Albert Lea, Minn.,

The banquet as usual. And if possible
a much larger fruit show. Is it not
possible for us to make this event of
larger state importance, get the railroads
to advertise reduced rates, more generally
and ^{the city of} Minneapolis to make a special effort
to encourage a general visit to the city.
I don't think that we are in any danger
of making the occasion too popular and
our society too large an affair.

\$100. Premium for Best winter seedlings

\$1000. " " The " Seedling

This ought to be a taking amusement

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to attract attention, and we ought to
begin to get it into the local papers.
as { "The Farmers Winter Holiday" }
In the City

It does seem as if this idea could
be pushed and made to come our way.
If it strikes you favorably. Why not talk
it up with the merchants and city papers
and give it a rousing trial.

The interest in Horticulture in our part
of the state is really surprising. Our local
Society is a success and is bound to

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make a great impression on the our section. Commercial orcharding is the next thing on the program and with I have little doubt that 15 yrs will see Albert Lea a centre of apple buyers & shippers. At any rate the tide is setting this way and if we do not make such use of it there will be only ourselves to blame.

Cordially yours

Clarence Wedge

I Thank you most sincerely for your kind interest in the children. Hope that your own health is keeping up where it ought to be. Much depends upon it, to us all.

THE STEBBINS HOUSE.

E. F. STEBBINS, PROPRIETOR.

ULEN, MINN.

Nov 23 1903

W A W Latham
 Minneapolis Minn
 Dear Sir:-
 Here with N.Y. Exchange
 100 issued by
 State Bank of New Minn
 #642 - drawn on
 The Hanover National Bank
 of New York date
 Nov 23 1903
 I have thus described it
 clearly because I gave
 your initials as J. A.
 instead of J. W.
 This is to pay my
 annual membership
 fee in the Minnesota
 State Horticultural Society
 Yours Truly
 J. W. Wickler

Albert Lea, Minn. Nov. 23, 1903

Brother Nurserymen of Minnesota:-

I am desirous of bringing to your notice some facts of especial interest to you in connection with the meeting of the State Horticultural Society that convenes next week in Minneapolis (December 1, 2, 3, and 4).

First: That a society of fifteen hundred live horticulturists working in our own soil and climate, meeting the same difficulties that beset us, working out many of the problems that puzzle our brains, and planting thousands of the trees and plants that we are propagating, will for four busy days, give the benefit of its varied experience to those who are in attendance at the meeting.

Second: That as an experiment and new departure the society has devoted one of its entire sessions (Friday forenoon) to practical nursery topics, presented by men who have had special experience in the subjects that have been assigned them. The discussions following these papers will be of the kind that bring out such bottom facts and details as constitute the real kernel of the matter.

Third: Every inducement in the way of reduced fare, and low hotel rates are offered in connection with the meeting; and in addition there will be the usual opportunity of looking up business matters and needed supplies for the nursery in one of the best furnished markets of the west.

With such attractions can you afford to be absent? If fifty dollar gold pieces were to be distributed to those attending the meeting every one of you would be there as a matter of course. But do you not realize that many times in your past experience a little hint of danger or suggestion of improvement dropped in your ear, just a sentence or two from the right man, would have been worth double that sum to you? And at this time an place the very air will be full of these golden thoughts to be gathered to yourself and carried home with you.

And then, when a goodly number of us are brought to gether and feeling in a specially friendly mood, why not form a brotherly association that will tend to keep us in better touch with each other, and in every way promote the greatest usefulness and success of the nursery business in the north.

Fraternally yours,

Clarence Wedge.

✓ 1.00

Orratoma Minn 2-13-04

Mr A K Latham
Municipal Minn
Dear Sir :-

Herewith \$ change 1.00
in pay ment of Annual
Membership

D. R. Mosher

Hobson Minn

Send Jan & Feb by magazines
and premiums #3+4
also Bulletin #83

I received your letter
regarding the Institute
at Claremont too late to
avail myself of the

Opportunity offered of
making the acquaintance
of Mr. Gahmke. I did
not know that they were
going to discuss
Herbicultural topics
so I did not plan to
attend as I was at
work 12 miles away
Yours Fraturnally
J. R. Richter

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Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 25th 1903.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

Yours of Nov. 24th with program for the banquet and other things duly received. You do not need to worry about those suggestions of mine, that find their way in to your waste basket. If I thought you were looking upon them as anything official, I should not volunteer as many, and should think twice before sending them. I want to see the meeting a full success, and to do all in my power to make it such.

I think that we have been acquainted long enough for you to realize that I can bear a great deal of frankness, and so long as we bear the present relation to each other, we should be able to ~~have~~ ^{give our} unreserved thoughts and suggestions of each other. If I am able to carry out the program you have prepared with anything like the success and ability, that you have shown in preparing it, I shall be very proud of my success.

I think you are right in making the ~~offer~~ of toasts less than usual at the banquet. I hope that it will prove more snappy and entertaining than last year, more like the one that we had two years ago.

Very cordially yours,

Clarence H. ...

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Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 23rd 1903.

A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind favor of Nov. 20th is at hand, I can see very readily how your difficulties in the way of advertising the meeting have come around. However this is only the first year that we have tried to make special break in this direction. I fully believe when we learn exactly what wire to pull, that we will bring matters our own way, it is too late for this year, but there is a future.

I hope you will send me a sketch of the banquet program even before you are fully decided what it will be. I want to have a chance to think out a few points in connection with each speaker, and wish to be able to do my best as toast master.

I believe that the assignments for opening discussions, which you have sent out were a very fine thing, and hope you will continue the same.

I notice the program calls for a ten minute limit, it seems to me that it might be possible for the presiding officer to enforce this rule with those people who are regular attendants at our meeting, invited guests will have to be given more liberty. I feel very much disposed to make a strong effort to encourage short snappy speeches and discussions. My ideal of the presiding officer is one that is pretty arbitrary, and very courteous and good natured. If I run things in to the ground, I trust that I have some good friends that will call me down at the proper moment.

Cordially yours,

Clarence Hage