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Des Moines Ia Dec 14th 1904

A. W. Latham Esq.
Minneapolis. Minn.

Dear Sir:

As soon as the appointment is made will let you know who will attend the meeting as delegate.

Would like very much to come up to the Minnesota Meeting but it so happens that a meeting of an Auxiliary Society comes at the same time and I can scarcely get away from it.

Yours fraternally
W. Greene



State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute,

C. C. Gregg, Supt.

Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn. Oct. 4, 1904. 190

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir: and Friend:

Yours of Oct. 1st is received. I think you have done all that needs to be done in the matter of our Coteau Farm Experiment Station. I am much pleased with the cordial way in which you have received our request.

I will make a note and after I have returned from St Paul I will send you that article on "Some Successful Trees for Southwest Minnesota". I am about to go to our Annual Meeting to be held on the 7th.

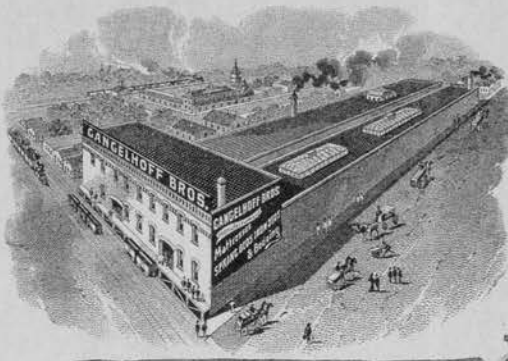
We certainly depend on Mr. Yahnke for our winter work. He is a jewel. I have a party in mind for the second corps, but I will consult with you, Mr. Wedge and Mr. Elliott. Whatever you agree upon we will endeavor to arrange.

Yours truly,

C. C. Gregg

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Long Lake
Minneapolis, Minn. Sept 9th 1904

Mr A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst will say that I have never received one of your Magazines either this or last year, I am quite sure that I renewed my membership at the Fair last year in the presence of Mr Elliot. My wife was with me at the time so have just asked her whether she remembers the transaction and she said she did, I next asked her if it was last year or the year before and she said she is positive ^{that} it was last year, I became a member of the Society two years ago at the Plymouth Church.

Yours Truly
C. H. Gangelhoff

Dear my dear
7 in parts basket -

Melbourne Beach, Florida,

Aug. 23, 1904,

Dear Latham:

Some weeks ago I sent you an advertisement for a partner wanted. Have not heard from it or from you since. If you have not used it, please hold it in a key until you hear from me again. If it has gone out, send me the bill. What I asked was that it be put in the August Horticulturist or be printed on a slip to be folded into the entire edition.

Pleasant summer here, coolest spot I can remember in - since I was born ~~in~~ that November 1832. Breezes all the time, and all coming into this narrow Indian River peninsula across salt water, and always cool. Mornings & evenings cool in the sunshine & midday cool in the shade.

I suppose you have much of your time & mind taken up with your responsibilities for the Joint Relief

at St. Louis.

I find my situation here as it was
the year before I came to Florida - that
of a back number forgotten & ignored
by all in position in St. Louis, who
had known me formerly as a World's
Fair promoter - not at all
unendurable - in fact quite a
happy one; for with St. Louis
officials more than that of
any previous fair it can be
said

"Every king has the head that wears a
crown;

and I am not sorry to be out
of it.

I thought one time I could have
kept some of them out of pitfall,
they have gone into, and led them
to mountain heights they never have
seen; but perhaps I should have
failed; but this I see: that one
state I knew the most about has
utterly missed its two greatest
opportunities.

Chas. W. Gibbs

Melbourne Beach, Florida,
July 22, 1904.

Dear Latham:

Could you get the enclosed ad.
into the August number of the *Heticalist*?

If not, could I get you to print it on a
slip & fold it into the entire edition?
I want a good man here early in the
fall, with means to go ahead and plant
the land that I have got prepared.

Am not able alone to do it, my means
being too much tied up in South Dakota
land (unencumbered) that I want to hold
a while longer. Am not uprise to take
an ambitious invalid. A stranger here
soon gets to be a good laboring man.

I, myself, used up as I was, give no sort
of work "absent treatments"; eat like
a wolf & sleep like a baby.

You ought to be here yourself.

Summer weather delightful on this
peninsula -

Thanks for the twelve copies. Is that all I
owe for them?

Yours truly

Olivier Goble.

Wanted - an ambitious individual to join
me in fruit raising. I have the land
~~and~~ in readiness for the fall planting,
and can shelter a family, or keep
"back" with a good fellow as I am
doing now. ~~all by my business~~. He must
have a few hundred ready money, & lots
of patience to wait & work for results.
Come & see me. Othar Gibbs.

Melbourne Beach, Florida, July 22, 1904



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THE YEAR.

J. B. CATRON,
MANAGER.

WALLA WALLA, WASH.

Aug. 9 —

1904

Dear Mr. Sathem.

Here I am quietly enjoying the
rust & heat of this country of Eastern Oregon.
I came in here this a. m. I am to visit
fruit ranches this P. m. with represen-
tative of the O. R. & N. Co. whose guest I am.
We had a nice trip through Canada &
visited Winnipeg, Indian Head. Laggan
in the Rockies. Sicamous & the Okanagan
valley (a fruit section) Agassiz B. C. where is
a govt Dept Station. Vancouver. Victoria
Seattle. Tacoma, Portland. Hood River
Astoria. Vancouver Wash. La Grande Round
Valley & am now at this place which I
leave for Colfax & Pullman & then
return to Portland to Tacoma Seattle
& then visit Wenatchee. La Conner. Spokane
Kaleispel & Chinook & then home near
I expect to arrive about Aug. 23 04



WALLA WALLA, WASH.

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The whole state of Or is suffering from drought which is especially severe in Eastern Or. where they don't irrigate. ^{they have also had a hard much injury from frost.} Here they expect it dry in the summer and the dust is simply immense. The livery stables here keep dusties for their customers.

I addressed the Or. Settlement League at Portland last week last night a meeting of fruit growers at La Grande. Mrs. Green is at Tacoma & Seattle & I expect to meet her about Friday. This trip is too hot & dusty for her to enjoy it & she is better off where she is than here. I am really in a part of the former "Great American Desert."

I trust this may find you in the best of health & happy life & remain with sincere regards. Samuel B. Green.

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June 29th, 1904.

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

My dear Latham:--

I find that we are going to be a little short on our estimate for provisions for the Horticultural Banquet, and am going to ask you to send me a check for \$1.25, for a jar of butter, which will just straighten out this matter for us, and we will not have to go through the red tape that will be necessary were we to obtain it through the Board of Control.

I will see that you get proper voucher for it.

Yours truly,

Samuel B. Green



State of Minnesota ⁶⁰
State Farmers Institute

C. C. Gregg, Supt.

Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn. June 23rd. 190

A. W. Latham, Esq.,

Secy. for State Hort. Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir & Friend:--

Yours of June 20th. is received. Mrs. Gregg is gaining. The crops are looking fine. Our apple trees are in good shape, not a dead one except from rabbits which damage was done a year ago this winter. I shall be busy on the 24th. at Dairy meeting, or else I should be at the summer meeting.

Enclosed herewith please find my check for .60 in payment of bill as rendered.

Enclosed herewith please find my check for .60 in payment of bill as rendered.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Gregg

P.S. As the amount is small I enclose stamps.



State of Minnesota
State Farmers Institute,

O. C. Gugg, Supt.

Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn.

May 23rd, 190

A. W. Latham Esq.,
Secy. State Hort. Society,
#207 Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir & Friend:--

Your letter of the 20th. is received.

This package that you refer to from ^{Rust} Lake City was ordered to be sent to you by myself. I supposed from the notices that we had received that it was some of your horticultural books. Please send package to Dr. Curryer at #296 Selby Ave. St Paul, prepaying charges ^s, and then send itemized bill for two express charges to me here. Please address a letter to Dr. Curryer and ask him to see to see that these are made ready for our coming potato institutes.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gugg

Gunderson & Newby 50

Proprietors of

Clifton Stock Farm

Vermillion, South Dakota, May 23rd 1907

Secretary, Minnesota Horticultural Society
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find 50c -
payment for Minnesota
Horticulturist up to date &
please discontinue same
as South Dak. now has such
a Society.

Yours Truly
Carl Gunderson.

Melbourne Beach, Florida, April 26, 1964

Dear Latham: Yours of the 21st rec'd yesterday. I thought I had told you of my purchase in some previous letter. I write so many particulars to my children and my friends that I forget that the friends don't always have the back numbers. Yes I bought two old pine apple plantations side by side, and as I wrote J. M. Underwood in answer to a letter from him, have excluded to stay here summers as well as winters & grow up with the country - possibly to vote the Democratic ticket next spring. Am getting both the black & white sides of the negro question, and begin to understand how it is the question paramount on the white side.

There was a twelve mile strip of this Indian River peninsula that was supposed to be the very best in Florida for pine apple growing, and just before the breeze of '95 quite a number of plantations had been opened. The land was laid out in narrow lots running East & West with a frontage of 175 to 350 feet on the river, where each planter had a shipping dock of his own, built out on pilings through the shallow water to a depth where steamboats could land. The business had gone on for enough to do considerable shipping of pines north; all

ⁿ were making money fast and had rosy dreams
of getting rich quick - so rosy that some of
them built mansion houses and prepared for
the life of country gentlemen, the most of them
mortgaging their places. Wild scrub land
was selling at \$100 per acre. A little piece
to ten acre piece was supposed to be worth
five to fifteen or twenty thousand dollars,
and rapidly rising in value. But these
people were not horticulturists, and did
not know there was no hot line in Florida,
or else took fearful chances in placing
their eggs all in one basket and that
basket pine apple growing without protection
from frost. So one morning in February, 1895,
they awoke to find their pineries a blackened
ruin. They were utterly cleaned out - nothing
left to make a living on or raise money to
pay interest on their mortgages, and all left,
some one or two having loaned out interests at
Melbourne Beach. Their buildings were deserted,
some with the household furniture & tools in
them, and their pineries left to grow up to
scrub again. They say I was the first person
who has offered to buy & occupy one of these
places. My principal motive in buying was to
have something to do on land of my own

3) Which remaining in Florida for my health
my place is less than half a mile up the river
from the Melbourne Beach post office. It has
a good solid, sound, roomy two story house
on ^{top} with a seven foot roofed veranda
on the sides, needing some slight repairs
which I have made. With it in the house
was the entire furnishings of the occupant
of pine apple trees, even the family bible
and the framed motto "The Lord Will Provide"
and the wife's sewing machine. I have
a good colored man helping me on
the place to clean it up & get ready for
planting a grove & garden. Near me was
an old four inch artesian well which I
have got. The right to use, also right of way,
and already have pipe line laid & water
flowing in front of my house. Before to-morrow
night I expect to have three laterals down
from main line with six hydrants, hose
& automatic sprinkler. This is for lawn
& garden & fire protection for the home. In
the fall I expect to extend the lateral lines
to ground I am getting ready for oranges, pomelos,
pecans, etc., etc. So here you have it,
Latham. As to my health, you know how it
was the first week in December - couldn't
read my paper or even stay in the meeting.

4) Have steadily improved. For weeks past I have worked at hard, manual labor without fatigue and very hard every moment of daylight seven days in the week on my place. I sleep & do my writing in the cottage near the post office which wife & I rented for the winter. I hold it from April 1st to December 1st next without paying any more rent.

There are others of these old plantations for sale for less than it would cost to put up the buildings. One adjoining me on the north & the next one north of that are specially desirable for ~~winter~~ winter homes or for permanent residence by horticulturists. If you know any such wanting to change their climate tell them to write to me for particulars. The advantage of coming here is the out door life one can have any day in the year, and the cool fresh air, so invigorating from the salt-water bath sides of sea. It is delightful to me all the time. Have not seen an unpleasant day since Dec. 9, when we arrived.

Wife has gone north for the summer. I am backing it. I had a negro cook, a good cook too, but have fired him. He proved to be a ~~Wentley~~ Hostetter friend - drunk on Hostetter

57 - drug store poison - from Saturday night till
Tuesday morning in the Temperance town of
Melbourne - a town that will not have a
Saloon, but where forehanded rigger
order the goods in four great lots -
by express prepaid from the north &
"lewd fellows of the baser sort" white
& black get the cheap, villainous,
but honest Hostetter at the drug
store, all they want.

Yes, I know all about the weather
North. Whenever we get a nice fresh
Northwestern breeze here, just cool enough to
be good working weather, we look to read
in our paper as soon as it comes, that the
North is having another blizzard. I see from
the Evening Journal, which I take, that Minneapolis
farmers are churning seed wheat into the
frozen ground. I have not had a smell of
frost since Dec. 7, when we left Chicago,
and never want to smell it again, though
I do miss old friends in the North and
the privileges of the Minnesota Natural
Society. Hope you will have success at St. Louis
I have all the Mallin Fair I want here. Thanks
to you & Prof. N. & Dr. R. for care in getting the
bird list right. Yours truly Oliver Gibbs.

Melbourne Beach, Florida,
April 7, 1904.

Dear Latham:

It is horticulture in Minnesota and not in Florida that you have to fill your Secretary's corner with, but I want to tell you personally of a few things I saw in Dr. Gynais' garden at Melbourne yesterday: Irish potatoes, nearly two feet high in bloom on a spot where they were a second crop, the first crop having been planted between Christmas and New Years, taken off and sold to the grocery stores, of course some time ago; Florida butter beans covering poles six feet high, streaming to fill the spaces between the rows and now being picked for use; (The doctor gave me a package of seed, of which I will see you half a dozen); good large seed onions, planted in December; cabbages, ditto, but most all fully headed and gone; a lot of other garden stuff of his winter planting, fruit is good; and as we walked out to his front gate, a Scuppernon on roof over porch covering ground enough for a circus tent or a summer meeting of the Minnesota Horticultural Society; to cap all was an Isabella grafted on a native grape, (such is I am grabbing up on my place) - grafted last year and now carrying ninety fine well formed bunches for its first crop, small yet but so fine, its foliage & fruit make my mouth water with the remembrance

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That Dexter B. Bailey's Isabellas of Clifton,
Clifton, Pierce County, Wisconsin, were the
first grapes I ever saw in the Northwest
when I first settled in Prescott the fall
of 1855.

"Hans Britton gave a party -
None is dose beeples now!"
Gone, like Gideon and his Eumelans,
to "visit the orchards of spheres and
examine the product."

Wife sailed north yesterday. That was why
I happened to be over at Melbourne,
to see her off. I remain to fish some
more and boss the two Coons who are
helping me clean up my place here and
get it ready to plant in oranges, grape
fruit, peaches, figs, roses & onions in November.
Old settlers from the North tell me the
Indian River summers are the pleasantest
part of the year. I think they know and
speak the truth. Shall try it myself, for
my health is steadily improving. Have a pretty
front on the river half a mile from the
cottage we have lived in since December 9 which
I am holding on the backing system for the
present because it is next door to the post office
and a few good neighbors to keep me in decorous
behavior, though I have a good house on my
own demure demures [sic] that is spelled

3) right] formerly known as "F. Celsius Pine Apple Mountain, S. M. King Indian River, Florida" as I see by an old stencil plate left in the house by the man who was frozen out in February '95. A few was kept on growing vines but under a lath protection that costs \$300 per acre, are making money and tending their plants.

I have been growing fat on Mulberries from my own place for a month past. Have had barrels go to waste, thank the neighbors and my birds (jays, mockers, joes, cardinals & quails) have helped me pick and save a few. My grey squirrels prefer their corn & peanuts, and my peacocks have already noticed that when they want water melons they will have to dine outside the poultry fencing, where I will try to throw out a plenty for their use. Have that crop and musk melons now in bloom and running to climb the fence. Don't know but the vines will ripen some of their fruit outside for the crows, after climbing over. Why not? I have had them climb apple trees & poultry fence in Prescott and hold a ten pound melon by the stem in the air.

Government records say the highest temperature at our County seat was 96, and the East side of the river is still cooler in summer, as

4) Well as warmer in winter, for this narrow
Indian River peninsula (only half a mile
here,) has the constant salt water breezes
from both river and Ocean. Summer
heat for a month past, but good outdoor
working weather even at midday & night,
always cool. I am enjoying it to the
full, even better than I did my garden
in the gulch in South Dakota. There
I could not fish between the jobs of "the
man with the hoe." Here - well I don't
fish much now & kept when I come down
mornings to wait a few minutes for the
steamer to arrive from Melbourne
bringing our mail. One morning this week
I got an eight pound Crevalle; the
next, two big sea trout, one weighing ten
pounds, the other seven pounds, nine ounces.
Walked them ashore along our 700 foot
dock, holding my bamboo to them at
right angles to give them the spring of it,
my arms aching with the strain, for these
fish fresh run through the inlets from the
sea and can pull like mules and
jump vigorous like wildcats.

Some of you invalids, might do worse
than come here, fish & pick huckleberries
with me, or grow fine apples, restoring the
old deserted plantation. I think pine will be
all right under both protection. Oliver Gibbs.



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Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn. Apr. 23rd. 190

A. W. Latham, Secy.

State Hort. Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir & Friend:--

I find on looking over my Horticultural reports that we have none of the late ones. Would you kindly send to me one of the bound volumes of the last years reports. If you will let us know the amount of postage we would be glad to forward the same.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Gregg

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April 26, 1904.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:-

herewith I enclose you receipt of our book-keeper for the stamps we bought of her.

I also enclose herewith express bill for \$1.15 for material received from Patten & Hanson. ^{and} Kindly remit this amount to me personally.

Yours truly,

SBG-D

Enc.

Samuel B. Green.



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Lynch, Lyon Co. Minn. May 18th. 190

A. W. Latham Secy.,

For the State Hort. Society,

#207 Kasota Bldg.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir & Friend:--

Yours of May 17th. is at hand. We have also received the latest bound copy of the Horticultural Report. We take pleasure in forwarding to you at this time one copy of Annual #16. The institutes which are to be held at Anoka are devoted entirely to potato culture.

I do not know at the present time of anyone that I could designate to distribute horticultural matter. I have been disappointed in getting one that I was relying upon very strongly. I have looked up the matter of the Horticultural reports sent to Willmar, Morris & Benson, and find that those books were left with the Editors and were given out to parties who were interested in Horticulture. We think they have gone beyond our reach. Mrs. Gregg is recovering quite rapidly now. The sunshine and fresh air of the spring is doing much for her.

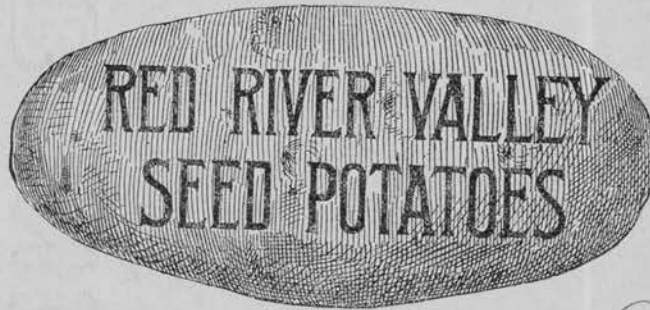
I note your notation on envelope- our outlook for fruit this year is good. If we can escape the June frosts, I think we shall do well this year in the fruit line.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Gregg

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Glyndon, Minn., Apr 30th 1904

A H Latham
Mpls Minn

Dear Sir

Inclosed find \$3.00 as membership
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O J Grover

Glyndon Minn

J H Skree

Glyndon Minn

M J Daily Moorhead Minn

Please send them the papers from Jan 1st
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Yours Truly

E A Grover

Glyndon

Clay Co

Minn

(If you have any of the apple seeds
left which you have offered as premium
Please send me some.)



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Lynd, Lyon Co. Minn. Mar. 14th, 1904 190

A. W. Latham Esq.,

Secy. for State Hort. Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend Latham:--

Your your letter of Mar. 9th. is received.
As you state, Mrs. Gregg is very ill. I have been compelled to be
at her bedside for sometime which has of course, changed my plans
and work to a certain extent.

Please let me know if the article for the Horticultural
magazine can rest until I shall get some things which must be
attended to, done. If you can wait a little, I think I can get
those photographs that you ask for in connection with the article.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

O. C. Gregg