



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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Claremont Oct 8th 04
R.F.D. 1.

A W Latham Esq.

My dear Sir

Your letter
rec'd. & was sorrow to hear
that the Box of Apples was
a poor lot. after all the trouble
i thought i ^{was} doing the very best
about the receipt, i canat
sent you another one out
side. the one i Received from
the agt at Pratt, & which
was sent you, the day the
Apples was sent, unless
the agt gives me the second
one, i dont ^{see} how this could
come.

Yours Truly
Leornh Fritze

Claremont Oct 2nd out

My dear Mr Latham

Your Postal Rec - was
glad to hear from you. so soon
in regard to charges on Appl
sent by me. the charges have
been Pd by me. \$1.80, it was
delivered by my boy, to Post
as i was very busy.. the box
contained close, to 2, bu Appl-
you can trace it up, & you
will find charges Pd & if
they pay again, we will have
to look it up.

Yours very Truly

Leonhard Fritze

R. F. D. No. 1, Claremont
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1904
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A. W. LATHAM,

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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

St Louis Mo. Sunday morning 9/25. 04

Pres Casprow & Secy Randall were here yesterday and after looking over our Exhibit said we were doing fine work for Miss in the displaying of so much excellent fruit. When I told them that the Misses Com had decided to sell all of our booth just like we they both said, if I would make a list of such articles as the World Society desired to reserve for sending to the Fair grounds they thought they could make proper arrangements to secure it. The table & chairs I told them we wanted for our Library & office. They said that was all right write us what you think we should reserve. The booth except the Refrigerator cases & turn tables can be sold for something no doubt. The stoves just could be used to good effect in booth hall - we shall all help John on his Exhibit to day and hope to get it completed by Monday night. I think I shall leave here Saturday Eve.

Respectfully, W Elliot

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MANTORVILLE, MINN.,

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Dear Sir:-

A week ago I sent a pack of plums
to the Worlds Fair Forest Garden, Surprise, Comfort
Rockford, Woff New Ulm, Stoddard
I havent got the exp bill but will send it to
you soon.

Our Fair was the best ever held in
all ways, The management built an addition
to the Floral Hall expressly for my department
This ad. was 20 feet square & it was filled
completely. I used $\frac{1}{2}$ of the building for my
display. When I came here eight year ago
 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. would hold all the apples & Plums at the
fair and this season I showed over 30 var.
of apple & 12 of Plums, ^{of my own growing} (Most of my trees are young
& not bearing)

Yours truly
W E Fryer

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Howard Lake, Minn., September 13th, 1904

Friend Secy, A W Latham.

Your card of the 10th, Inst, to hand.

We ship to day one bushel of apples and a half a bushel of plums,
Adressed to you Worlds Fair,- ST LOUIS, MO.

The apples are of four kinds, About a peck each of Wealthy, Pearless,
Hibernal, and Pattons-greening. The plums are of three kinds, One pk, of
Wyant and four qts, each of Desota and Surprise.

The fruit was most all a little on the green order, But I trust it will
reach ST. LOUIS. in shape to be of some value to the exhibit,

The fruits are all labled and by opening the crate and box from the top
you will find each variety named,

When they reach you, Please drop me a card stating the condition of
the fruit up on arrival, I should like to have sent more wealthy's,
but they were very small with us this year,

The crate and box will leave Howard Lake on the 4-5pm Pasanger to day.

I am Fraternaly Yours,



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2nd 10/13
37 38
30 5

Old building open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on days we are in session
and great sale - When we get the exhibit all day, it will be the finest
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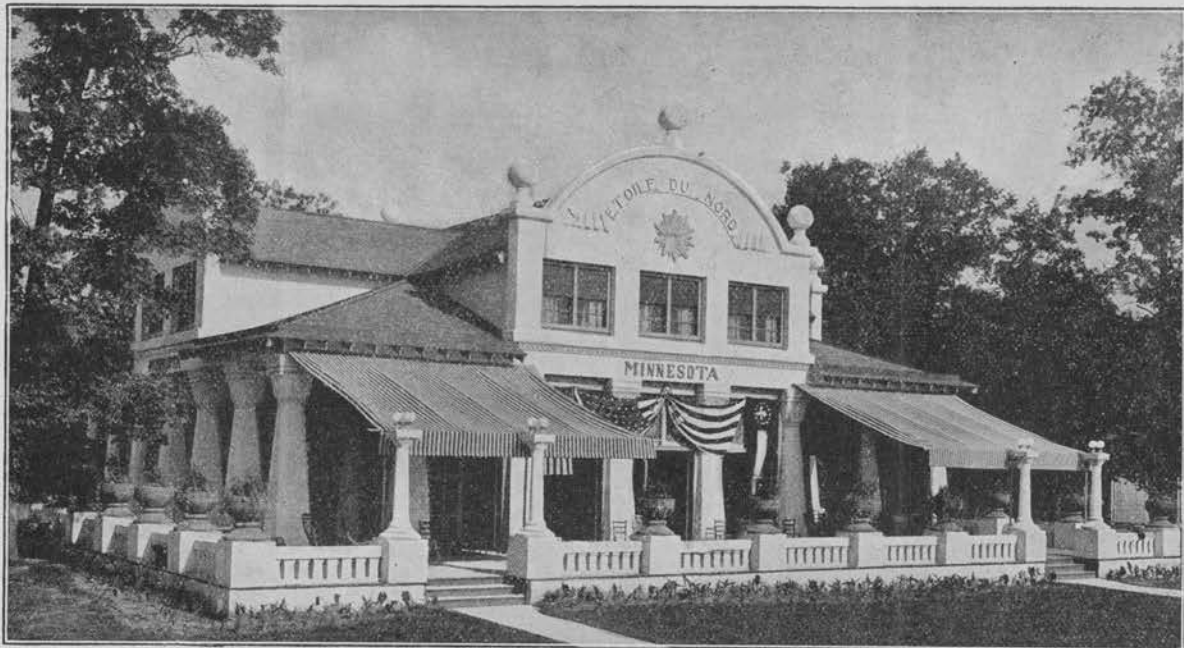
LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION

Sept. 26 - 1904

I received Latham - your 23rd rec'd this am -
The Neil Seedlings came all ok - have been entered
& judged - We are now getting 1st class wealthig &
McMahon. The barrel from Jewett were packed fine
and well colored. The box from Mrs Elizabeth Perkins
were the best colored of any wealthy yet rec'd but
not as large as some others. There was two baskets
of grapes came last June no mark to indicate from
whom rec'd as name of grape guess they were Moore
Early and Beale's. not sure. A basket of Delaware &
of Concord rec'd today too green for any use except
Jell. We have been working on the Jewett W
Co Exhibit since Sunday noon - and will have it
Completed to morrow night - It is attracting lots
of attention. We expect to have a photo of it for
Harbicultural - 3 sets have Minnesota Grapes - one
side Jewell Warney co - Lake City Minn.

The weather is very warm and damp, muggy here
on fruit - as well as human kind. I think the 2d
Exhibit will need lots of attention and one man
cannot take care of both stands. one or the other
will have to be neglected if there is only Redpath here
This morning Tom & I worked steady from 8 to 11 o'clock
getting the old fruit off & new in place. and if anyone
comes to make inquiries there should be some one
there all the time. Ours is the new installation there
will be more need for a first class man than
with 1st Exhibit as it will attract so many more people

There is a constant stream of questions being asked
Where was this fruit from. Did not know mind great such
fine fruit. What are the trimmings made of what are
These red berries. Does the wood mill go & do
You dont raise all their apples in min. - Geo and Bannan
to. I answered one lady to day - That so. E J Phelps called
on me to day. said we were getting up a nice Exhibit. Thinks
he will take a Photo of it when it is complete. Sam is
putting pretty blue when he thinks what the com have
put upon him in the case of this 2d Exhibit. Says he
cannot do the work alone. After the 1st two weeks it will re-
quire one man nearly all the time to take and old
rotten fruit & replace new - then the plate fruit will
have to be changed & cleaned up after of this kind
of weathis continues & Stevens thinks it is better to
hire a boy to turn the wind mill rather than install
an electric motor. John suggests that we take the malis
from the 1st Exhibit & let the turn tables stand still
there by reducing expense. Sam will write you about
this scheme to morrow - They estimate it will cost 15000
for a 1/2 horse power malis & power for next two mo -
The barrel of weathis from Howard was fine. Also the
me Mahon. The Duches were badly bruised. Dont
send any more Duches. It wants good hard
apples to stand the rough handling they get in trans-
it. The Blum Exhibit is being kept - up very well -
When the grapes from Crain comes we shall be in
fine feather. The Crain Delaware put on a week ago
are in very good shape yet. This morning I picked out all
broken & decayed berries and made 4 plates out of
the lot that attracted considerable attention to day
John & Tom both think I better stay down here. but I cant &
shall leave for home Saturday 2 P.M. & arrive Sunday
morning home - we are having lots of rain & very hot. Wonder-
ing now what will happen this June. Dont think of any thing else
Good night Respectfully Wm. Elliott



MINNESOTA BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR, 1904.

Friend Latham.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

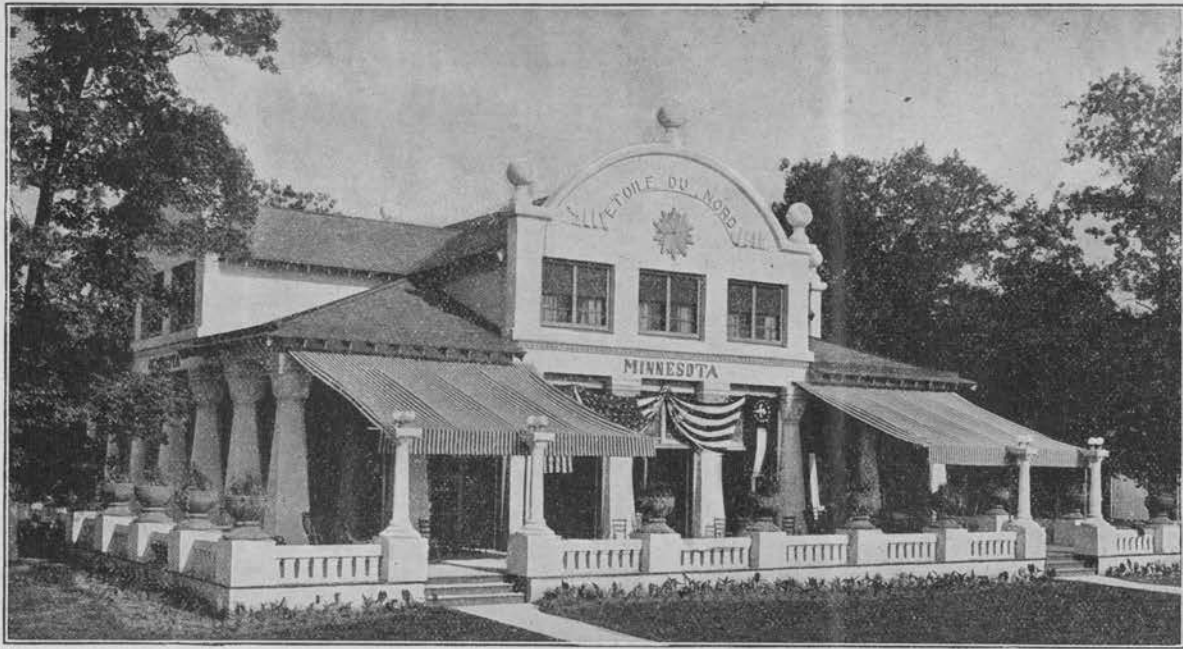
Sept. 23^d 04

I looked over the last year's program some to day and I do not see wherein we can better the general trend followed. We will want to have new topics for discussion as far as possible, but what to suggest I am at a loss now what to recommend. The Apple Seedling question needs to be pushed to the front quite vigorously. If you could get Prof. Hansen to give us a short paper on creating new varieties and species of fruits with simple rules to be pursued by our agricultural students and the most progressive amateur fruit growers, outlining the most advanced ideas about cross hybridization of varieties to produce an ideal fruit, etc. The study of soils should be considered with reference to giving color and quality to fruits as well as what kind of fertilizers to use to produce quantity as well as quality. Spraying of fruits should be emphasized largely at one whole session I consider there is no more important part of fruit growing than thorough spraying to prevent fungous diseases and insect depredations preying on our fruit trees & plants. Mechanical methods for the prevention of injury by some kinds of insects may be well to consider. Entire new talent as far as possible letting the old wheel horses of horticulture open the discussion after each essay has been read - then some younger enthusiasm on the particular subject can give consideration follow with their ideas. As to the premium list I think we should have a large amount for practical discussion among new seedling ^{growers} as possible. If special prizes could be secured for best winter - early & late it would add extra interest with many of our members. We want to encourage the seedling growers all we can those growing named varieties do not need as much encouragement for their purchase varieties from the nurserymen who are always on the alert to pick up every new variety brought out.

The Bazaar feature of our meeting must not be neglected; perhaps
some good friend can be prevailed upon to do the generous act if not.
I think the members will heartily endure an extra supper expense.
I met Mrs Hartwell from Ill who ^{was at} ~~attended~~ one of our annual meetings and
he said he never attended a horticultural meeting that he more thoroughly
enjoyed and wished I could tell him wherein was our great success.
in procuring such a large membership. I told him we were embarrassed
in earlier years it was a case of necessity "eat hay as die" as far as people
growing in our state was concerned. A WS1 Secretary - a united Executive
board and no parties allowed to breed dissension and every member was
expected to be a missionary of horticulture among their fellow men.
Illinois Board of Horticulture met yesterday at their banquet but what the
nature of the business under his auspices was I did not learn. Hartwell
wanted me to go before the board and talk to them for five minutes and explain
our methods. I refused him to go, declining to exploit our methods.
The more I see of this great big show the more I am impressed that we have
as a state missed a great big opportunity for showing in a generous
and broad eyed way the possibilities of our great state with all its
varied industries. Our legislators should have appropriated 150 or 200,000
then the commissioners could have employed the best talent to make
up our display. I understand the commissioners are going to sell our whole
outfit. in horticultural hall & agricultural hall, as well as minor stand yards
building of course they will not get much for the whole business.
The twin tables will have to go back and the refrigerators can should be
sent home to add to those already there for they will not bring as much
as the plus cost. you must present an order word to receive the
refrigerator cans - and ship them home. The rest of the amount would be
of no use to us - my ink got out in particular pen and I am finished with
penic. we shall renew part of the exhibit to museum.
John has his animal mill up ready to commence churning
dum & he are going to catch always plant in morning bag and then
fruit & Stewart & I will keep house while he is away -
we are having a good time.

Respectfully
Hyman E. Smith.

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P.S. In looking over my packets this morning
I did discover that I had not mailed the three boxes.



MINNESOTA BUILDING, WORLD'S FAIR, 1904.

ST. LOUIS, MO. Sept 24 04

Friend Latham

I mentioned in a former letter about using one session of our winter meeting on spraying of fruits. Yesterday I investigated spraying machines and have come to the conclusion that the dust process is what we need for our small fruit growers & orchardists. I have solicited a paper from G. E. Johnson Kansas City Mo. He will prepare it and if we pay his expenses will attend our meeting. That part we will take up when I return home. I enclose one of these printed pamphlets of The Dust Sprayer Manufacturing Co all about - Dust sprayers. You can look it over and write me what you think would be best for him to reflect in his paper. Weather's quite warm yesterday - fruit budding up fine. We are all working on new exhibit. Expect to have it completed Tuesday. Shall I have a photo taken of Perkins exhibit - for Horticulturist? When the 2d stand is decorated with huddled fruit - we shall have more space to devote to apples. Prof. Wagoner Elliot

25th in
P.S. The heavy yesterday did not mail, it ruined yesterday clear this morning.

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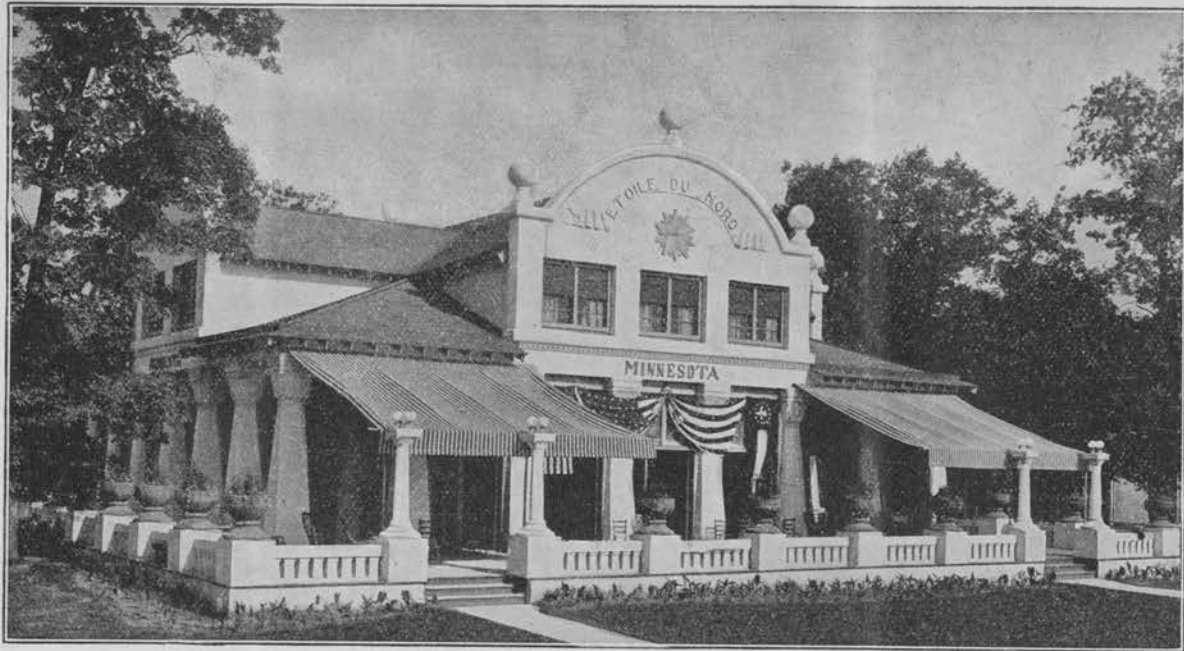
Claremont Sept 14th 04
My dear Mr Latham
Minneapolis

To day have sent
a box apples containing some
Wealthy, & Peter Apples. 1/2 of
each kind if I am right on
the names of Apples enclosed
you will find Ex Receipt
hope Apples will be satisfactory
are not so large, as former years
as trees were heavily loaded

Yours Truly
Leonhard Fritz

Claremont,
R.F.D. No. 1, Minn

will try to make you again to Sept after I get to my room.



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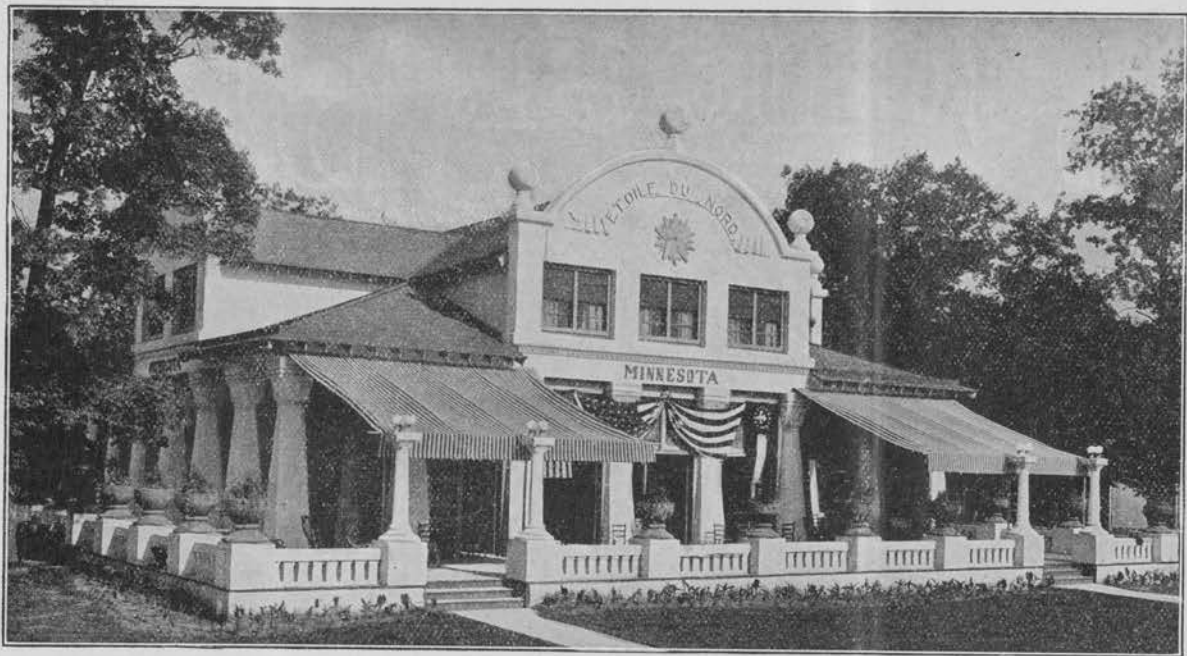
ST. LOUIS, MO. Sept 22^d /04

Friend Latham

I have just met A.W. Sims and we have been reviewing our Early Experiences in Minn. He is 73 years old was the 1st Treasurer Patron of our Horticultural Society.

|| We have plenty of good fruit now for our Exhibit. Our grapes are drawing considerable attention. Plum Exhibit is keeping up fine. We try to make the Exhibit as attractive as possible. The Peaches seedlings are holding up fine, and are quite a show of themselves.

I read your letter about Program for the meeting. I cannot collect my thoughts enough to make suggestions at present - will try and do so soon. John will be putting in fruit to museum if all goes well - I try to get out each day and take in some of the show with Stuart. It is a great pity that Horticultural hall could not have been placed where the North End of Agl Hall is and Agl hall next to the Cattle show where it belonged. but I suppose it is no use to find fault - but accept the situation as we have it. There is only a very few of the people see what there is in Hort Hall, but it gives those who do considerable opportunity to examine the Exhibits. The weather is superb for keeping the fruit in good condition a long time. If more of our growers would take more pains in exhibiting their fruit and here our score markings would be much higher. Rough Exhibits large samples do not seem as well as medicine perfect specimens, arrested eyes go a long way in judging. High colors indicates good quality. N. Clark was just here and he criticized the museum building & Agl Exhibit but praised our effort. Respectfully, Wm. S. Clark

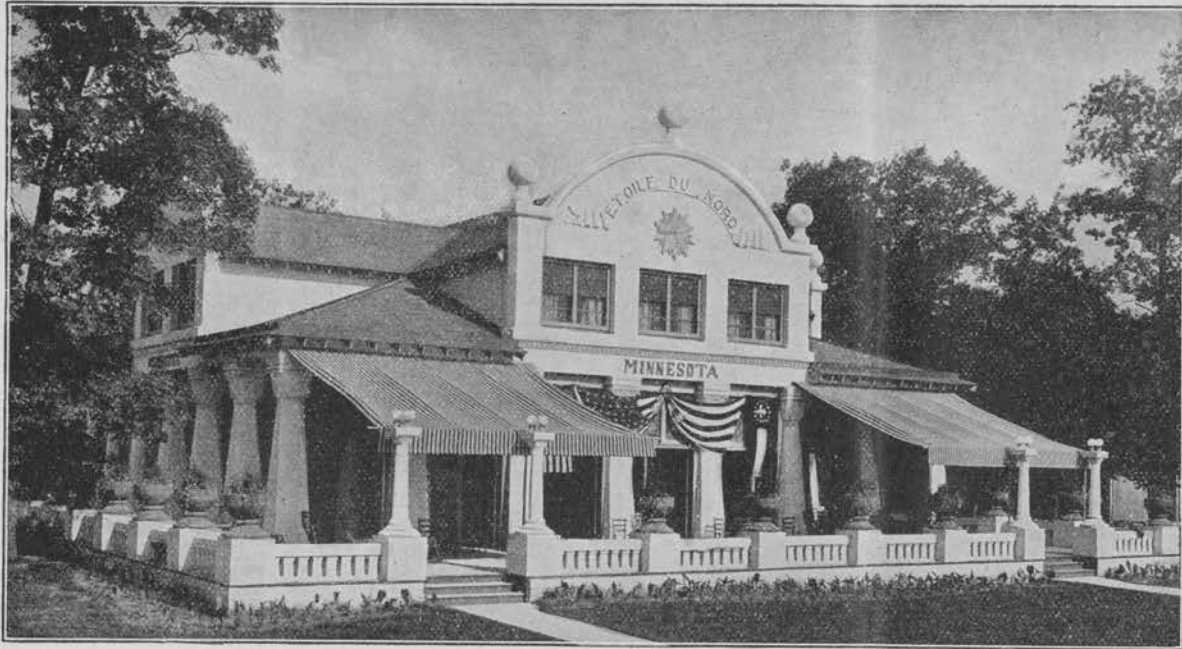


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A W Lathum

ST. LOUIS, MO. Sept. 20 04

Dear Friend I have the seedlings appled in place. There are 130 from Mr Perkins and 6 from Arthur Lyman. The regulation number for each plate is 5 what the judges will do with most of our kinds where we have only 2-3-4 & some instances five apples remains to be seen. I shall make as plausible an excuse as possible. If other seedlings are sent please direct the growers to always send fine specimens. I am anxious that we should have some better wealthy in size and color. Many of the Exhibits are still putting up cold storage fruit. Our winning card on apples will have to be with the wealthy as there is no other variety that comes near being attractive enough to draw much attention. We should have some wealthy put up in most attractive boxes, with colored paper folded over the sides that would draw the eyes of the visitors to our Exhibits. It is the showy attractive Exhibits that draw the people. We need some fine Delaware and more Early Grapes from Crain yesterday. There we placed on the table to the right of our stand and were quite a drawing card. The apple that Pennsylvania accepted has been sold to New York and they have remodeled it and are putting up a large number of varieties of grapes of inferior size when compared with the varieties we have an Exhibition. I hope Gus Johnson will send as many kinds as possible. Crain's grapes were some jammed and skins broken. detracting from their appearance when placed on the plates. Baskets should not be packed too full just close enough so they will not rattle round. I think of only two layers with wadding between an cup with a thin sheet of Seals to hold them firm but not press to hard.



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ST. LOUIS, MO.

would help them carry better - The apples should have two sheets of wrapping on each apple to prevent bruises; of course the more paper the less fruit but for exhibition purposes the more perfect the specimens the better they will serve the purpose for which they were sent - Some of the jars of fruit are showing discoloration - Tom thinks the glycerine preparation that Colorado uses is far preferable to what was used in putting up our fruits. Give & learn is the old motto - We should take note of these things as we gain experience. As a rule the visitors from our own state criticize our exhibit but those from other states especially the South are surprised to see such fine fruit from so far north. In size we cannot compete with those states that use irrigation but in quality we are far ahead of them. Colorado has some waxy apples that look like small pumpkins for size. The largest apple here weighs 34 ounces. When we consider real utility the medium sized apple is more valuable than their overgrown specimens. If as family use fruit that averages 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches are more profitable to the consumer than larger sizes. Color, quality, shape & size are the four cardinal points to be considered in a first class fruit. We are having a spell of rainy weather Sunday night. Ruined until Monday 6 am. Tuesday morning another shower. Mud everywhere. This keeps the crowd away. We hope for better weather soon - John Wardin got his material onto the grounds yesterday 10 am & carpenters are helping him. He has a fine place for putting up his exhibit - in No 37 - where it will be seen - It is breakfast time & I must close - Write us what we may expect in the near future in fruits.
Parsipully Wyman Elliot.

FRUIT FOR EXHIBITION.

HANDLE AS EGGS.

A. W. LATHAM, SUPT.,

Minnesota Fruit Exhibit,

Horticultural Building,

WORLD'S FAIR,

-

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Contents.....

Sent by.....

SEND BY EXPRESS.

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Ordered

D Cook

8 cases plums.

J. A. Howard

1 bu. Gilbert, Holy River

2 bu. N.W. Greening

2 " Wealthy

1 " Scott's Winter

2 " Thompsons

2 " Mc Mahon

1 " Purcell

Martin Picking

24 qts Mixed plums.

C. E. Alder

1 bu. Duchess

1 " Wealthy & Patten

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Frank Yahuke
 1 Case Plums
 1 bu. Wolf River
 1 " No. 1 Training
 1 " Yahuke

Joe Holis, Pres.
 One Hoversstool
 2000 lbs Logs

W. L. Parker
 1 bu Wolf River
 2 " Matkaha
 3 " Meathy
 1 " Pattus
 1 " Antonovka
 1 " Borovnica
 1 " Okabura

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 1/2

Fruit

Sauborn May 9-04

"A. W. Latham"

"Minneapolis Minn"

"Dear Sir"

In reply of sending
Fruit, I would say that
I cannot send anything
unless the future crop
turns out good: and
then only Apples as I
handle no small fruit

Yours Respectfully
August E. Prig

Sauborn

Minn

Claremont Sept 4th 02

My dear Mr Latham

If you would kindly
inform me about packing &
shipping Apples to the Worlds Fair
exhibit, I would perhaps ship
a box of Apples. I have some very
fine Dutches, & also some very fine
Meathys. They are almost ripe

Please give

How to Ship

To Whome

How to pack

Can I mix them

I could put in some Peter also
& some Haas & Dutches &
Meathys

Awaiting an early Reply

I am very truly
yours

Leonhard Fritz

Box 10 Claremont
Miss



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

207 Kasota Block,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Mantovelli Minn

Aug. 7 1894

Dear Sir

Your letter at hand.

I can send you some plans
for the world fair

Yours truly

D. E. Fryer



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

Howard Lake, N.Y. 8-11
Seymour Latham
N.Y.

Dear sir,
In response of the 2nd to hand, I will
be pleased to furnish 1 box of
apples & 1 peck of plums for
to be shipped to the World's Fair
Our apples at date are very
small & only a few on the trees
Please give directions for shipping
Sincerely, W. H. Child

Sauborn Minn Aug. 29-04

A. W. Latham

Minneapolis Minn

Dear Sir

I shipped today two boxes of Apples to St Louis in your name as per shipping tags sent me, by you some time ago. I sent by Express I am afraid they are too ripe to stand transportation well and they surely cost more Express than they are worth; besides they are not very good this year. Last year I had Apples 12 inches dia = circumference. Express charges were \$1.95 find inclosed Express Receipt. Respectfully

August Ossig

Sauborn Redwood Co. Minn
Route #1.



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

Austin Minn 8-4-104
R.F.D #4

Your circular letter of Aug 3. received re-
-lating to shipment of fruit to the Worlds
Fair! In reply would say that I have
not sufficient fruit this year to make
the attempt, this being the off year on
my apples, so please excuse me -

Yours -

Jonathan Freeman

Harry W. Shuman,

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Excelsior, Minn., July 28 1904

W. G. Latham

Dear Sir, I have had an experience
forcibly driven into my mind. I had engaged
fruit from three men for shipment to St Louis
and all have disappointed me. I took two
cases of Raspberries 24 Red^{pb} 24 Blacks. of one
over packing and had to ship only 1/2 of a
Raspberries case this PM -

The average horticulturist does not seem to
enthusiasm when there is a little extra effort to be
made to get fruit prepared for shipment to
the Exposition. It makes me tired to see such
in deference. Blackberries are beginning to turn
red a little - we may be able to send a case this last
of next week as first of week after next.

Higgby at Washburn Min had ripe blackberries last
Tuesday - better with him - we shall not be able to
send any more Raspberries. I in shaves this morning.
It will help apples, plums & blackberries immensely.
Respectfully
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Excelsior, Minn., July 27 1904

Friend Nathan

I sent a case of Currants

Red & Black Raspberries this Eve.

Wm Smith. sent 12 Boxes Long Bunch Holland Currants

" " 12 " Blue cap raspberries

A H Leumann's 4 Boxes Marlborough

" " 4 " Goudon

" " 4 " Miller.

H W Shuman 21 Boxes Blue cap R

7 Columbian

5 Mungie's Blue cap R

14 Reds:

88

That make a full case.

I sent them in the wedge case that he had re-wrapped - I took the slats to the farm and washed them in scalding hot water & sun dried them all day. I think this fruit will go through in good condition. The whole was packed with stems. It was not as large as first picking.

I shall send another case to Marrow St.

P.S. I wish you.

Respectfully Wm Shuman

you will settle with Smith & Leumann for the fruit

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Excelsior, Minn., ^{8 P.M.} July 26 1904

Friend Latham

I came out on 1⁴⁵ Train and cleaned the two refrigerator cases. One is from Wedge nursery and it is one they remodeled and I am planning to ship it with raspberries to Morrow Eve. I staid at the depot until 5 o'clock and interviewed the different growers of Small Fruits and have some engaged for Wednesday & Thursday Reds & Black caps. Smith has agreed to furnish 12 Boxes Long Bunch Holland Currants. I went up to Mr Wright's old place and saw Mr Helchuck and his berries he agrees to furnish 24 Bins of his best berries for Sunday. I think with what we can pick at the farm we shall be able to send two pretty good cases of fruit. I have just got back to the farm & had my supper. I found the ~~ice~~ frames were mouldy and I brought them to the farm and can mend them & seal them with hot water and dry them out. In previous years the case they reduced the ice from so it does not hold as much as before. but I think this plan will prevent the drip on the fruit. It consists of a separate iron sheet turned up the drip on the fruit. It consists of a separate iron sheet turned up 1 inch on sides & ends and is hung in place by 4 Ears fastened on to sleepers driven into the side of the box. This frame is covered on bottom with thin ~~over~~ wood. He put a strip of iron across the hole in center of ice from an soldered light. so the ice reepleth is water tight and prevents slipping over. This method is beginning to be so good right when

F. J. EMPENGER,

SHIPPER AND GROWER OF

Small Fruits, Berries and Pedigree Plants.

PLANTS GUARANTEED TRUE TO NAME.

~~Long Lake, Minn., July 19, 189~~¹⁹⁰⁴

Mr A. W. Gatham
207 Kasota Bldg

My Dear Sir,

To night - I
shipped two cases of
Red Raspberries to the
World's Fair

1 case Red King
1 " Minnetonka Bronchid
first-Berries were very small
could not send any before
this date.

Yours Truly

F. J. Empenger