



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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 LAKE CITY, MINN.

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Nov. 15th, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
 207 Kasota Blk.,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

In making up the program for the agricultural meeting, would it be well to ask the Florists' Ass'n to furnish and address? Who could they call upon to give it? We do not expect to hold evening sessions, so there will only be Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon and afternoon. How would it do to invite Mrs. Ruff. Last year Aug. S. Swanson, Theo. Wirth, and Fred Nussbaumer were on the program. I expect to be at the Fair Grounds to-morrow and will try and see you and talk over the situation.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood,  
 Chairman Program Com.

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

RE

Nov. 11th, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Here is a list of the county and farm exhibitors with post office addresses. I understood from Prof. Green that you were going to ask Mr. Yerxa to write to them and ask them to write to me, urging me for the Presidency. If this seems advisable you can send the list to Yerxa with the request and I think he will attend to it. The idea, of course, is that it is not to come from me.

I received a nice letter from Mr. Randall expressing his satisfaction with the proposition and pledging his support. We have a Board meeting to-morrow at the Merchant's Hotel.



Cordially yours,

VIAL, THE SHOE MANJ. B. VIAL  
ROY VIAL  
FAY VIALSPRING VALLEY, MINN., 11-10- 1909A. W. Lathams Secy  
Minneapolis

Dear Sir:-

I enclose partial view of my apple orchard of 2000 trees set two and three years ago last spring. This orchard was set in sod and mulched with clover straw.

The trees are protected against mice & rabbits with wire cloth.

I thought you might be interested in seeing how well these trees have done without any cultivation whatever.  was in foreground at 

Yours truly  
Roy Vial

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Nov. 3rd, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
 207 Kasota Block,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Answering yours of the 2nd; I am quite familiar with the situation on the State Fair Board. The management has got back to where it was before I went on the Board, and unless something is done to change its complexion the bunch that was so objectionable 15 years ago will have full control. The peculiar feature is that the "bunch" are all against Cosgrove, altho they profess to be for him. They have done him a gross injustice and insult, and now he wants to line up with the best element to down the grafters.

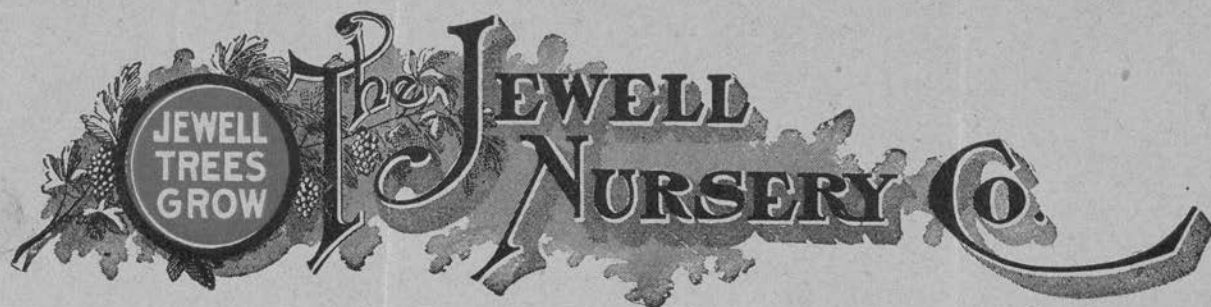
I have my plans made to go up to Minneapolis to-morrow, the 4th, arriving there at 11:00 A.M. Will see Nelson if he is in. Will telephone him and find out. You know I don't want his office or any other for that matter. I am no politician and I am pretty sure I would fail of election for the other fellows are strongly organized and have been working all summer to elect Furlong. I will see you to-morrow.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood.

P.S. Just called up and find Nelson is out so could not get him. Will you kindly call him up for me and advise him that I will be up to-morrow.

J. M. U.



LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA

ABU-NE

Oct. 28th, 1909.

A.W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In planting a five acre orchard of apples, what distance apart would you plant the trees, and what form, whether the straight or quincunx style; and what varieties would you plant, naming proportion of each? This contemplates a commercial orchard. Give list for Northern Minnesota, Middle and Southern.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours truly,

The Jewell Nursery Co., Mail Order Dept.,

By *A.B. Underwood*  
Superintendent.

25 x 30

55 Malting.  
15 Duchess.  
15 Patten.  
15 Okabena.

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

ER

Nov. 2, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Secy.  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

Please pardon my long delay in answering your letter of October 21st. We have been exceptionally busy with our fall digging and I have practically spent every minute of my spare time in the cellar the last few weeks. I regret that I will be unable to do anything in the line of getting up a program. I hate to "crawl-fish" but my time will be so taken up this month that it will be impossible for me to leave Lake City, and I do not think it will be wise for me to undertake to provide the program. I will agree to do my best in presiding at the banquet, altho I believe you could get a better job done almost anywhere else. When I wrote you, I hoped I might be able to come up this week or next and possibly give you some help on the program arrangements, but I now find it is out of the question. I am therefore writing you about my situation so you will not be delayed any longer. I very much hope that this has not inconvenienced you.

Very cordially yours,

*R. Underwood*

# POST CARD

AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS MAY 19, 1898

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



*A. W. Lathaw,*

*Sec. Minn. Horticultural  
Society.*

*# 207 Kasota Block*

*Minneapolis,*

*Minn.*

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Dogs.

R. F. D. No. <sup>1</sup> ~~JANESVILLE~~, <sup>St. Peter,</sup> MINN., Nov. 1 - 1909

DEAR Sir: -

Please send me 2 or 3 latest sample copies  
of "The Minn Horticulturist" and also terms &c. to  
become a member of Society &c. Also dates of your  
next meeting. Ans. soon & send samples of 2 last  
issues by return mail. Yours &c Mrs. Emma Timmerman  
R. 1. - St. Peter Minnesota.

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Nov. 1st, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your favor of the 29th at hand. I think that the topics you name are a great sufficiency for the program. I wrote Mrs. Jones to-day that I thot her topic on Domestic Science in the Public Schools would be the right thing for the ocasion. I think it would be of wider interest than to take up Domestic Science as conducted at the Illinois State Fair, for this school work is what we are all largely interested in. I will continue the record of the improvement work at Lake City, if you deem it advisable.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Anna B. Underwood.

✓ 100  
1910

Forest Lake Minn. Sep 20 1910

A W Latham

Dear sir

Inclosed find  
one Dollar and the name  
of a friend who wishes to  
become a member of the  
Main Horticultural Society

Henry B Volmer

Stillwater

R R

I think Mr Volmer will  
will make a live member  
and may be of some service  
to the society

My apple crop is panning out  
fair Yours also gets  
very truly, W. J. Singley

Forest Lake Minn Oct 21 = 09  
Mr A W Fatham

Dear sir

I have packed the apples  
and will send them to the  
Booth storage so for the  
winter meeting

If you can arrange to  
have my paper come in  
thursday morning I will  
try and be there

The apples appear to be  
keeping well and I think  
that plenty of moisture in  
the ripening season makes  
good keeping apples

This is only a thought  
yours Respectfully  
W J Lingley

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TELEPHONES | NORTHWESTERN, MIDWAY 6.  
 | TRI-STATE PARK 6021.

J. M. UNDERWOOD, SUPERINTENDENT  
 HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE  
 LAKE CITY, MINN.

NE

Oct. 22nd, 1909;

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
 207 Kasota Blk.,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I certainly owe you an apology for allowing the bills of your department to get covered up on my desk, but I did it and you can castigate me to your satisfaction. I have O.K. them and send them by this mail to Cosgrove and you will doubtless get a check for the amount as you suggest.

Roy has talked to me about music for the banquet. As I have to furnish music for the Agricultural meeting, he thought possibly I could get a good quartet that would sign at both occasions. Since the banqueters pay \$1.00 for their meal tickets, it possibly will be in order for us to put some money into the music, - a little more than we have been accustomed to do. A male quartet is usually expensive. At our Agricultural meeting we had Miss Hope's orchestra and one evening she got us a male quartet, which, altho it was excellent music, cost too much. If I had time I would go up to the cities and see what I could find, but I shall do some corresponding, and if you can help in any way, I will be glad to have your suggestions and help.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood.

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A. W. Latham:

My idea of a banquet program is to make it as light as possible, and to this end reduce ~~speeches~~ <sup>speeches</sup> to a minimum, and have some first class music and plenty of it. I have been talking it over with father and the rest of the folks here, and we have agreed that the society could afford to spend a little more money for entertainment at the banquet. We also pretty well agree that one of the best single entertaining features that can be provided at that time is a good male quartette; one that can sing good classical music and at the same time throw some humor into the program. With a male quartette there is the advantage that we do not need anything else in the musical line.

Father is getting up a program for the Agricultural Society, and I have asked him to confer with you as to this feature because if it is decided to have some music of this kind, he can undoubtedly get it cheaper by combining the two events in his contract.

In conclusion, I would say that I wish you would let me take off my coat and do some of the hard work toward getting up the banquet and then let someone else preside. I never did such a thing in my life before and I don't know how to go at it well.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Underwood.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. D. Underwood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Oct. 19, 1909.

*Edward  
Simpson  
Nourse  
Reed  
Nordine  
Waldron  
Hanchett  
Ruff  
Chapman  
Litt*

A. W. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

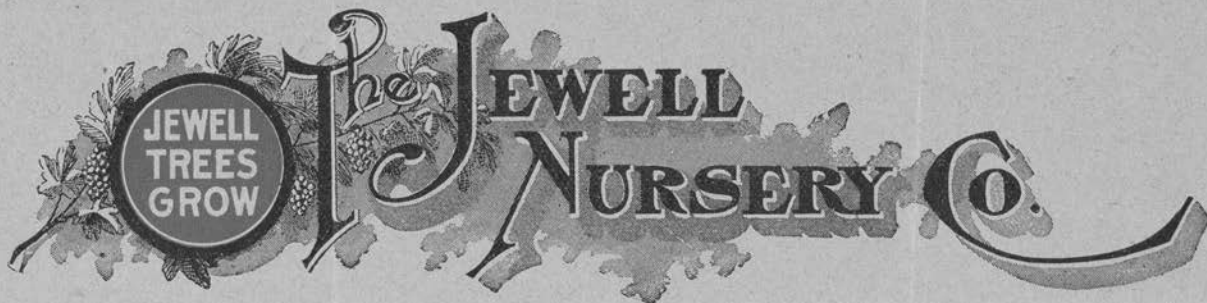
Dear Sir:-

Please excuse my delay in answering your letter of the 13th. I did write an answer the next day but it did not say what I wanted it to and so I have waited until the rush of our packing is over to reply.

To answer the various propositions in your letter, I would say: First, as to the place for holding the banquet, I have no suggestions to offer. You have always managed this so well that it would be presumptuous on my part to make any suggestions. I understand the banquet last year was very satisfactory. I think the idea of a six o'clock dinner is best as you suggest.

Second, about the program, I have tried to think how I might help in the matter of getting speakers, but really my lack of acquaintance with the good speakers in the Society, and also those who might be secured from outside of it, place me in a poor position to assist in this line. I would, however, suggest that if you could get W. L. Harris, of the New England Furniture Company, to make a fifteen or twenty minute talk, it would be very nice. I believe it is well to have one or two really good talkers from out of the Society as you have heretofore done. As to Mr. Philips, I know a great many people are rather tired of him, and my idea would be that he has so much to say at the regular sessions that it would be just as well not to have him on the banquet program. I would say the same for Mr. Harrison of Nebraska.

Third, if you want to give me a list of some of the members who might give short talks at the banquet and also visitors from outside, I would be glad to do what I can to secure them. I think, however, they would come up to the mark easier, without a doubt, if you took it up with them yourself in your official capacity.



LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA

NE

Oct. 14th, 1909.

A.W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

Your letter of the 13th at hand and contents carefully noted. I think I must have overlooked entirely the part of your previous letter in which you referred to a "question and answer exercise" at the beginning of the session which contains the "Woman's Auxiliary program". Do you mean that we should start in the session, say at 1:30, with a "question and answer exercise"? It seems to me that this exercise should come after the papers or talks on our program. I do not seem to find your previous letter so will you kindly explain a little further?

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Anna B. Underwood.

Playton Minn Oct 14/09

Dear Mr Latham

Yours of 13<sup>th</sup> recd & I think you are quite  
right in changing the title & also calling for  
discussion on my short paper - I am satisfied  
more good will be drawn out of it than if  
I had, with my little knowledge of the subject  
written more -

Sincerely yours  
Alfred Terry

Forest Lake Minn Oct 12<sup>89</sup>  
A W Lathrop

Dear sir

as you appear to be interested in the superb apple I will send a bushel box over to the winter meeting will also furnish some 5 or 6 variety for my talk as topworked can I enter these for prizes or will I have to <sup>furnish</sup> extra plates for that I did not not intend to make any entries and have not <sup>saved</sup> any apples for it. But I have some nice topworked stock that is on the trees at and I can use these yours  
Respectfully W J Gingley

Alfred Terry,  
Slayton, Minnesota.

REFERENCE: FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SLAYTON.

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Oct 12, 1909.

Dear Mr. Latham

Yours of 9<sup>th</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> — I am a poor hand  
at writing papers on Horticultural subjects, but I enclose  
the best I could & trust that you will omit it  
at the meeting, unless you believe it will start a  
useful discussion by those of larger experience

I hope, sincerely, I can attend the Dec  
meeting —

With kindest regards

Yours truly  
Alfred Terry



LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA

ABU-NE

Oct. 7th, 1909.

A.W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your favor of the 6th at hand and I was about getting where I thought that I would reply to your previous letter. I did not answer that promptly as it was received just before the meeting of the Federation here and I did not know but what I might receive some inspirations at that time with regard to who would be good ones to write to for our program. Since then I have been busy and have not had time to give it much thought as to what we would like to have on the program.

I have not your previous letter with me but I remember that you said you had one paper from a Mrs. Robertson that could be put on the program. We had a very nice talk from Mrs. Loyhed of Faribault. We, however, had her last year. There is one woman I would like to have on the program, for with the passing years we may not be able to hear her many times more. I refer to Prof. Maria L. Sanford. I will think up something that I would like to have her talk about and write her.

I suppose it would be a better plan to confine our speakers to those who live in the Twin Cities, or will it be allowable to invite some speakers whose transportation expense would be paid? Let me know with regard to this.

There is one thing that I would like to stipulate for, and that is that whatever time is allotted to the Woman's Auxiliary, say between 3:00 and 5:00 we would be given just that time and no other time. In other words when 3:00 o'clock came our President should be allowed to start right in with the Auxiliary program. If I remember correctly, last year it was nearly 4:00 before our topics were taken up, and I noticed that a good many left the room.

I am going to offer a suggestion about the whole general program, and it is an idea that I got hold of by watching our Federation meeting here, and also a decision that the council in session on the last day decided upon to govern their actions in the future as far as the program was concerned. We had found that our program for each session was so full that there was no opportunity to call upon anyone for an expression of opinion, and we had numbers of bright speakers present who we were positive could have given us many ideas that would have proven valuable on the various topics presented, but our program was so full that there was not a moment in which our President felt free to call upon anyone to give even a one minute remark. We passed a resolution at our council that the next program should contemplate using only two hours of each session, leaving the balance of the time to be divided up so as to give opportunities for discussions, etc. We also decided that we



LAKE CITY, MINNESOTA

A.W.Latham, # 2.

would not try to cover the whole field of social improvement work at each annual meeting. We also decided that some of the unimportant reports could be handed in to the council and executive committee and be acted upon there rather than take up valuable time of the public meetings. Reports are, of course, valuable and interesting to the person who makes it and should be printed as part of the proceedings in the magazine, but why try to force them down a disinterested audience, which is always evidenced by a large per centage of the delegates and members leaving the room while they are being read. I have heard it remarked many times at the meetings by different ones in attendance, - "Why do we have so many uninteresting reports?"; and to tell the truth I do not always feel like urging attendance at the general meetings by friends and acquaintances for the very reason that I know these would prove uninteresting to them if they are not interesting to general members. We older ones in the work can make ourselves interested in anything that comes up but we cannot force others to take the same position with ourselves.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Anna B. Underwood.

Bully - Jewell

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A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:

I wrote you the other day with regard to getting Miss Sanford to talk to us. I know that Miss Sanford has quite an indebtedness that she says she must meet before she gives up her work in this life, and I have been wondering if I can get her to take part on the program, if the Horticultural Society would object to paying her \$5.00 or so for her work. She may be perfectly willing to do it for nothing, but some way under the circumstances, and as she is nearing her journey's end, I rather feel as tho it would be no more than right to help her a little. What do you think?

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Anna B. Underwood.

Forest Lake Minn Oct 4 <sup>1909</sup>  
A W Latham

Dear Sir

If you will put  
Mr Volmer on the 1910  
role and send him the  
magazine as you suggested  
Mr Volmer will <sup>be</sup> perfectly  
satisfied I dont see as  
I can get out off emptying  
with your request and  
will write a short article  
on topworking ~~that~~ and  
later will let you know  
what days that I will  
be there We intend going  
to the national live  
stock at Chicago!

to see the show and  
visit some relations

My superb and milwabe  
t are hanging on the trees  
fine and are well collared  
yours very Respectfully

W. J. Tingley

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LAKE CITY, MINN.

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Aug. 18th, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

I have at last got the county exhibitors located in such a way as not to disturb the arrangement of our building, and we will retain the grains and vegetables, the same as last year. Several of the counties pulled out of the race.

Now about decorations. Shall I go ahead and get evergreen rope the same as last year, or, how would it do to use less rope and more boughs, - put up a cluster of boughs and right over it a small bundle of grain in the straw, and perhaps stick a small flag into each one of them, or use some streamers of green and yellow?

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*  
Supt. Agri. Dept.

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Aug. 10th, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham:-

I telephoned you yesterday about the center installation for a Jewell Nursery exhibit. Our man Berlinger has a scheme for putting up a ferris wheel to be revolving and which he thinks could be made attractive. He would put it either on the inside of the pagoda, on the north side of it so as to leave room for the orchestra, or else on the outside of the north side, leaving the shelving as it is now, and ornamenting the whole installation as usual. He thinks he could do this without large expense which is one thing we want to avoid, and at the same time change the character of the exhibit from what it has been the past two years.

We have just had a copious rain and I think it will help out the size of the apples very materially.

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

✓ 25  
6.25.09

Belle Plaine Mine

June 20, 1909

W. Latham Seay  
Mpls.

Minn.

Dear Sir-

I enclose 25¢

for ticket for dinner

June 29

Respy

L. A. Taylor

Belle Plaine

Minn.

✓ 75  
Please send three  
tickets for next  
Tuesday to be  
S. Titus

6.23.09

✓ 45  
6.23.09

Forest Lake mirror June 21 = 09  
A W Latham

Dear sir

Please send me three  
Limmer tickets as we expect  
to come if nothing prevents  
My berries will not be ripe  
by the 29 but they are looking  
fine and I expect to have a  
good crop Plums have set a  
fair crop and apples a very  
heavy crop

Yours Respect

W. J. Tingley

100

Plant premiums for 1909

No 3 Four root grafts of  
Florange crab

No. 8 Two alpine currants.  
an ornamental Schrub.

Unknown

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May 26th, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
207 Kasota Blk.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham:-

I have your favors of the 8th and 24th before me. I think your plans for the summer meeting are all right, and I like the idea of the 25¢ dinner. As you say, the picnic feature has grown to be too cumbersome. Those who want to have family picnics under the trees can do so. That will leave the assembly room with our decorations and a better chance for our program. You and Prof. Green have certainly got long heads.

The premium list is so liberal that I should think it ought to bring out a fine display. I would suggest that you provide for a Collection of Annuals; Collection of Outdoor Roses; Collection of Herbaceous Perennials, similar to the one that you have for Paeonias and Strawberries. That would bring out a grand display.

As to the program for the winter meeting. I guess you won't be able to get away from the usual plan. The only way that you could change it that I know of would be to have one first class speaker for each session and then introduce topics for discussion. As long as you try to have so many papers or subjects as in the past you will have very little time for discussions. I thot the program for the agricultural meeting last winter was splendid, that is to say the subjects and speakers were exceptionally fine. I am very sorry that we could not have had a report of the meetings with the essays and discussions printed immediately after the meeting. I don't know whether Cosgrove is getting them printed or not.

I will write the Albert, Dickinson Co. and Northrup, & King and see if they will go under the grandstand as you suggest, but I fear they will not.

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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May 22nd, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
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Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Friend:-

So far I have only heard from 16 Counties proposing to make exhibits. I enclose a sketch of what I think would be the best thing to do with them. If we were to take them all out of the building and put them under the grandstand it would mean quite an effort to fill up the whole building with horticulture and floriculture, and I am disposed to shirk the effort, starting in at this late date without a premium list; and I am sure the florists would not help us out unless the premiums were very materially increased. Putting a few of the county exhibits on the west side of the horticultural end will necessitate a re-arrangement of the tables. These can go into the aisles on the east and west, and then if we want more room for flowers and horticulture, I will knock out the tables of grains in the center of the south end of the building and give it to the floral department.

What do you think of the proposition? I am proposing to give up the center space to a floral exhibit.

Cordially yours,

*J. M. Underwood*

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April 9th, 1909.

A. W. Latham, Esq.,  
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Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham:-

Enclosed is a letter from Gen LeDuc. Can you make any good use of his library?

We met the committee on appropriations again the other day and made them our final plea for enough money to build the grandstand and agricultural building. Some of the committee assured me that we would not get both, but that they might give us enough to finish up the grandstand, and let us put the agricultural department under it. What do you think of the proposition? There will be lots of room there and a splendid place for almost anything, centrally located. Of course we would not want to put agriculture there permanently, but it might do for a while until we could get a building.

Do you know that they have introduced a bill stipulating that the board shall not pay the Secretary to exceed \$2,500.00 a year. It seems to me there is very little appreciation of what the State Fair Board has done in the past, that they should make us so much trouble and act so critical of what we have done.

I learn that Mr. Nelson has had an accident and broken his wrist, and our troubles never come singly.

Cordially yours,

J. M. Underwood.

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April 1st, 1909.

A.W.Latham, Esq.,  
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Minneapolis, Minn.

Friend Latham:-

Thanks for letter from Mr. Danforth. He hasn't a very good idea of the situation, except as to agriculture and floriculture. It is short sighted not to put up a good grandstand, but I am told that the legislature is only going to give us \$100,000 for it.

I am sorry that the legislature don't want to give the Horticultural Society all that they need.

We are just starting into our spring work and shell be very busy.

Cordially yours,

J.M.Underwood.