



## Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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## Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, Owatonna, Minn.

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A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn., 8/13/13

Dean A. F. Woods,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Woods.-

I am enclosing herewith for your reading proof of the article which you presented at the last annual meeting of this society. We are planning to use this in the September number of the Horticulturist if you find it convenient to revise it and return in season for this purpose. The copy is very plain and has been set up with few corrections. This is the second proof which I am sending you.

Yours fraternally,

*A. W. Latham* Sec'y.

*Palmer Wisconsin*

*Dear Mr. Latham This is the first proof I have received the other must have been lost in mail I am up here when I do not have original copy but think this is ok with few corrections indicated Compare composition of Albumen @ 72 #106 N18 S1 O2*

*with original. It may not be necessary to include this. Very truly  
A. W. Latham*

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE

**WEDGE  
NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA.

August 5, 1913

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Block,  
Mpls. Minn.

Dear Friend:

Your postal of the 4th is at hand, and we are about to take up the whole matter of the summer vacation. I am waiting to hear from the Jefferson Forest in central Montana where if they have a good crop of Douglas Fir seed I shall go to gather seed during the latter part of this month. If they report no crop, it will make a decided difference in my plans.

I enclose herewith the reply which I have from my letter to Mr. Glotfelter in regard to the matter of interest to our society, I will also let you see the copy of the letter I wrote him. Perhaps you had better return both after looking them over. I judge by the tone of his letter that he is disposed to feel favorable toward us.

Having such a reply from Mr. Glotfelter makes me feel somewhat disposed to right Mr. Shilling, although it is ~~more~~ likely that I will find him ~~not~~ as easy a case to work upon. I am inclined to think that he represents the head and front of the opposition.

I wonder how the prize orchard scheme is taking with the other nurserymen. We are getting out a leaflet of our own to distribute with it and try and shake up our salesmen and get them busy selling "Prize Orchards!" We may have a proof ready to enclose with this.

Very cordially yours,

*Clarence Wedge*

*Did not enclose copy of my letter to Mr. G.  
Have written Mr. Schilling today.*

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ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA.

7/14/1918.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
207 Kasota Bldg.,  
Mpls., Minn.

Dear Sir:†

We are not certain of the necessary proceedings to secure credit on enclosed orders, so are sending them direct to you.

Also find enclosed an expense account for last meeting of the board.

Yours truly,

Clarence Wedge

We are trying to make it seem  
real that Bro. Elliot has indeed  
left us.

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ALBERT LEA. MINNESOTA.

7/13/1913.

A. W. Latham,  
297 Kasota Bldg.,  
Mpls., Minn.

Dear Sir:-

We should like to have you send us 200 of the enclpsed  
circular. Think we can use same to good advantage.

Yours truly,

WEDGE NURSERY.

*Clarence Wedge*

7.16.13

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A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Bldg.  
Minneapolis, Minn

Dear Sir: Responding to yours  
of the 9th. Please give me Mr  
Glofellers address and I will  
write him, about institute matter.

I note what you say about the  
Fruit Assn. and have a letter from  
Mr. Currie. I think we did just the  
right thing, and hope that the assn.  
will be kept a little  
better in hand from now.

JUL 1 1913  
Wedge Nursery

Albert Lea, Minnesota. A.L.

# WRIGHT FRUIT PACKAGE COMPANY

MANUFACTURER OF

BERRY BOXES,  
BERRY CRATES,  
APPLE BOXES,  
APPLE BASKETS,  
TREE PROTECTORS.

R. A. WRIGHT, MANAGER

N. W. TELEPHONE 49

EXCELSIOR, MINN., June 25, 1913.

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

Dear Sir,-

Your communication of recent date is at hand notifying me of the appointment to the executive board of the State Hort. Society. I will accept the appointment and will be glad to meet with the board at any time. Thanking you very cordially for remembering me in this matter I remain

Yours very truly,

*R. A. Wright*

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ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

5-7-13

Dear Mr Loeban:

I was very much interested in looking over the proposed premiums &c sent us yesterday. I have gone over them quite carefully and made all the criticisms and suggestions that occur to me. I think that they mark a real step in advance, for which you deserve real ~~praise~~ credit. We are all quite well and with my eldest son Percy back with us work has gone off much better than usual. Cordially, A. L. (Over)

I ought to say that by  
virtue of a little kid in  
N. Dak I am now a  
grandfather, and there are  
other prospects nearer home.  
With three weddings in sight  
it would seem that I might  
soon be properly classed  
with wholesale nurserymen.

# State of Minnesota

## ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. L. WASHBURN, A. M.  
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

*St. Anthony Park,*

June 17, 1913.

Mr. A. W. Latham,  
Secy. State Horticultural Society,  
Kasota Building,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have just found your card of June 10th.  
You sent me no twigs from plum tree, nor have you sent  
me any apple tree twigs. I think someone in your office  
is getting things mixed up. I shall be glad to write  
Mr. George W. Morey when I see his plum tree twig.

Yours very truly,

*F. L. Washburn*  
State Entomologist.

FLW-D

*note of*  
Have just seen <sup>note of</sup> Ellis' death.  
Am not surprised, for I have noted  
a feebleness (shaking etc) for over  
a year.

*F. L. W.*



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207 KASOTA BLDG.

*Minneapolis, Minn., 5/21/13*

Clarence Wedge,

Albert Lea, Minn.

Dear Friend.-

I am sending you enclosed herewith a copy of the notice of the summer meeting. All of the details of this as set forth in the notice have not yet been fully decided upon, and your judgment in regard to them is earnestly desired.

The date of the meeting appears in this notice as June 13, but it may be a week later than that as far as we now know. Would you please give me your judgment on this detail also.

The ladies of the Flower Association are confidently expecting an unusually large exhibition of flowers and preparations are being made for it.

Please note particularly the change from the usual practice of closing the meeting at 4:30 in the afternoon to holding it open till 9:00 o'clock.

The premium list has not been changed from the way it was printed in the May Horticulturist.

As there will be an unusual number of matters to talk about would it not be well to call the regular meeting of the board at 1:00 p.m. on the day preceding the summer meeting? Would this be convenient for you?

*over*

Cordially,

*A. W. Latham*  
Sec'y.

Minnesota State Horticultural Society

President, THOS. E. CASHMAN, 97 - 1st Ave. N. Minn.

Office and Library at

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary

Dear Mr. L.



I think the idea of keeping open till 9 P.M. good.

I can be at your office the night before if desirable.

Everything looks good on the program. I think the picnic plan an improvement, making it pleasanter all around. I have seldom got much fun out of the old arrangement!

AW

With love

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

3-18-13

Dear Friend Leach:

Why not such a premium to be offered by our Society. With hardiness a part of the qualification. In this way we will encourage a better race of trees for the west. The plants might be growing on the Agri. grounds so that we could see them at our summer meeting. Make it \$50.00 and put it for 1916. It will help advertise us and do good.

Cl.

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

Feb 8 - 1912

Dear Mr Latham:

Yours of the 6th returning Mr B's letter is at hand. I very much appreciate Mr Elliott's good opinion of what I wrote to him. And I am of course interested in keeping in touch with the affairs of the Society generally, and am sorry to know that the institute is not working with us as it used to do. There's where we miss Prof. Green. I think that he could have rectified that matter with Capt Wilson. Well - it can't be said that we did not appreciate <sup>the</sup> Professor while he was with us. It would be difficult for us to <sup>have</sup> thought more of any one. But I find myself wishing, sometimes,

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that I could have another chat with him. There's a great responsibility resting on men like him who are born leaders of men. I think that he measured up to his wonderfully well. But there are others that don't. I could name three men in our town that could revolutionize the city if they would come out and work squarely for what they knew is right.

In the matter of sending out seeds of small fruits &c. I believe that you could easily engage a matter of a case or two of Downing Strawberry, or (Carrie), Perfection Currant, King Raspberry, Dunlap's Strawberry, ~~and~~ some of your Minnetonka growers, and have them wash

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out and dry the seeds and furnish them in shape for distribution. Of course charge 10 c per pkt for the seeds. I think that possibly Haraldson might help you to something especially promising in this line. It would help advertise them if they came from such a source.

Our little Alan planted 13 seeds from one apple last week, and is watering them and tending them with care each day. It set me to thinking if an offer of a nice premium of say \$25. \$10 or \$5.00 to be given to the child

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That exhibits the best variety grown from seed furnished by the Society. The parent to be or become a member might not add to our membership. Fruit to be exhibited at the state fair and premium awarded there say in 6 yrs. Perhaps there are so many contests going on now that this would not attract attention. More work for the Secy.

I feel sure that the distribution of small fruit seeds would be a good thing and brace up the interest in the matter. I think that I could furnish seeds of the everbearing Strawberry next yr. Cordially C.W.

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FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA.

March 27, 1913

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

Responding to yours of the 25th.

I guess you are right in your suggestion that 1916 would be a little too early to pay premiums on new varieties of roses, which I had, of course, intended should be grown from seed. Still roses bloom very freely the second year after planting the seed, and show their characteristics of growth and bloom, and it would not take very long to bring about a proper competition.

I did not take into consideration that it was too late to get in seed for the present season. There would be plenty of time for us to talk this over next summer or even next December when we have our annual meeting. However, I think it would be well for you to secure some good rose seed for this purpose, and think that it might be gathered at the station grounds this summer.

I think you are right in believing that it would work in well with the Garden Flowers Society, and perhaps might in a way be made one of the features of that auxiliary.

By the way, I am pleased to notice that the interest in hardy roses of the Hybrid Rugosa type that bloom all summer and require no winter protection in our climate is rapidly gaining in popularity among the nurserymen. Besides supplying our own trade, I think I must have sold at least a thousand two year old plants of this class of roses to nurserymen in this section of the country. I take a little personal pride in this. I have spent a good deal of time trying to interest the nursery trade in this class of roses, which I believe is capable of giving more satisfaction than any of older varieties.

Very truly,

*Clarice Weege*

# State of Minnesota

## ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. L. WASHBURN, A. M.  
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

*St. Anthony Park,*

June 13, 1913.

A. W. Latham, Secretary,  
State Horticultural Society,  
Kasota Building, Minneapolis.

My dear Mr. Latham:

I have just received a box from you, which you in turn received from some correspondent, containing what appears to be locust loaded with *hecanium* scale. Have you the name of the correspondent? Evidently I have mislaid your letter.

Spraying in the winter time with a strong caustic solution would kill this. I also advise judicious pruning and burning of the twigs which have these insects upon them.

Yours very truly,

*F. L. Washburn*  
State Entomologist.

*I have found your letter & your  
correspondent's name & address is  
Mr. Michael Goblisch Peckham. But  
the tree is not an apple, at least  
the specimen I rec'd from you  
is not apple*

POSTAL CARD  
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A. W. Latham-Secy  
207- Kasola Bldg.  
Minneapolis  
Minn

Northfield Minn -  
Apr 29-13

W. Latham

Securin -

The Scions are rec'd in  
apparently good condition. Many  
thanks for your generous supply. They  
are kinds I have been wanting -  
and I hope they will grow. They are  
a little thicker than I have had before so it takes a  
larger limb for them - I have a <sup>just in</sup> winter Banana - Low  
land Raspberry <sup>from last year</sup> - some strong yel. transparent  
two <sup>gull of flowers</sup> Lapa Plank. last year graft -

Very gratefully yours D. J. Switzing

Chambers of the District Court  
Fifteenth Judicial District  
Park Rapids, Minnesota  
B. F. WRIGHT, JUDGE

Park Rapids, Minnesota,

April 4, 1913.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Secy. Minnesota Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 3rd, and thank you for the information. The binding on the reports will be satisfactory to me, as I thought they might be loose numbers. You may ship them to me by express.

I have never received any volumes, and would like to have my subscription to the monthly Horticulturist begin with the first of this year.

Thanking you for your promptness, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Willis L. Weyman

ord  
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A. W. Latham, Secy  
Min. Hart. Society  
Minneapolis  
Kasota Block.

MRS. D. W. C. RUFF, PRESIDENT  
723 Globe Building, St. Paul

MRS. FRANK GIBBS, SECRETARY  
St. Anthony Park, Minn.

## Minnesota State Rose Society

This society is an auxiliary to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and any one paying \$1.00 to this society becomes a member of both societies

The next meeting of the Minnesota State Rose Society will be held at

Please add to the roll

✓ Mrs. R. C. Meyer 1927-60 av. E.  
Duluth

✓ Mrs. Frank E. Cray

728 - 4th St. S.E.

Please come and bring your friends.

Anna A. Mynear  
Mantua A. Mynear

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ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

Mar., 15, 1918.

A. J. W. J. Latham,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Responding to yours of the 14th. We can furnish the following scions:

5,000: Wealthy	8.00: per M.	100	-	300
10,000: N. J. W. J. Greening	8.00: " "	100	-	300
400: Windsor Chief	8.00: " "			

Very truly,

WEDGE NURSERY

*Clarence Weyge*

*Scions about  
14 in long }*

*M. 22.13*

FRUIT FOR EXHIBITION.

HANDLE WITH CARE.

**Mound City Ice and Cold Storage Company,**  
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.**

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FRUIT STORED FOR THE MINNESOTA FRUIT EXHIBIT.

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Emerson & White, Jr.

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11	large	2.47
12	"	2.04
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17	"	3.07
19	"	1.48
22	"	.58
	"	1.68
	7's	5.00
24	large	1.30
25	"	1.10
26	"	1.30
	<b>Rel</b>	34.07
27	large	2.75
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29		1.78
4.1	<b>39.00</b>	<b>39.80</b>

Willis L. Wyman  
Shorthand Reporter

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Park Rapids, Minnesota,

April 1, 1913.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Secy. Minnesota State Hort. Society,

207 Kasota Blk, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith check for ten dollars,  
for a life membership in the Minnesota State Horticultural  
Society, with the premiums. For the premium book which I  
would be entitled to, I will take Forestry of Minnesota,  
401 pages, 50 cents, by Samuel B. Green. 4/3/13

In regard to the back reports which you furnish  
with a life membership, I understand these are back numbers  
of "The Minnesota Horticulturist", which you publish monthly.  
If they are not bound volumes, I would be glad to have you  
hold them until I can make arrangements for having them  
bound in books. Please advise me what it would cost extra  
to have them bound.

Yours truly,

Willis L. Wyman

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Mankato, Minn. March 18 1903

A. W. Latham, Secy,  
Minn. St. Hort. Socy,  
Minneapolis,

Dear Sir, -

Replying to your kind favor of the  
15<sup>th</sup> inst.

I will try to write the best paper I can on  
cabbage growing and plan to present it at  
the next annual meeting in Dec. as you  
suggest.

Are there any instructions you wish to  
give me? How long a paper do you wish?

Thanking you, Yours,  
Yours very truly,  
E. C. Willard.

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

3-24-13

Dear Mr Loeb:

Mr Fridholm of our society is in the office today and talking about the prize orchard. He thinks that it would be best to allow at least a share of the orchard to be of other varieties. I think he is right - and that say 1/5th might be planted to varieties suitable for home use. - So that this might be ~~the~~ the sole orchard of the owner. I guess your scheme of a prize orchard is workable and will stir up interest in good orcharding. Yrs. C.W.

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

March 24, 1918.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

Responding to yours of the wwnd. We take pleasure in booking you to be sent at once to Prof. LeRoy Cady, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn. as follows:

100 Scions, Wealthy	\$3.00 M.	.80
100 " N. W. Gr.	3.00	.80

Thanking you for the order, which will receive our careful attention.

Very truly,

WEDGE NURSERY.

*CW.*

FREEPORT, MINN. J . 22d. 1913.

A.W.LATHAM

Minneapolis, Minn.

DEAR Mons. le Secretaire.-

In replying to Your letter d.JI7.

will say that I am a very poor Memmber to come to your meeting in 1913 for the purpose of reading a self made up Artikel on any topic in Horticulture as having never had one hour Scool in the English Langage ;But if it is your desire for me to do so, as an old Member of our great Society, 'm obliged to help you out, the best I personelly can . one thing is thus way ::Does the Society pay for the Rail-road Fare To and From Mpls.?

May be w'll get a good fruit crop this yaer & so a few plates could be taken along .

Had 4 varietyts of Pears at the Co. Fair at Sauk Center &the were a great attraction in that line of an Exhibit in Stearns C. as nobody will beleive that we can raise them so very easy. It's just fun for me; build a wall around my pear trees in the fall and have a shure crop, as i can get away the protection after allthe frost is gone mostly, Auto's from all over find th-e place, To see t-he pears growing is somthing very few Minnesota People is enjoying . *I only work with Dwarf trees.*

If I have not ordered yet my 2 praemiums for the M. H. please send N. 1:13 & N. 2. & if i can get 3 varietyts of the apple - *if only 1 variety send Milwaukee* scions mentioned please send :2 Grimes golden 2 Milwaukee & 2 Mcintosh *or Stagnon's Minnesota*

Hoping this will be satisfactory to You

I remain very truly Yours

*A. J. Wilverding*



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2/4/13

*copy*

A. D. Wilson, Supt.,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
Friend Wilson.-

I have your very satisfactory letter of the 31st. ult., and I will take up with Mr. Cashman the suggestion that you offer in this letter, and it may be that he will wish to bring the matter before the institute board if it seems best to do it.

I feel sure of your attitude in this matter that you are entirely friendly to the society, and I understand clearly from your communication that you are entirely willing that this whole matter should be left with each institute conductor to work out as it may seem to him best, and I am sure this is a perfectly proper course. There is, however, it seems to me (though I may be wrong in this) a sort of sentiment with the various institute corps that the management would just as soon that this privilege that has been accorded to the Horticultural Society should be restricted. I do not know of anything that you have said or written that would give that impression, but it is sort of "in the air" as it comes to me from the institutes.

The horticultural workers with the institutes are all entirely willing to do this service as far as I know. I have never had an opportunity of talking with any of the leaders about it, so

I don't know exactly what their attitude is towards it, but I can imagine that they would just as soon that the horticultural lecturer shouldn't have to carry around a heavy valise carrying books, etc., which interferes somewhat with this usefulness as one of the institute corps in certain directions. If the horticultural worker is discreet and judicious, aside from this it would not seem that there should be any particular objection to this method of reaching people who ought to be able to take advantage of the opportunities offered by membership in this society.

If there is any feeling on the part of the institute workers that you disapprove of this service, now that I have called attention to the possibility of it, you will I am sure wish to



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*Minneapolis, Minn., 2/4/13*

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make it plain to them that that is not your attitude, and if this is clearly understood I am in hopes it will have some effect in securing a more ready cooperation on their part in what the horticultural lecturers wish to do for us.

You use this expression in your letter "If after Mr. Cashman presents the matter the board will intimate that they would be glad to have ~~me~~ urge the men to go back to the practice of securing members for the society I would be glad to carry out their recommendation." Now personally I do not feel as though it would be policy for you to urge them to do this, and would be entirely satisfied to have it clearly known that your attitude towards us in this matter is one of friendliness and not one of compulsion.

I had a letter from Mr. Cook this morning written from home after his service some weeks with the institute. He doesn't seem to know whether his services are acceptable or not. I know that he has been trying very hard to make himself useful and evidently wants to continue in the service if matters are favorable for him. He has not been able to do anything for the society on account of the attitude that Mr. Carlson has taken, but we would like to see him with that corps or some other corps just the same if his further service is proving his fitness for the work.

I know you have many things to annoy you necessarily in connection with this work, and I do not want to be put into that class by any means. Please consider me as a co-worker and anxious to be helpful rather than fault finding.

Yours cordially,

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Sec'y.

Excelsior  
Minn

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1913

A. W. Latham Esq:

Sec. M. S. Hort. Soc.

Dear Sir

At your request  
I am mailing you the  
article I read at the  
last Hort. Meeting, there  
is not much to it outside  
of expressing my own  
personal ideas, & as to  
the photograph I do not  
happen to have anything  
appropriate or a good one

of my orchard or house  
+ any how I do not  
think I am hardly entitled  
yet to a place among  
the immortals.

With kind regards  
yours very sincerely

Francis Willis

# State of Minnesota

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AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

F. L. WASHBURN, A. M.  
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

*St. Anthony Park,* Feb. 13, 1913.

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

My dear Mr. Latham:

Please be sure that I see the stenographer's report containing the remarks I made about shipping trees in here from the South. I send you corrected report herewith, and wish to say it was very fortunate that I received it, since of course the stenographer cannot get everything, and unless the author of the remarks can see what he has taken, there is a chance of grave error, which doesn't make sense in reading it.

Yours truly,



FLW-R

State Entomologist.

I inclose also herewith a brown envelope containing some pictures you may wish to have cuts made of as per yr letter. We have a standing rule not to allow original cuts to go out, Cuts have electrotypes made at an expense if desired. F. L. W.

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Agriculture  
University Farm, St. Paul

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION  
AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

January 31st, 1913.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I have your good letter of the 28th and have read same carefully. I am returning the copy of my talk.

I note what you say about the Horticultural Society and the work it is doing. I know the Society is doing excellent work, and I wish everyone interested in horticulture would become a member. I am perfectly willing to do anything that is practical to help get members for the society. You of course know what my attitude has been, and I really can see no logical reason for changing that attitude. I am perfectly willing that the horticultural men solicit memberships for the society if they wish to do so, and if the Institute conductor does not object; but I feel that each conductor is responsible for the attitude in which people leave the Institute hall, and if in his judgment it is not best to solicit the memberships for the society, I do not feel that it is my business to urge him to do it, inasmuch as I believe that urging people to join a society does leave a bad impression.

I do not want to be arbitrary in this matter, and I make this suggestion: That without any statement from me regarding my attitude in the matter, Mr. Cashman would take up at our next Farmers' Institute Board meeting the matter of getting subscribers to the Horticultural Society, and present to them the proposition just as he sees it. I will not in any way try to influence the Board, and if after Mr. Cashman presents the matter the Board will intimate that they would be glad to have me urge the men to go back to the old practice of securing members for the society, I will be glad to carry out their recommendation.

Yours very truly,

*A. D. Wilson*  
Superintendent.

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*Minneapolis, Minn., 2/4/13*

A. B. Wilson, Supt.,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
Friend Wilson.-

I have your very satisfactory letter of the 31st. ult., and I will take up with Mr. Cashman the suggestion that you offer in this letter, and it may be that he will wish to bring the matter before the institute board if it seems best to do it.

I feel sure of your attitude in this matter, that you are entirely friendly to the society, and I understand clearly from your communication that you are entirely willing that this whole matter should be left with each institute conductor to work out as it may seem to him best, and I am sure this is a perfectly proper course. There is, however, it seems to me (though I may be wrong in this) a sort of sentiment with the various institute corps that the management would just as soon that this privilege that has been accorded to the Horticultural Society should be restricted. I do not know of anything that you have said or written that would give that impression, but it is "sort of "in the air" as it comes to me from the institutes.

The horticultural workers with the institutes are all entirely willing to do this service as far as I know. I have never had an opportunity of talking with any of the leaders about it, so

I don't know exactly what their attitude is towards it, but I can imagine that they would just as soon that the horticultural lecturer shouldn't have to carry around a heavy valise carrying books, etc., which interferes somewhat with his usefulness as one of the institute corps in certain directions. If the horticultural worker is discreet and judicious, aside from this it would not seem that there should be any particular objection to this method of reaching people who ought to be able to take advantage of the opportunities offered by membership in this society.

If there is any feeling on the part of the institute workers that you disapprove of this service, now that I have called attention to the possibility of it, you will I am sure wish to



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make it plain to them that that is not your attitude, and if this is clearly understood I am in hopes it will have some effect in securing a more ready cooperation on their part in what the horticultural lecturers wish to do for us.

You use this expression in your letter "If after Mr. Cashman presents the matter the board will intimate that they would be glad to have me urge the men to go back to the practice of securing members for the society I would be glad to carry out their recommendation." Now personally I do not feel as though it would be policy for you to urge them to do this, and would be entirely satisfied to have it clearly known that your attitude towards us in this matter is one of friendliness and not one of compulsion.

I had a letter from Mr. Cook this morning written from home after his service some weeks with the institute. He doesn't seem to know whether his services are acceptable or not. I know that he has been trying very hard to make himself useful and evidently wants to continue in the service if matters are favorable for him. He has not been able to do anything for the society on account of the attitude that Mr. Carlson has taken, but we would like to see him with that corps or some other corps just the same if his further service is proving his fitness for the work.

I know you have many things to annoy you necessarily in connection with this work, and I do not want to be put into that class by any means. Please consider me as a co-worker and anxious to be helpful rather than fault finding.

Yours cordially,

*A. W. Latham* Sec'y.

*Please do not take the trouble to answer this long letter.*

C. F. WIEHE  
1520 JACKSON BOULEVARD  
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Dr Sirs.

Enclosed find check for.

Life Membership in your Society

Please send me postpaid.

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back reports of your Society

Kindly send me Card, Life Mem  
Certificate & 25c

Yours truly

C. F. Wiehe

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# WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA, MINNESOTA

July 16, 1912

A. W. Lathan,  
207 Kasota Block.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Lathan:

Responding to yours of the 12th, and the question in regard to the  
to the farmer's institute contained therein.

From my experience with the institute, I should say that it was  
a distinct advantage to the farmer that ~~at~~ <sup>had</sup> attended to have ~~their~~ <sup>his</sup> attention  
called to the work of the Horticultural Society, and ~~their~~ <sup>his</sup> opportunities  
in connection with it. When I was <sup>with</sup> the corps, I found many people very  
much interested in horticulture who were struggling along with little more  
than their own experience to guide ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup>. Such people when persuaded  
to take out a membership in the society, were greatly helped and immediately  
benefited, and became centers of horticulture influences and enthusiasm.

Had no opportunity or encouragement been given to join the State society,  
~~the~~ same parties while receiving some benefit from the institute, would not  
have been benefited to anything alike to the same extent, and their  
neighborhood would have lost the inspiration that has always resulted from  
a connection with the society.

I have never been able to see any disadvantage to the institutes

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from permitting such a presentation. It worked well during my  
connection with <sup>them</sup> ~~the interest~~, and I can see no reason why it should  
not at the present time.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence Wedge*

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# State of Minnesota

## ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

*St. Anthony Park,* Mar 10, 1912.

F. L. WASHBURN, A. M.  
STATE ENTOMOLOGIST.

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

My dear Mr. Latham:

I have your favor of Mar. 6th, referring to a letter from Rolla Stubbs as to the advisability of state requiring orchards of a certain size to be sprayed in a certain way. I doubt very much whether a law like that would go through, since it would work hardship and would meet with much opposition, although the idea is a good one. It is quite possible that this idea has its origin with Mr. T. G. Winters, who has a farm out near Long Lake and who also owns a nursery, and has said something to me along that line. As a matter of fact, that point is taken care of in this new inspection law, although it does not specify any details and it is best that it should not. If this bill goes through that Cashman is pushing, it will give the inspector authority to dictate to anyone owning an orchard what to do in case that orchard were infested.

You understand then that this point has been taken care of in the new law, and by the way, if you are interested in it, it is well that you and others should write to their representatives in legislature to favor Senate File No. 384, and House File, 611, and do all they can to push it.

Senate File No. 384, is now in the Finance Committee

A. W. Latham.....2

having been recommended to pass by the other committee, and if any objection is raised to it, it will be that Dean Woods has put down an appropriation for \$8000 for this. We want to do the work well and since it will increase our work at least ten times, and our present work is costing us about \$1000, we thought \$8000 was conservative. If we cannot get that, we will try for \$6000 and the piece it out if it is possible and we have to, with University money.

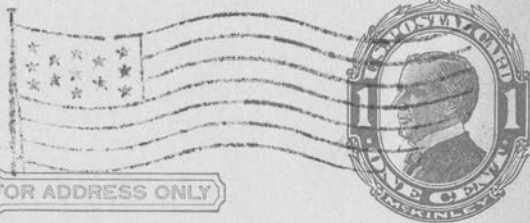
Please do all you can for this bill and do it right away.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. L. Washburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

State Entomologist.

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A. W. LATHAM,

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

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

We have some old  
Stationery that I think  
will do.

Thank you

Lawrence C. Edge

Mindoro. Wis Jan 20<sup>th</sup>/13

A. W. Latham.

Sec'y Minn. State Horticultural Society  
Minneapolis,  
Minn.

Dear Sir.

I understood I would receive a score list of my seedling<sup>apple</sup> that I exhibited at the last annual meeting of the Minn State Horticultural Society, but I have not received any up to date. Would you please, make one out and send it to me and oblige, yours fraternally  
Joseph Wauless, Jr.  
Mindoro.

R #2 Box 33,

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A. D. Wilson, Supt.,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
Dear Friend.-

I am sending you enclosed the reporters notes of the talk you made at our late annual meeting, which you may wish to revise before publication in our monthly. When you return this wont you please send me over also a good photograph of yourself from which I can have a nice plate made to use with this? May be you have a good half-tone plate that would suit you first class, if so, that will do instead.

I am sending you also by this mail a copy of the last annual volume of the society, "Trees, Fruits and Flowers of Minn.", which I wish you would look through with a little care and see what a nice book the society and the state together have gotten up for the benefit of the people of the state who are interested in horticulture, and especially fruit growing. Besides this valuable book, which has cost the state not less than \$2.00 a volume, say nothing of what it has cost others who work for nothing and board themselves, except the secretary, the society gives to each new member the magazine issued by the society for the year, a copy of Prof. Green's "Amateur Fruit Growing" and a selection of a number of useful and interesting plants for experimental purposes. Don't you think the association is pretty generous with its membership? Of course we are not making any money out of this, but are only trying to reach as many people as possible who are interested to join in the work of the society in the origination of new fruits, testing out old ones, and studying the varying conditions under which fruit growing, etc. is possible in Minnesota.

The greatest difficulty we meet with in this work is getting hold of people who ought to be members of the society who have not heretofore had the opportunity, many of whom know nothing of the society, or if they have heard of it know little or nothing of its work. We reach a good many of these people through the individual efforts of the members of the society. Heretofore the principal means of getting hold of this class of people has been through the workers of the farmers' institutes. Their assistance in this direction has been invaluable, though of late years it has, as of course you know, decreased considerably until it is getting down to a very low ebb. It is not that the horticultural lecturers



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with the institutes are not interested to do this work for the state, but that there is a kind of feeling on the part of the ~~leaders~~ <sup>leaders</sup> ~~at~~ the institutes that the management would just as soon this kind of work should not be done at the institutes. The experience of the horticultural workers at the institutes is unanimous as far as my information goes, that the presentation of the society and the invitation to become united with it is not at all an injury to the institutes. I do not mean a long lecture on the subject, but a brief reference to it in a way to call attention ~~of~~ those who are not familiar with the society to the fact of its existence and the advantages which membership in it brings, and there are in the state unquestionably many who would be greatly benefited by becoming members as the association would be benefitted by having them enrolled. The state has gone to a large expense to print this material and it is our business as far as we are able to perform it to see that it gets into the right hands. It cannot of course be given away broadcast, it would be an unwise thing certainly to do this.

With a little encouragement from the leaders of the various institute corps the horticultural workers would feel that their work in this direction was not only permitted but appreciated and do ever so much better service than they are now able to do under rather discouraging circumstances. I know that you are interested in the Horticultural Society, and I do not believe that you are personally opposed to service of this kind in such measure as the workers of the institute are willing to perform it. If, however, you can see your way to saying a few encouraging words along this line to the various institute leaders, and perhaps the horticultural workers as well, there would at once be a change in the spirit of this service and great good to the society would result without I believe injury to any one. Can't you put yourself in this attitude and give us just a little lift in this direction, which I assure you we should greatly appreciate as we do every other service that you have performed so heartily for the society.

Your sincere friend and fellow worker,

P.S. Since as I understand the agents \_\_\_\_\_ Sec'y. of the state agricultural papers are no longer permitted to take subscriptions at the farmers institutes is not the chief objection to the presentation of the Horticultural Society at the institutes done away with?

A.W.L.

FREEPORT, MINN. JAN .7. 1913.

TO Mr. LATHAM MPLS , MINN.

DEAR FRIEND :::::

In reply to a recent letter have<sup>d</sup> state that you were misled by taking it granted that I had taken a Photograph of the Exhibit made up here on the Stearns County Fair...It was mentioned that the Inspecters Deputy had taken a Picture of my pear trees.

It is my ownself standing on one side of the Pear trees showing the pears hanging on the branches . If tis Picture will interest You, You get it at the State University calling on the Assis<sup>t</sup>ant of Mr. Washburn, his Name is David Nelson. .It be of interest to show such a one as Pears are not yet a Luxery we enjoi very much in Minnesota.

If a little Article is desired I could as well furnish something alike How to raise Pears for pleasure, but not yet for profit .

It takes me alot of my time to cover the trees in the fall for you know very well that we do not have many hardy trees yet of this delicious fruit . From a 100 sd. I may get 2 or thre about half hardy for this part of the State . It would make anice Picture to see the trees covered with sod all around ; I have to put inside sand or sawdust or any material to not breake the branches ..

THE Place of the Co. Fair was not a chosen one so I didn't care to get it, Beg Pardon for not having answered in an earlier date,

I remain Very Vruly Yours

A. Wilwerding.

*3d. Hope this is more lisable matter but yet not Perfect!*

*Please send some*

*horticultural small circulars for customer to know what to plant.*

Alburt Lea Jan 11 - '12

Dear Mr Latham:

I enclose plant breeder's report (secs.)

In looking over the responses received from our members I have about concluded that we get the fullest and best reports from these Return Post cards you sent out a year ago. I would recommend that they be used next time, I enclose one as a sample. I refer more particularly to the upper part of the card.

I am greatly impressed with the value of the Malinda as a source of seed. The Perkins orchard is a wonder, and I find ~~it~~ <sup>its</sup> seedling doing wonderfully well at both Patters and the Iowa Exp. Station. That was a fine stroke of yours to distribute the Malinda seed from Kenney's two or three years

ago. I have learned one thing very thoroughly in my own experience, and that is that it is an up hill job trying to produce winter varieties from the seed of summer and fall apples. I have <sup>written</sup> a large lot of Patten's Greening seedlings and have had only one out of the lot that was a better keeper than the parent. Many of them excellent apples but no advance in the direction we are working.

You will note my suggestion in getting other fruit seeds to distribute. I think that if you will do this that you will find it popular and finally very useful. Let me suggest a few that I think would be good.

- Perfection Currant
  - Downing Gooseb.
  - King Rasp
- { Everbearing Strawberry }  
{ of Hardner perhaps }

The stone fruits can not of course be handled in ~~the~~ dried condition.

This letter looks like one from Edson Gaylord. Cordially Clarence Hedge

The University of Minnesota  
Department of Agriculture  
University Farm, St. Paul

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AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

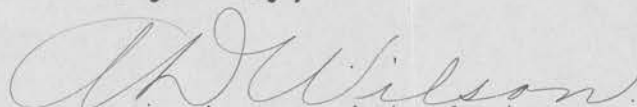
December 28th, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27th at hand. I have a letter from Senator Cashman and have written him that I will be glad to try to make a place for Mr. Cook on one of the corps sometime during January. I am mighty glad to give Mr. Cook another chance, as I have felt sorry because he apparently did not make good before.

Yours very truly,

  
Superintendent.

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Clarence Wedge,

Albert Lea, Minn.

Dear Sir.-

Would you think favorably of increasing the premium offered for seedling apples, \$100.00 a year to be paid for seven years, by adding the same amount for another five years, which would make this special premium payable for twelve years? The first year was 1912, but no entries were made. As I am about to print the new folder the extension of premium might be announced if the board favored it. In that case how would it do to offer the \$100.00 to be divided prorata instead of given to the best one? Are there not other matters upon which you wish to advise the secretary?

All going well as usual.

Cordially,

*A. W. Latham* Sec'y.

Make the first premium \$50.00  
and the best pro rata  
Extend the time and advertise it  
Can you get it into the City and  
Co. papers.  
*C. W.*

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SECRETARY.

File E-3216

December 17, 1912 H.

Annual Convention, Minnesota State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn, December 3-6, 1912.

Mr A W Latham,

207 Kasota Blk,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

As the required number of certificates was presented account above named occasion, we enclose herewith our cash voucher No 652 in your favor for \$11.00, to cover refund of the amount deposited with us for the services of our Joint Agent at your Convention.

Please note that this voucher, when properly dated and receipted, becomes a sight draft on the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

Enclosure.

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File E-3216

November 7, 1912 H.

Annual Meeting, Minnesota State Horticultural Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn, December 3-6, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Your favor of November 5, enclosing draft for \$11.00 to cover the services of our Joint Agent on December 6 account above named occasion, received and we hand you herewith our receipt No 15933 for this amount.

We will instruct our Joint Agent to report at your headquarters, Assembly Hall, Courthouse, upon his arrival in Minneapolis.

We enclose herewith memorandum showing the arrangement announced for your meeting, also notice giving further particulars regarding certificate plan arrangements.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

Enclosure.

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A. W. LATHAM,

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

*207 Kasota Block,*

*Minneapolis, Minn.*

LaCrescent, Minn.

Dec. 10th. 1912.

Dear Sir, - Yours notifying me of election as Vice-Pres. this district recd. I will earnestly endeavor to fulfill the obligations of that honorable office. As I am not familiar with the duties of this position, any suggestions you may have to offer will be duly appreciated.

Yours fraternally  
D. C. Webster