



Horticultural Society: Letters Received and Sent

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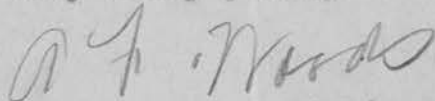
Hon. J. M. Underwood,

Lake City, Minn.

My dear Mr. Underwood:

At the last meeting of the Board of Regents, I took up with them, through President Vincent, the subject of the proposed Horticultural Building here. After careful consideration of the matter, the Board decided that they would be unwilling to encourage or take any part in applying for a building until its need for the work of the College of Agriculture and Station was more urgent than at present. They expressed willingness to put every facility which we had here, at the disposal of the Society for their meetings until such time as necessity required increased facilities. As you know, the next session of the Legislature is going to be one of retrenchment and it is our plan to cut our requests to the very lowest possible limit. We shall be very glad indeed to cooperate with you in planning a building for such time in the future as it may seem practical to the Board of Regents and cooperate in securing it.

Very truly yours,



Dean and Director.

Dictated A. F. Woods - D.

Copy to Mr. Latham.

The University of Minnesota

University Extension Service

University Farm, St. Paul

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION
AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

September 23d, 1914 .

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your letter of the 19th received. I also had a visit from Mr. Olmstead, and I believe we can use him very nicely this winter. I think he can handle the subjects along the line of fruit and gardening very well, and do it from what he has accomplished on his own little place at Excelsior. He will also be very useful to help out with evening lectures on the subject of birds. I think our horticulturists this winter will be: Mr. Brackett, Mr. Schutz, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Olmstead.

Yours very truly,



Director, Agricultural Extension
and Farmers' Institutes.

ADW - S

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R. A. WRIGHT, MANAGER

N. W. TELEPHONE 49

EXCELSIOR, MINN., 9/25/14.

A.W.Latham,

Mpls.Minn.

Dear Friend:

Replying to yours of the 22nd.in regard to holding the annual meeting in the West Hotel again,will say that meets with my approval,there are many things in favor of the Hotel and I think it is all right. I expect to be in the City next week and will call and see you.

Very truly,

RA Wright

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

THOMAS P. COOPER
DIRECTOR

C. B. WALDRON, HORTICULTURIST
H. O. WERNER, ASSISTANT

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, N.D.

September 22, 1914.

Mr. A.W. Latham,
207 Kasoto Building,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Latham: - - - - -

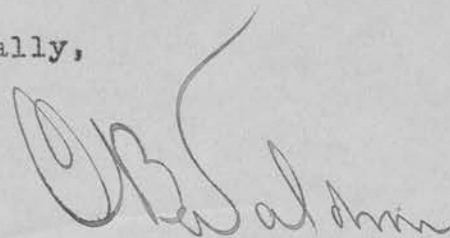
In reply to your letter of September 19th I will say that I will be very glad indeed to take up the subject of shelter belts at your meeting next December. It might be well to restrict this subject to something like the following: "The Use of Shelter Belts as a Factor in Ornamental Planting."

I can bring down some charts that will illustrate this subject so if I should fail to say anything of importance they will get something out of it anyway.

I suppose that you have already decided upon the dates for the meeting and I imagine as usual this will come the first week in December. If this is not correct I suppose the program that I will eventually receive will enlighten me.

Thanking you for your hospitable offer in looking after my welfare, I am fraternally,

CBW-MFW



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Minn. State Horticultural Society,

Minneapolis,

Minn.

Gentlemen:

On and after July 1, 1914, all our publications will be "net," with the exception of a certain few, which will be marked "special" and also those with "two stars" in our order list, a copy of which will be sent to you as soon as received from our printers.

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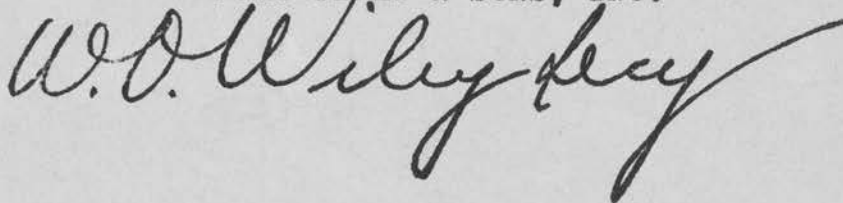
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Yours truly,

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A. W. Latham

207 Kasota Bldg
Mpls, Minn.

Crystal Springs N. Dak

Dear Friend:

9-13-'14

Yours of the 28th reaches me here. Instead of going to Montana this time we have done Minn. - Brainerd, Park Rapids, Walker, Bemidji, Crookston, Grand Forks Fargo, ^{N. D.} Jamestown & here. Mrs W. Alan, and Ralph make up the party. At Grand Forks I found a nurseryman Oscar Wick growing almost everything we do in Southern Minn. I am more and more convinced that success in our art is simply a matter of thorough persistent effort rather than locality. Wedg

Waite Park, Minn., September 1, 1914.

A. W. Latham, Secy.,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have not had time to make any study in regard to my subject, but I herewith enclose you the substance of it as near as I can get at it at the present time, perhaps there will be several changes before that time. If there are any changes you can see that will benefit the same, it will be appreciated.

No 1- My subject will be, "Twenty years' Experience Dealing with the Nursery Growers of Minnesota."

I reside in the village of Waite Park, Stearns County and State of Minnesota. I am organized for the purpose of marketing a general line of nursery stock, and am placed in about the same position as a nursery salesman.

According to the law that passed the State Legislature at the 1913 session, I have to make an affidavit to the state entomologist that my stock is from a duly inspected Minnesota nursery, and then the inspector issues a certificate to me to ship. The railroad and express companies are prohibited against accepting nursery stock for shipment that is not accompanied with the said certificate from the state entomologist.

I go out taking orders for four or five months, and about a month before shipping time, I make out a stated list of stock I have sold during the season and mail it to the nursery growers of Minnesota for prices, and the one that makes the best prices and has the stock on hand gets my order. When shipping time comes, I take my orders, also the shipping tags, to the proprietor of the nursery. He takes them to the foreman and instructs him to bill out my orders in retail packages and ship them out for me.

I found in my twenty years' experience that there are a whole lot of honest nursery growers in Minnesota. I have only found one dishonest grower. Quite often the honest nursery grower gets blamed for what the dishonest grower does. For instance, if a tree planter purchases trees from two or three different nursery growers he quite often gets the stock confused and does not know which nursery he got them from, and when they grow up and are not true to name, he may blame the wrong nursery grower. The tree planter has not had the experience that I have in buying nursery stock. I know the honest nursery growers of Minnesota.

*The nursery salesman ~~for the Standard~~
by one of them.*

F. A. Ward.



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BINDER TWINE, ETC.

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 1, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Secretary of State Horticultural Society,
207 Kasota Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Managers of the Greater Minnetonka Improvement Association, of which Board I am a Member, I wish to ask if there is any legal means by which some department of the State government, having police power, can secure jurisdiction over the lotus bed that exists in one of the bay's tributary to Lake Minnetonka.

The location of this rare curiosity is now becoming known to large numbers of people, who, unlike the choice spirits who keep its secret for many years, seem determined to destroy its beauty and perhaps its very existence by ruthlessly tearing up blossoms, leaves, and roots indiscriminately. If proper authority could be obtained for erecting warning signs, it would at least have a deterrent effect, although it would not entirely stop the vandalism.

Please give us any information you can as to the best procedure to follow to secure some sort of protection as above indicated.

Yours truly,

LINDSAY BROS.

By

Cl Woodward

CEW:F

WE ARE ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MARKETING
A GENERAL LINE OF NORTHERN GROWN HARDY NURSERY
STOCK THAT IS ADAPTED TO THE CLIMATE CONDITION
OF THE NORTHWEST.

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WE ARE MOST NORTHERN LOCATED--75 MILES NORTH-
WEST OF ST. PAUL THE CAPITAL CITY OF MINNESOTA
ON THE MAIN LINE OF THE GREAT NORTHERN AND
THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

WHOLESALE

RETAIL

OFFICE OF

The Saint Cloud Nursery Co.

A Complete Line of Northern Grown Hardy Nursery Stock

E. L. DOUGLASS,
SECRETARY

~~Saint Cloud~~ ^{Waite Park}, Minnesota, August 28, 1914

A. W. Latham, Secy.,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 28th will say that you may place me on the program for an address at the State Horticultural meeting in December. My subject will be, "TWENTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH THE NURSERY GROWERS OF MINNESOTA."

I was thinking the matter over after I wrote to you to change my address to St. Cloud, that I had better have it Waite Park instead as there is another F. A. Ward in St. Cloud and the postmaster quite often gets our mail confused, so you had better change it ~~back~~ again to Waite Park.

I will conscientiously say that I will do all I can to help the Society grow, and would be pleased to see a large gathering at the meeting this season.

Yours truly,

F. A. Ward,

Nurserymen have to furnish their customers with nursery stock from a bonafied inspected Minnesota nursery, according to law, passed by the State Legislature at the 1913 session.

THE LAW READS AS FOLLOWS:

"Dealers or florists not owning nurseries and shipping by post, freight, express or otherwise must obtain from the state entomologist a special certificate in order to comply with the federal and state laws. Such certificate will be granted only to stock purchased in Minnesota from an inspected nursery."

"Railroad and express companies are hereby prohibited from accepting stock not tagged with certificate as above stated (and must promptly notify the shipper. If the shipper does not furnish a certificate, such companies shall report said fact with the name and address of party offering said stock for shipment to the state inspector.)"

PENALTIES.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 2389, Chapter 28, Revised Laws of Minnesota.

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OFFICE OF

RETAIL

The Saint Cloud Nursery Co.

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E. L. DOUGLASS,
SECRETARY

Saint Cloud, Minnesota,

Aug 18-1904

A W Latham Esq

Municipal Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I here with enclose you a
check of \$9⁰⁰ as life member of
your society. I have paid the other
\$1⁰⁰ making a total of \$10⁰⁰

Please change my address to
St Cloud, Minn R.F. No 5 please
and get the Route on the address as
there are a nother party here by
my name-

Yours truly

F. Alward,

Manager.

R.F. No 5

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

OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

August 4, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec.,
Minn. State Hort. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I am in receipt of your note of the 16th, embodying the resolution relative to the continuance and enlargement of the Owatonna Tree Station. This matter will be taken into consideration when the estimates are prepared for the next legislature.

Very truly yours,

A. F. Woods
Dean and Director.

Dictated A. F. Woods - D.

Copy to Mr. Wellington.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

STATE COLLEGE, PA.
July 27th, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Latham:-

Your favor of July 15th is at hand. The subjects which are mentioned in your letter will be satisfactory to me. I hope it will be possible for you to arrange the program so that I can speak at three successive sessions. It will be necessary for me to return to the College as soon as possible and I prefer not to lose more time than is necessary. Kindly inform me as soon as possible as to the exact date or dates when my services are desired.

Yours very truly,



W-S

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

July 18, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of July 15th has been received in the absence of Dean Watts, who is on his vacation and will not return until about August 1st.

I am sure that the subjects which you have suggested will be acceptable to Dean Watts.

Very truly yours,

Jean Sandstrom
Secretary to the Dean

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA. MINN.

July 16, 1914.

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

Dear Friend:

I want to say that I am glad to know that you have secured a vegetable grower for our program next winter. I am decidedly in favor of keeping up this end of our business. It is already a great and growing interest in our state and as near as I can find out has the least amount of attention in newspapers or magazines. I refer especially to the Market Gardner.

I was interested in your explanation of your expenses in collecting checks. I do not think our bank has charged us a cent for this - In the last three years. I don't know how they work this, but it does not appear on our books in any form. However, the excuse for keeping it up is certainly a petty piece of business.

Very truly,

WEDGE NURSERY.

Clarence Wedge

Dear Mr Latham - I have just gone over the expense acct of the society sent us June 8th.

Am pleased to notice that \$200 has come in from life fees. A life interest in the society of that many persons, ⁽²⁰⁾ is a real asset to the society, as well as a liability.

That expenditure for Farnsworth if all was one of the best investments we ever made. Would it not be well to get one such man each year and advertise it a little in the monthly and the program.

I note your item for "Collecting checks" each month, the city banks ought to deduct good dividends. They certainly know how to charge.

Cordially, Clarence Brown

State of Minnesota

ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

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

St. Anthony Park, July 10, 1914.

Secy. A. W. Latham,
State Horticultural Society,
Minneapolis.

My dear Mr. Latham:- I was glad to hear from you under date of July 8. You are both right and wrong in your interpretation of the law. The point is this:- We can inspect any premises whatever where we have reason to suspect the presence of injurious insects and at any time, and no one can ship by express or freight strawberry plants or raspberry plants without certificate attached. It seems a hardship, if a man wishes to send shrubbery or plants from his country place into a city place and is prevented from doing so unless he has a certificate. At the same time, we can hardly get a law but what will work some hardship. You will realize that it is, nevertheless a safeguard to prevent the spread of injurious insects within the State and a property owner may have some insect or plant disease and not be aware of it and by sending his stock without inspection, spread that undesirable pest or disease.

We are following out the letter of the law to the extent of inspecting all grounds that are listed as nurseries. As long as they pose as nurseries, they must be inspected whether they ship 25¢ worth or \$100. worth or \$200. or a \$1000. worth.

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I have no sympathy with a man who wishes to pose as a nurseryman, as shown by his letter heads and cards and objects to being inspected. I will be glad to talk this matter over with you. I think of you frequently and would drop into your office occasionally but I am on the jump in going through town to the Lake and am never sure of finding you in.

We are finding crown gall on raspberries very prevalent in our inspection and patrons of nurseries are complaining because their plants which they buy die on account of it and we are, in a measure, criticized for giving certificates to nurseries where crown gall exists. This habit of sending out crown gall plants is injuring the nursery business sorely materially, as well as bringing criticism upon the Inspection Service that we are refusing to give certificates to any nurseryman who has a large percentage of crown gall infested plants on his place. If a raspberry plant is four or five years old, one can generally tell, in this latitude, whether or not it has crown gall. If the leaves look sickly, or if they are few in number, or drooping, nine times out of ten, if that plant is pulled up, crown gall is found on the roots.

You may publish any part of this letter which seems important to you in the next issue of your magazine, if you so desire.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



State Entomologist.

State of Minnesota

ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

St. Anthony Park, July 14, 1914.

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

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Building,
Mpls.

My dear Mr. Latham:- I have your letter of July 13 and shall take pleasure in speaking along the lines you suggest, putting myself outside of the Inspection Service for the time being and looking at the question to which you refer as a citizen of the State. The exact title, however, of the paper must be a matter of conference between us. In other words, I should not want to agree implicitly to be advertised to speak exactly along the lines you suggest in quotation marks.

It would not do for Professor Ruggles to talk on the subject of "Crown Gall" because crown gall, being a disease of plants, belongs to the Plant Pathology Division and I would therefore suggest that Professor Stakman give that paper. I shall want to discuss it at the meeting in view of my experience in nursery inspection. I imagine this subject was suggested to you by my stating in my letter that we are finding it very destructive and abundant upon canes in Minnesota.

I will try and make an appointment with you some time to see you at your office.

Very truly yours,



State Entomologist.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
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June 6, 1914.

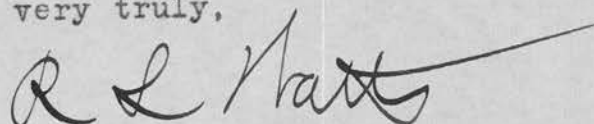
Mr. A. W. Lathan,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 3rd is at hand. In reply may I say that for a number of years I have confined my discussions at horticultural meetings to vegetable gardening. It would be folly for me to attempt to discuss fruit culture, floriculture, or any other phase of horticulture, because I have not been giving these other branches careful attention for a number of years and at all of these meetings there are experts who are perfectly familiar with every detail of different branches of horticulture, and it would, therefore, be folly for anyone to attempt of speak outside of his own specialty.

If you desire me to take up some general problem relating to rural improvement, I shall be pleased to do so, although my personal preference would be to discuss vegetable gardening topics. If desired, I might place special emphasis on truck crops which are suitable for companion cropping in orchards and you could then list the subject "Companion Cropping in Orchards". I should then discuss the matter in a general way with particular reference to certain crops that are desirable for companion cropping. Do you believe this would be a good proposition for your meeting? Then at another session I could speak on market gardening, referring to more intensive methods of vegetable gardening.

Yours very truly,



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THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

May 29, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 25th is at hand. I note that your horticulturists are most interested in orchards and that you inquire whether I will not speak on some phase of the orchard industry. May I say in this connection that I have not for a long time spoken on any phase of orcharding; my specialty is vegetable gardening; and I do not think it is desirable for me to speak on orchard topics. If you desire, I shall be glad to make two or three talks along the line of vegetable gardening - making one of the subjects "Vegetable Forcing" if you prefer. I might also speak at one time on "How to Grow Vegetables that Pay", and at another time on "Fundamental Principles of Vegetable Gardening" or some subject of this kind. It would seem that two talks would be ample, although I am willing to speak three times if you desire.

In view of the fact that I do not speak on fruit topics, I should not be in the least offended if you decide to drop me from your list of speakers, although I assure you that it would be a great pleasure to meet with your Association and to see your Agricultural College and meet the splendid corps of instructors which you have.

Yours very truly,



EVERGREENS THAT LIVE
**WEDGE
NURSERY**
FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA. MINN.

July 8th 1914

Friend Latham;

I happened on to some fair little photos that I had taken last season and thought if you could make use of any of them you would be welcome.

I suppose that the plates are lost , so if convenient the photos might be returned. I think the Hydrangea Arborescens is something that our people are overlooking . In shady places it is a gem , and you know it is sometimes troublesome to find things that do well in the shade. It has proved reliable with us for some six years or more.

Cordially yours,



EVERGREENS THAT LIVE

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA MINN.

July 7th 1914

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

Dear Friend;

Yours of the 1st found me just back from the Cleveland meeting of the Nurserymans Assn. where Mrs. Wedge and I had a most unusually fine time. The day spent at Painesville among the nurseries was especially notable. The Storrs & Harrison people have set a pace that is about killing to the ambition of common mortals. A thousand or more acres in the most perfect condition and showing the most even and perfect stand imaginable. The other nurseries in the neighborhood of which there are several grow ornamentals largely, one Martin Kohankie is exclusively in herbaceous perennials. I visited the seed grower Mr Huntington who mentioned the fact that he furnished you with some aster seed. He is a lively enthusiast, and had some very interesting novelties to show us.

I dont seem to be able to put my hands on the paper that you want. It is all safe and I will find it shortly. I had hoped to get some photos that were taken last Sept. but think that in some way they must have been spoiled by the party that took them. I am expecting to go again in Sept this year and will make a special effort to get some first class photos. This will give you time to get the paper into this years magazine will it not? The photos will help out the paper, especially if I can get the kind that I hope to. This also applies to the paper on perennials. But it seems to me that two papers from me is too much for one year. Cut out the last one. It is on a very commonplace subject and hastily written, I am too much in print anyhow.

Mrs Wedge and I greatly appreciate your enticing invitation to visit you at the lake. If you can hold it over for a year I think that we can accept. We seem to have taken our share of outing this season counting the Sept. camping trip that we have planned.

I could not consistently leave the primary elections. I have always preached a patriotic observation of election day. Did not notice the clash of dates till a day or two before.

A pretty long letter for hot weather reader.
July Horticulturist very interesting.

Cordially

Al. Minn.

June 15, 1914.

Mr. J. M. Underwood,
Lake City, Minn.

Dear Mr. Underwood:

Your letter of the 9th was duly received and I intended to answer it before this. It came too late to take up with the Board of Regents but I am sure that the Board will be glad to cooperate in the matter of locating the State Horticultural Building on these grounds. We offered to furnish location for a State Fair building which might be used to some extent jointly. I feel sure that if the Society can see its way clear to plan to put the building up, we can select a suitable site and the Board of Regents will approve it and cooperate to every extent within their power. I will take the matter up with them at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Dean and Director.

Dictated A. F. Woods - D.

Copy to Mr. Latham.

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN AND DIRECTOR

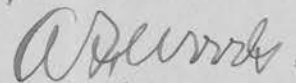
June 15, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Secretary,
State Horticultural Society,
Kasota Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

I am enclosing copy of a letter to Mr. Underwood on the same subject as yours of the 10th. I shall be very glad indeed to meet with you if you will let me know the hour. In fact I will be very glad to have you meet at my office at any time.

Very truly yours,



Dean and Director.

Dictated A. F. Woods - D.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND EXPERIMENT STATION

OFFICE OF DEAN AND DIRECTOR

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

May 20, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
207 Kasota Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:-

Your kind letter of May 15th is at hand. It affords me great pleasure to accept your invitation. I shall be very glad indeed for the opportunity of meeting with your people and of seeing the work of the Minnesota Agricultural College.

Will you kindly inform me as soon as possible as to the exact dates of the meeting, and also the subjects which you desire me to discuss? Last winter I made two talks before the Connecticut Horticultural Association and Vegetable Gardeners: one on "Some Fundamental Principles of Vegetable Gardening" ; the other "How to Grow Vegetables That Pay".

I should be glad to know your views regarding the lines of thought which you think I should take up at this meeting.

Very truly yours,



RLW-S

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NURSERY**

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA. MINN.

May 6-1914.

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

Dear Sir:- ✓

Mr. P. D. Van Horssen of Wilmont, Minn.,
wishes to enter in the acre model orchard offered
by the society.

We have written him that we would enter
the orchard for him and have asked him to send us
a drawing of the orchard as required in section 2
of the offer.

As soon as we get this we will send on
the same to you.

If there are any special papers that we
will need for this kindly send them to us, enough
for two or three entries.

Yours truly,

WEDGE NURSERY.

O. H. Jansley

Secy.

Apr. 31, 1914

Lake Weta Farm R. 4, Newbato
mimm

Mr. A. W. Latham Esq.

Dear Sir: I send you today
some apples from the seedling tree, of which
I spoke to you some years ago.

The apples were about two thirds as large this
year as usual.

The apples have been kept in my cellar with
potatoes and other vegetables.

This from a man eighty six years old two
weeks ago.

Most Respectfully Yours
Mark L. Wildes

The University of Minnesota
Department of Agriculture
West Central School and Station
Morris, Minnesota

✓ 100

March 10, 1914.

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

Dear Mr. Latham:

I am enclosing a check for my membership fee
for 1914.

I also enclose a copy of a circular letter which
was sent to all the nursery men in the state. You will find
it I think an outline of a piece of work which should be of very
great interest to all who grow trees. It is my hope during my
next trip to Minneapolis to come in and talk over some of the
phases of the work with you.

Very truly yours,

Robert Wilson

In Charge of Prairie Tree Planting
Investigations.

RW/BMM

Order
dated Feb. 14

St. James Feb. 3 - 1914

A. W. Latham

Dear Sir

I sent
you about 3 weeks ago a
one dollar bill with one of
the pink slips like the one
enclosed that was in my
pan. I remember but some one
must have grabbed it.
I never send P. O.

It was sent in one of your
printed Envelopes.

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,
207 Kasota Block, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Jan 1914

The Minn. State Bee-Keepers Socy.,

of which you are a member, being an auxiliary of this society, you thereby without additional expense to yourself become also a member of this society, and we welcome you to its ranks and the opportunity for useful co-operative service in horticulture which such relationship affords. Your membership ticket is herewith enclosed.

A. W. Latham, Secy.

Call

an

Assistant

Spengler

St. Louis.

for

Archaeological

Work

here.

IN SENDING IN NAME OF NEW MEMBER, IF CONVENIENT PLEASE FILL OUT AND USE THE FOLLOWING FORM

Lau 8% 191 *4*

- A. W. LATHAM, Sec'y Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Dear Sir:

Please enter the name of

Post office,

John Wilverding
....., as a member of the society for 191....., for which I enclose ~~\$1.00~~, the annual fee. Besides the Report and Magazine, you may send him plant premiums Nos.

13 twice For my premium in securing this new member please send me the following *4 small premiums sel. later.*

Signed

A. J. Wilverding
Post office *Beccourt & Dunbar*

SEND TO THE SECRETARY FOR MORE OF THESE FORMS AS NEEDED.

(OVER)

About the Minnesota State Horticultural Society

Have You Received

A copy of "Trees, Fruits and Flowers" for last year? In accepting this volume do not forget it is with the understanding that you will distribute the "Minnesota Horticulturist" received that year. Read what is said about this on page 3 of the Society Folder sent herewith.

The Society Folder

contains very full information about the society, and especially the great advantages of membership to the planter of fruits in this region. You will find it helpful in securing new members. Any quantity will be furnished free by the secretary.


Secure a New Member and

You will receive your selection from new list of valuable horticultural books, to be found in the "folder," 50 cents for each new member—or 30 cents in cash if preferred.

The New Member Will Receive

1. "Trees, Fruits and Flowers of Minnesota," cloth bound, 541 pages.
2. "The Minnesota Horticulturist," the society monthly, 40 pages each, full of live horticultural material, for the year.
3. Two Lots of Valuable Plant Premiums.
4. Membership in Largest Horticultural Society in America.

Four Dollars for One!

 The state prints all this material without expense to the society. Every tax payer helps to pay for its printing—by paying the \$1.00 annual dues he secures the great advantages of its use.

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Mr. A.W. LATHAM

Sec. HORTICULTURAL SOC. MINN.

Friend LATHAM :-

As understoedd BEEKEEPERS are members sine furter trouble, Well having been on a visiting tour ever apart of the State & in same time enjoyed the 2 Meetings of APY & HORTY CULTURE so YOU will agree that troubling with havy beeks was out of my doings.

Beeing this way an Auxil.... so YOU better send the Beek to my Son JOHN wilwerding (II) old, but only one monthly Magasine.

As having been neglected by sending the premiums twix already, think will send no mency untill the pre...ms arrive & than wait ????????????

New do'n't call a member again a crank when he calls for something he has a right as any other members have.

YOU May send this new member " Amateur fruit Grower " thence ::

Number 13 twice so it pays to p.. Express.

Calaming 2 more pr.. & no Skiles on till received them.

I remain

YOURS TRULY

A WILWERDING.

Send more folders, please!

Can't We get any Scions from the good big Plum seedlings send out last year? Call again for them!!!

Why not put that Ward
Auxiliary in the
Ward House

or Library, giving
Good Reports every year
and a Manual.

Our Pear Seedlings are getting
6-8 feet high but may be smaller
next spring as coming
now.



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Minnesota State Horticultural Society

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

Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn. 1/10/14

Clarence Wedge,
Albert Lea, Minn.

Dear Friend.-

The enclosed circulars, issued by the Art Association, I am sending to members of the board on account of an application by the commission that the Horticultural Society should help them make up the fund of \$350 offered in one of these circulars for a competition for an arrangement for planting a farmhouse yard. I don't exactly see why we should put up for this only that they are begging in every direction to raise the money, and they think we might enjoy taking a hand in it. We have the money of course, but it is going out faster these days than it is coming in. If you think it well to contribute \$50 to this fund or more you might indicate it and the secretary will know what to do in regard to it.

The circular says "approved and endorsed by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society". All there is to this is that I expressed my interest in this work that is along lines similar to what the Horticultural Society is moving.

The "list of plants" published which they speak of as "approved by this society" is simply the list prepared by Miss Elaise Butler connected with the park board here. I believe it is reliable, but as far as I know the society has never officially approved of it.

What do you think of this plan for a farm home anyway, which appears on the front page? The best that could be gotten up by the architects competing.

Cordially,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

I don't think we are authorized to use our funds in such a way. We will do our work, let them hustle in their own business. C.W.

J.H. WORST, LL.D.
PRESIDENT

W.A. YODER,
SECRETARY

NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
AND
GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENT STATION

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, NORTH DAKOTA.

DEPARTMENT OF
HORTICULTURE AND FORESTRY
C. B. WALDRON

Fargo, N.D.

January 13, 1914.

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

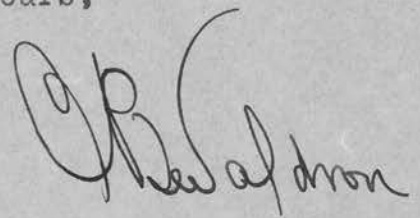
My dear Mr. Latham:-

Mr. Chinberg has just been up in my office talking over matters concerning the North Dakota Horticulture Society. We think we can manipulate matters so that we can get from fifty to one hundred members at our meeting next week. If therefore, you will send us fifty reports as suggested in your letter I think we can use them to a very good advantage.

Very truly yours,

CBW-MW

1.15.14





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Office (and Library) of

A. W. LATHAM, Secretary,

207 KASOTA BLDG.

Minneapolis, Minn.

12/22/13

Clarence Wedge,

Albert Lea, Minn.

Dear Friend.-

I am sending a copy of the enclosed letter to the nurserymen of the state to find out their attitude towards the proposed plan. If they enter into it heartily, as I trust they will, is there any objection on your part as a member of the executive board to our taking up with it again this year? A considerable number of new members came into the society in this manner last year, but an equally important reason for pursuing the plan lies in the fact that we shall be able to publish a list of the Minnesota Nurserymen continuously in our monthly, which is much desired I am sure by the membership. At the same time the nurserymen are doing something for the society in return.

Anticipating your hearty approval of this plan, I am,

Yours cordially,

A. W. Latham Sec'y.

O.K.

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Seems to be fine every way
Send us 100 of your folders
12.24.13
C.W.

EVERGREENS THAT LIVE

WEDGE NURSERY

FRUIT TREES THAT BEAR

ALBERT LEA. MINN.

January, 22-1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,
Sec'y Minn State Hort Society,
207 Kasota Block, Mpls., Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I, personally, want to compliment you on the change you have made in the model orchard. I am sure that it will insure a large list of entries for the conditions are so simple and practical and allow the planter something to choose from rather than a fixed condition that he must be wholly governed by.

We would be pleased to have you send us 500 copies of the printed instructions, and if you have any personal ideas as to the best method of presenting it to the agents we will appreciate your explaining them.

With best wishes, we remain,

Yours truly,

WEDGE NURSERY.

O. W. Fandler

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FRUIT DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS.

MBW:LVG

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
Minnesota State Hort. Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Jan. 19 about Otwell's Patented Tree Paint, made by the Minnesota Linseed Oil Paint Co., Minneapolis, Minn., has been referred to me.

We have had no experience with this material and have no knowledge concerning it. Recently, however, the Insecticide & Fungicide Board of this Department, charged with the enforcement of the Insecticide Act of 1910, has made three different collections of this material and it will be put through chemical analysis and tests. The information obtained in examining official samples is regarded as confidential unless the material is sold in violation of the law and the case has been brought to trial and settled in court. Then a notice of judgment is published giving the information about any shortcomings the material may have.

You may rest assured, however, that in case there is anything wrong with the material or any misleading statements on the label, the matter will be corrected as far as the Insecticide Act will permit.

Very truly yours,

M. B. Waite
Pathologist In Charge.

COPY.

January 20th, 1914.

Mr. L. H. Bugbee,

Carlton, Minn.

Dear Mr. Bugbee:

I have your letter of the 12th, and note what you say in regard to the Horticultural Society. There is some justification in your statement that all societies have reason to ask us to work for them; but the fact is, none of the others have asked that this be done. When enough of them do to make the work a serious burden, it is easy enough to discontinue. The State Horticultural Society probably has more material of value to distribute than any other state association. I have before suggested the use of a chart giving the names of all the societies, but I think this never brought in a membership, so there is not much hope in that sort of thing. I believe that, all things considered, it is best for you to present the proposition, taking not to exceed three or five minutes before noon, and not urging anyone to become a member of the society but simply stating that they publish a monthly magazine, an annual report, that they can do this because they are supported by the state, and that for a fee of \$1.00 they will get those publications and in addition whatever premium the society is offering. This is usually a copy of Amateur Fruit Growing. This will occupy very little time, and if you do not take the attitude of urging them to subscribe, it will in no way conflict with advertising the Institutes as free; it will simply be offering your services if anyone wishes to become a member. I

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do not want to take the attitude of soliciting members, and I know you do not, but I think there is no harm for the present at least, in offering people a chance to join if they wish to. To do this, it would be necessary for you to have with you a few books. I do not feel that you will need many, because very few people will join, unless solicited, which you will, of course, not do. A few books can be carried along without much burden.

Yours very truly,

A. D. Wilson
Superintendent.

ADW- S

Score Card to be Used in Judging

One Acre Prize Orchard.

Form of Trees.

- Density of trees. They should be sufficiently open to mature fruit well, but not so much so as to invite sunscald. 10
- Height of head from ground. Should be about 2 ft. 6 in. 10
- Alignment of trees in orchard. Lay out the orchard so the trees will be in line both ways. 10
- Balance of head. Branches should be distributed evenly around the tree, somewhat closer on the southwest side. 10
- Uniformity of size and shape. Each variety in the orchard to be scored in this respect by itself and an average taken of the whole number. (The fewer varieties planted the greater the probabilities in securing uniformity.). 20

Integrity of Orchard.

Each tree missing from the orchard detracts from the score 5% of the whole number of trees in the orchard.

Health of Trees.

- Health of branches and trunk 15
- Health of foliage 15
- Health of fruit. (Should there be no fruit on the trees the figures on the two preceding items should be changed to 20 each.) 10

N.B. Recent injuries from hail or wind not severe enough to interfere with the correctness of judgment by the judges are not to be considered by the judges in passing upon the orchard.

I don't think ~~productiveness~~ ~~quality of fruit~~, except as provided under health of fruit should be taken into account. The better thrift of tree at that age (7 yrs) the less fruit they will be likely to carry. at 15 yrs of age productiveness would need to be counted.

I would not have this in but it is probably just a bad or early part of ~~the~~ quality of fruit

OK Clarence W. [unclear]

The University of Minnesota

University Extension Service

University Farm, St. Paul

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION
AND FARMERS' INSTITUTES

January 22d, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham,

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Latham:

Your letter of the 13th received. I am sending you herewith copy of letter I have just written to Mr. Bugbee, which I think will cover the ground. I will be pleased to hear from you if there is anything further you think I ought to add to it.

Yours very truly,

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION DIVISION,

A. D. Wilson

Director.

ADW-S

Enc.

State of Minnesota

ENTOMOLOGIST'S OFFICE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

St. Anthony Park, Feb. 10, 1914.

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

Secy. A. W. Latham,
Kasota Building,
Mpls.

My dear Latham:

The questions and answers, as you put them in the last number of the Horticulturist, are all right. I am going to make, however, one suggestion; namely, that you put at the head of these short filling articles the words,

"Question and Answer Exercise at Winter Meeting". This will explain its being in the magazine at this time. I hope you see it as I do.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

F. L. Washburn

State Entomologist.

A question answered at the annual meeting.

D. C. WEBSTER
FRUIT
GROWER
LA CRESCENT, MINN.

Feb. 13, 1914.

A. W. Latham Secy.
Minneapolis
Minn.

Dear Sir.— The apple of Mr. Gross' received and it appears to be very promising and I think we should investigate further.

I will make it a point to visit the tree soon and find out all I can about it. I think I can most conveniently stop off next Thursday.

I called up his home yesterday by phone but he himself had not yet returned from Mpls.

Yours very truly
D. C. Webster

D. C. WEBSTER
FRUIT
GROWER
LA CRESCENT, MINN.

Feb 20 1914

A. H. Latham
Minneapolis
Minn

Dear Sir:— I visited Mr Gross yesterday and saw his seedling apple tree. He has represented things about as they seem to be. There is no question in my mind about its being a genuine seedling. There is no signs of blight or any other disease or weakness that I can discover, the tree of course has had no show, it is grown about another tree and neither have ever been trimmed, if the other tree was cut out this tree would present a very ungainly appearance so it is hard to tell what shape tree it would naturally be if it had a chance. There is a few dead branches in it at present being broken by their load of fruit. It evidently had a big load on last year. He says at least six and his hired man says ten bu. and has bourn regular since he has noticed it. I think it will

D. C. WEBSTER

FRUIT
GROWER

LA CRESCENT, MINN.

bloom next year but not heavy. He says the apples hang on good, thinks he picked them this year about Oct 10. but a good many had dropped off already.

There seems to be about 100 trees scattered about on this hillside. I only saw one that had blighted last year, others however are dying from other causes. This tree seems to be as healthy as it can be. What it will do in a less favorable location remains to be seen. This bunch of trees is very favorably located on side hill, east slope, protected on north and west by bluffs, clay soil.

I advised him to do as you wished about getting it out to be tested, which would probably be at the fruit breeding farm and perhaps a few of the trial stations. He is very guarded about its getting away from him. He thinks he has something very valuable and he wants to realize all he can from it which of course is proper

D. C. WEBSTER
FRUIT
GROWER
LA CRESCENT, MINN.

I secured 4 scions which I will top work with the understanding that they will be used for trial only.

As to changing the La Crescent trial station to my place I have decided to accept should you wish to make a change. Mr. Harris and I could no doubt cooperate for a time while the change was taking place.

I do not wish it understood that I am soliciting this in any way, but from a sense of duty only. I think we should have a trial station at this place and if I assume that responsibility I will endeavor to give it the necessary attention.

Yours fraternally
D. Webster

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FRUIT DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS.

MBW:LVG

Washington, D. C., March 7, 1914.

Mr. A. W. Latham, Sec'y,
Minnesota State Hort. Soc.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I find that I still have on my desk your second letter of Jan. 29 about Otwell's patented tree paint, in which you suggested that if I learned anything further about this preparation you would be glad to know of it. Mr. Wallace, who does the work of the Insecticide & Fungicide Board in plant pathology, has looked up the two samples which have been collected by the Board and finds as follows:

There are two kinds of this tree paint; one for winter use, and another for summer use. The paint for winter use, according to the analysis given on the label, contains flour of sulphur 1.2%, tar 7%, tobacco extract 1.5%, calcium oxide 4.6%. The label states that this is the best preparation ever discovered to protect against rabbits, mice, and vermin of all kinds. Puts trees in very brightest, healthiest growing condition. This is recommended to be used only for winter treatment. Certain cautions are given concerning the time for applying it, stating that it should not be applied when the trees are frozen nor before the cold weather of winter sets in. The recommendations are to clean away from the tree, scrape off the rough bark, and paint with a brush, rubbing it in well.

(A. W. L.--2)

The summer paint is said to be composed of sulphur 1.17%, calcium oxide 5.4%, tobacco extract 1.17%, and the remainder inert material. This is recommended to be the best preparation ever discovered to protect against borers, black aphid, sun scald, etc., and their directions are to apply it at any time during the growing season when the trees are in full leaf.

We did not have a sample of either of these preparations assigned to us for test and we know nothing as to what effect they would have against the pests for which they are recommended, and we do not know anything concerning their effect on the trees further than can be surmised from their composition.

I am sorry that we are obliged to give you such a negative answer concerning this preparation.

Very truly yours,

M. B. Waite
Pathologist In Charge.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co.

Dyestach Minn. 2/28 1914

A. W. Latham Esq.
Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir,

Please book me for plant premiums No^s 2 and 6. I expect to plant an acre orchard to try for that premium, but it is hard to tell what to plant unless one knew what points the orchard will be served on and percentages of each.

Has such a table been prepared yet?

Yours Truly

W.S. Widmeyer

P.S. Chas. Gisch Dyestach Minn. says to send him premiums Number 2 and 3 W.S.W.

D. C. WEBSTER
FRUIT
GROWER
LA CRESCENT, MINN.

Mar 31, 1914

A. H. Latham Secy,
Minneapolis
Minn.

Dear Sir: Please enter my name
in the prize orchard contest.

Yours etc
D. C. Webster