REPORT FROM NORTHEASTERN IOWA SOCIETY.

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The eighteenth annual meeting of the Northeastern Iowa Horticultural Society was held at Nora Springs, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 16, 17 and 18, 1902, and it being my pleasure to attend the same acting in the capacity of delegate from our state Society.

When I received the program and noted the place of meeting, the first thing I thought of was that at Nora Springs I would have an opportunity to get acquainted with the veteran horticulturist, Edson Gaylord, and have an opportunity to view with my own eyes the work of this veteran pioneer in horticulture, and it gives me pleasure to state that I found the old gentleman had thoroughly demonstrated the practicability of theories of top grafting with many very fine specimen trees in his orchard.

Upon arriving at Nora Springs it was with considerable pleasure I found that our old horticulturist war horse, A. J. Philips, was already on the ground. He immediately took me under his wing and I soon found myself well acquainted with the horticulturists of northeastern Iowa with my headquarters established in one of the many fine homes of which Nora Springs abounds.

Apples seemed to be the main thing under consideration throughout the entire session. Varieties on exhibition were similar to those grown in our state, but somewhat inferior in general appearance and size. Sunscald seemed to be the great drawback to the successful growing of the apple. Melinda was held up and lauded to the skies as a variety that was remarkably free and exempt from this trouble. Our Iowa people were quite enthusiastic over the N. W. Greening and Windsor.

The general opinion arrived at was that if trees were properly top grafted on hardy stocks, viz.: Hibernal and Virginia Crab, most of the good varieties could be successfully grown throughout the district.