

John Corse—I think it is because the Wilson are so much later that they bring a better price in Racine market. The growers have not commenced shipping to any amount yet. I think it is because of their lateness that they bring more and stand so well with the growers there.

Prof. Goff—I took the report of the American Pomological Society, which gives reports for all sections of the United States. I expected to find that the Wilson had been superseded. As a rule I did not find it so. The Wilson stood first and the Crescent next. I think the plan pursued by J. M. Smith is the one that will keep up the character of the plants.

Motion to strike out was lost.

V. H. Campbell—I move that the premium list be revised and amended at this meeting. Motion prevailed.

A. D. Barnes—I move that the chair appoint a committee for that purpose. Motion carried and the president appointed the committee on awards to revise the premium list and make such changes as they deemed necessary.

Adjourned.

WAUPACA COUNTY AS SEEN FROM ABROAD.

By A. J. Philips, Secretary State Horticultural Society.

Since my first visit to your county some ten years ago and during several visits since that time, I have entertained pleasant recollections of your natural advantages, pleasant surroundings and hospitable people. Your thirteen beautiful sheets of water, making up the Chain O'Lakes that almost encircle your county seat, are not surpassed in our state for attractiveness. On the banks of these you furnished the site to build cottages for those from our state who offered their lives for the preservation of our government. It indeed looks good to see the old soldiers comfortably provided for and spending their declining years in nice quarters with such pleasant surroundings. To look from the bank of the lake across the grounds and read in large letters Governor Rusk Hall brings back remembrances of that noble man, brave soldier, good governor and efficient secretary of agriculture. If

anything is found here that one from abroad covets, especially if he has to pump water three hundred feet, it is your beautiful artesian wells. I've seen as many as three on one farm and many I have seen by the road side, offering spontaneously the best drink ever furnished man or beast without money and without price. Then, too, you can boast of more good seedling apple trees than any county in Wisconsin. The one described yesterday by Mr. Hollis Gibson is a grand old landmark. I've stood under its branches and it took me back to my boyhood days among the large apple trees of the east. The Veteran tree standing less than two miles from the beautiful spot where we now stand, is one of the most handsome apple trees in Wisconsin. It is now loaded with fruit. Prof. Goff has a picture of it. From abroad I oftentimes think of your trees with a history that I have visited—the old Wolf River, N. W. Greening, Mary, Jenny, Casey, Ratsburg, Granite Sweet, Bessie, Wisconsin Russet, Alden, Wrightman or Ruth, and many others. I am reminded of them because I have them all growing and a number of them fruiting in my own orchard at present. From abroad I am free to say, that within your borders you have a lot of good, kind and hospitable people. Why, uncle Wm. A. Springer is one of the most unselfish horticulturists that lives. He has sent free to growers from Maine to Colorado trees and cions of your best new seedlings. He collected and exhibited at New Orleans a show of seedling apples from this county that brought compliments and astonished the visitors from all over the world.

Through you and his generosity Waupaca county seedlings are seen in nearly every fruit catalogue in the northern states. A Waupaca county seedling, the seed of which he claims to have planted, took more money in premiums at the New Orleans exposition, than any seedling apple in the United States. Why, you have a man here in the sound of my voice who rode all night in a stage coach with Abraham Lincoln, an honor indeed. He became tired of Waupaca county and went to the fruit garden of the west Michigan to live, but in less than two years he became homesick and has come back to spend

his days amid the attractions of Waupaca county. I refer to my friend Wakefield who is to follow me in an interesting paper on Waupaca county as seen at home. Time is passing and I close, having spoken of only a few of the many pleasant things seen in your county by a representative from abroad.

WAUPACA COUNTY AS SEEN AT HOME.

J. Wakefield, Fremont.

I have been asked to prepare a paper, to read at this meeting, giving "Waupaca County as Seen at Home." I could tell you how we "natives" see it, but you might ridicule my conclusions, and make fun of our pretensions. But you are here to see for yourselves. I am glad we have so many visitors at this time, so many intelligent men and women, for I have long noticed that horticulturists as a class are the most intelligent people we have. We want you to look the ground over, and then excuse us for being a little proud of our county.

Other counties may have equal attractions—Wisconsin is full of such. We firmly believe that no state in the union can boast of a more health-giving climate, more good land to the acre, more prospering industries according to population, no better or more industrious citizens, in short, no more of anything that tends to make a state or nation respected, great and prosperous.

A true patriot loves his country, and is ever ready to speak a good word for it, if need be brag a little about it, and, if not too cowardly, fight for it. It is his country; his home is there, and home to him is the dearest spot on earth. Other countries may have superior attractions for the average human, but not for him.

That is what ails us. We love our county. We have perhaps spent the biggest portion of our valuable lives in it, we have learned to appreciate its many advantages. Our homes have long been in it, and we expect to spend our remaining days here, and die here,—if we live long enough.