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### RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Thomas Coleman Younger, a prisoner serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Prison, has made an application to the Board of Managers of said institution, for a parole; and

WHEREAS, The said Thomas Coleman Younger, has not, to the knowledge of this Board, served a previous sentence in any prison for felony, and this Board is satisfied that his deportment during the entire period of his imprisonment has been as nearly perfect as is possible, and it is believed that there is a strong and reasonable probability that he will live and remain at liberty without violating the law, and that his release will not be incompatible with the welfare of society; and

WHEREAS, The said Thomas Coleman Younger, has now served under his life sentence more than thirty-five years less the diminution which he would have been allowed by law for good conduct had he been sentenced for a term of thirty-five years, and is, in consequence, eligible to parole under Section 7510 of the 1894 General Statutes of the State of Minnesota, as amended. Now, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Board is favorably inclined to the granting of a parole to the said Thomas Coleman Younger, and that the Secretary be directed to forward to the Honorable Board of Pardons, a copy of this Resolution accompanied by the application of the prisoner, and respectfully requests that the written consent of the members of the Honorable Board of Pardons be given to the paroling of the prisoner Thomas Coleman Younger.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers.

Attest

Boxtelom President.

Secretary.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section I. That Section 7510 of the General Statutes of the State of Minnesota be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Prison shall have authority, under such rules and regulations as the governor may prescribe, to issue a parole to any prisoner who is now, or hereafter may be imprisoned in said state prison, whether committed on a time sentence or on the reformatory plan, or for life, Provided:

- I. That no convict shall be paroled who is known to have served previous sentence in any prison for felony.
- 2. That no convict who is serving a time sentence shall be paroled until he shall have served at least one-half of the full term for which he was sentenced, not reckoning any good time.
- 3. That no congist who is serving under life sentence shall be pareled until he shall have served under such sentence thirty-five (35) years, less the diminution which he would have been allowed by law fee good conduct had he been sentenced for a term of thirty-five (35) years.

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Geographical parole limits may be fixed in each such case, wholly within this state, which limits may be enlarged or reduced according

to the conduct of the prisoner so paroled.

4. That such convicts, while on parele, shall remain in the legal custody and under the control of the board of managers, and subject at any time to be taken back within the enclosure of said prison; and full power to retake and reimprison any convict so upon parele is hereby conferred upon said board, whose written order, certified by the warden, shall be sufficient warrant foe all efficiers named in it to authorize such officiers to return to actual custody any cenditionally released or pareled prisoner; and it is hereby made the duty of all efficiers to execute said order; the same as ordinary criminal process.

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5. That in considering applications for parole, it shall be unlawful for the board of managers of the state reformatory to entertain any petition, receive any written communication or hear any argument from any attorney or other person not connected with the said prison or reformatory in favor of the conditional pardon of any prisoner; but the said board of managers may, if they deem proper, institute inquiries by correspondence, or otherwise, as to the previous history or character of any prisoner.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Sec. M. Bennett,

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Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22nd 1900

Gen. C .Mc C Reeve

Stillwater

Dear Sir. I have not seen Cole Younger nor Jim for nearly a year . I would like an interview ,but have been informed that they are not allowed to see a visitor but once a month . If this be true ,I might make the trip without results . I dislike to make the trip on uncertainties ,and write to ask if, in case I come over within a week I can see them , and if I can, the hours of of the day on which I would be expected to call

Most Sincerely Yours

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March 25, 1901.

W.C.Bronaugh, Esq.,

Ad o

Lewis Station, Mo.

Dear Mr. Bronaugh:-

I have your valued inquiry of the 20th inst., in behalf of the Younger brothers, and in reply would say, that I have no doubt but what the bill now before the legislature will pass. It has already passed the House, and has been recommended for passage by a Committee of the whole in the Senate, by a good majority, so I have no doubt that it will pass the Senate also, and will receive the Governor's signature and become a law in a very short time.

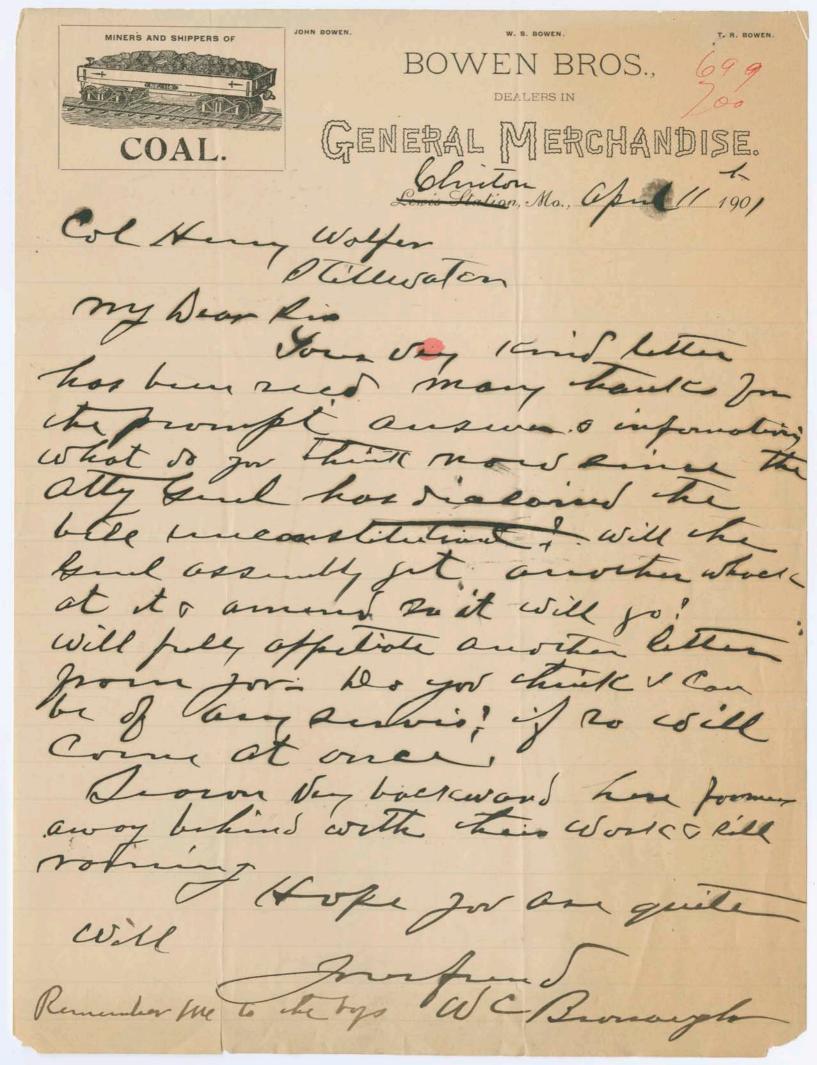
Judge Start is still on the Supreme Bench, but I do not think that the amendment to the bill which provided that it would require the consent of the Board of Pardons before the Board of Managers of the prison could grant them a parole, will stand in the way of a parole being granted. In other words, I do not believe that Judge Start, or any other member of the Board of Pardons will object to a parole when strongly recommended by the Board of Managers and Warden of the prison.

The geographical provisions of the bill as I understand them, are, that while on parole under the provisions of this law, they will be required to remain within the jurisdiction of the State of Minnesota, and under the control of the management of this institution. I have no doubt, however, that after they are out on parole for awhile, and prove themselves

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worthy of the freedom granted them, as I knew they will do, that the Board of Pardons may enlarge their liberties or possibly grant them a pardon under conditions that will allow them to return to Missouri, provided they wish to do so.

Very truly yours,



Seo. Wb. Bennett,
Olttorney,
Selfguaranty Loan.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 30th 1901

Henry Wolfer Estr Stillwater Minn.

Dear Sir ; No doubt you have noticed newspaper reports of mv filing petith and letters with the Cov. for the purpose of sustaining the effort of your self and the Coard of Managers to parole the Youngers.

My idealn filing thue early .wasto give the members of the Pardonin board ampletime to examine them .as they will no doubt have virtually madeup their minds before the 8th July as to what they will do .The contents of those papers may assist them in arriving at a conclusion in the right direction , and will bevery substantial backing for them in so doing .I expected also that the newspapers would give currency to some of the favorable facts stated in the documents , and and to the high character of the petitioners which would have a tendency to stop the mouths of objectors in advance .especially with all catholics who will respect the position of Arch Bishop I reland without hesitation . If Judge Start feels that he needs any backing intaking favorable action , he has certainly has it in that file. There are a few excels a names! think I can add now (if I can get the time ) that will adostill more to the strength of the situation .

The thingseems to be working well .as all of the Metropolitan papers have givenverygood account of the namesand facts as shown in the roll without

an unfavorable comment so far as I have observed .

I filed the parers with a letter to the Cov. stating that I filed them for the purpose of sustaining the parele proposition, although most of the signatures advocate pardon. If parele is denied the papers can be used to sustain commutation, and finally for pardon, which is of course the litimate enddesired. I maybe called away to the Black Hills anyday, and thought best to dropyoua line.

The validity of the passage of that Deming law will probably bediscussed as wellasits constitutionality. I have an idea that there lies the main danger now still I believe the law will stand the test asto itspassage, and the frequent action of Judge Start in non-judicial duties heretofore sought very Truly Yours

to disabuse the law of its alleged

GEO.M.BENNETT

unconstitutionality .

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A. T. COLE, LAMYER. ROOMS 5 AND 6 MORRIS BLOCK.

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, July 1st 1901.

Warden State Penetentiary, Stillwater,

Minn.

Now that the time is close at hand when is to be made an application for the parole of the Youngers, long prisoners, I desire to express my opinion that their parole and final parden would not only be in the interest of humanity, but also in accord with all the dictates of mercy and humanity that ought to obtain in the administration of justice throughout every portion of the United States in this, the new Century. The parole of the Youngers, and their final pardon, it seems to me would be a move distinctly in from of criminal reform and I am persuaded that the balance of their lives would be devoted to the purpose of setting such an example to others by both act an deed as would have adirect tendency to teach men to refrain from doing avil, and to live up to right standards. Besides, the Youngers have had such an experience as would give them the facts and information permitting them to be of great service to those who has the catrol and management of penal institutions. These boys were not rapite; they were not violators of the family homes or the robbers of virtue; they were not midnight assassins who killed for the sake of thekilling; they were not the destroyers of child life; while they were guilty of murder no doubt, they were not men who tortured.

A. T. COLE, LAMYER. ROOMS 5 AND 6 MORRIS BLOCK.

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA,

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by longer denying them their liberty. Their conduct, as I understand it, has been exemplary. It has all the way through commended itself to the management of the Penetentiary. The law has no element of vengeance in it and he who so construes it as to include vengeance as a part of the law is not abreast of the times and is not fitted to interpret it. An honest people admire men of conviction and the determination and will to do right. If it is right that the Youngers should be paroled and obtain finally a full mardon, then let it be done. I believe it is right it should be done and I believe the Minnesota board, will do the right fearlessly.

You may make such use of this letter as you

desire.

Respectfully,

XI. 7. Cole.





48TH DISTRICT

C. B. BUCKMAN
LITTLE FALLS

Thirty-Second Session.

July 10 1901

Hon Henry Wolfen My Dear Wolfer After Waling you shis morning a France saggerted that we offen Cole Jounger the Portini of House Clark here. Me have just .
buier a good House and have leared is formary cun the Hour at Mankalo The House will open in a four days While the salary will be mudel yet the position would be descraber. What do you think of it! I will ask me! Snow not to their any one until we have from you yours Tung MButhman

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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA, July 11 1901.

Warden of the Penetatiary, Stillwater,

Minn.

I desire to congratulate you on the good work done by you in the interest of the parcle of the Younger boys. To have kept them longer in prison, would in my opinion, have been a case of gross injustice. I am quite certain that James, and the smaller of the two men who were killed at Northfield shaked grain for two days for my father near Blooming Prairie Minnesota prior to the raid. Father was an "old Norwegian" and we lived in a loghouse at the time. An older brother, myself and two sisters, besides father and mother, were at home at the time. My brother threw and caught ball with James if I remember rightly and think possibly he sparred with him. They boys were not a success at shocking and admitted they were not used to it. When the picture of the two men shot at Northfield were printed in the Pioneer Press, we irmediately recognised the smaller as as one of the shockers. When the Younger boys were captured and theirpictures printed in the paper we immediately recognised James as the other "shocker" . Please ascertain if I am correct. I will be in St. Paul shortly and will come to Stilwater if the the boys are not away by that time.

Respectfully,

A. 7. Cole.



St. Paul, Minn. 7/18/1901.

Henry Wolf, Warden,

Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I learned in this city yesterday from a gentleman that you were thinking unkindly of me for some reason. I cannot imagine the cause.— I have always looked upon you as my friend, and I have no recollection of ever uttering a word in regard to you that was not in your favor, and if there is any such thing existing, I think it due me that you should notify me and tell me what it is and who the author is. As I stated yesterday, I have always looked upon you as my friend, and I hope that you will write me along this line at once.

I will leave tomorrow morning for Missouri, and hope to hear from you upon my arrival home.

Very respectfully, etc.,

W6 Bronaugh

Personal.

Seo. Wb. Bennett, attorney, BI4 GUARANTY LOAN.

> Henry Wolfer Esor Stillwater Minn.

ALL COURTS U. S. LAND DEPT Minn, July 22nd 1901

Dear Sir . Cole came over on Friday and I suppose went back Sat. evening or vesterday as I left him at Zenwoodlate in the afternoon , and he rather exeected to go over in the evening . I was with him the greater portion of the time while he was here, and went around to see those to whom a call seemed to be due , and in so doing he met of course a great many people .capturing themall, including those who had been his enemies . Rep. Carl wallace who opposed the parole bill . we the party who moved the previous guestion and shut off debate on the parole bill at both sessions , received him cordially .Up at the Tribune office they made a great demonstration . seceiving him with open arms . the entire force of editors and reporters joining in .except Hats Hamblin . and he was courteous . Murphy the principal owner of the paper sent forhim , and we ment up to his sanctum , meeting a most cordial reception . He held us for a half hour , and we then had to pull away . Murphy going with us

Geo. W. Bennett, Attorney,

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to introduce us to Hambling. I could get Cole applace somewhere on that par er after a little when public curiosity has been satisfied or in plenty 6 other places that will not be objectionable in the least , and cannot be remarded as advertising dodges . Judging from my observation while hewas here ! am satisfied that while the interest of the public will continue in a reasn able normal degree . that within 10 days after it becomes a common thing to see himon the street .he will come and go and attend to his business like the rest of us . and the public will sav , that it was just the thing to part the men , and just the thing , to allow them to remain in the twin cities and go about singly instead of going together . Cole simply captures all he talk. to, and they in turn capture all of their friends for him . He can meet so many people quietly here and at St. Paul and Stillwater . and making friends and advocates of all he meets, will result before snow flies in his having those cities solid for pardon , and the country willfill line . If it goes in the country as it does here . it would seem tome we could make the boys a Christmas present of a pardon .

Sec. W. Bennett, Attorney,

ALL COURTS U. S. LAND DEPT.

Gole can if you approve at home with me when here and not cope in too much of a hurry to get to work , after which he would have titte opertunity to make friends . He is picking up general information rapidly .catching up with the times .takes great interest in all improvements de. I do not think that attention he is getting will unsettle him in the least : think he will prove himself the man we have beleived him to be and have no cause to regret hat ing given him the helping hand .

He can have a chair with me in my office for the next month or so and assis me in selling some stock of the Dakota Mining and Milling Co , with the post bility of making very good pay , and meanwhile be in a position to take 'up any permanent work you think best to but him at . There could be no sensation alism about that : I am not in the brokerage business . The stock of that co is well known. They are one of the most conservative and solid concerns in & the Black Hills . Their big plant now building starts up about Aug. 1st and they have money enough in the Treasury to pay for it in full wden completed, "Yea. Wb. Bennett, Attarney,

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There is not a corporation in Minn. on a more solid foundation, and none of them with the certainty of large returns on investmenty They care not looking for ore , for they have all in sight that the new mill can treat in 25 years at 100 tons per day, Most of the Treasury stock offered was taken up by the business men of Deadwood , the Cashier of the First Nat. Jank taking \$5.00000 worth . I can post Cole in one days time so he can handle the business . There is only a limited amt of stock offered , which would doubtless be dise posed of within a month . I offer the Commercial Club to pay the expenses 6 a man to go out and investigate the company and its properties , if they wil make their report public . I simply throw this in as a suggestion and do not press it , although . I am sure it would be a good thing for Cole . It would be not put any money in my pocket, for I should give him the big end of any work he may accomplish. He could break off any day you might wish to put him at something else . If you should be coming over would like you to phone me in advance , so I may see you . Wy phone is 316 Main

Sincerel Yours

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### MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,

STILLWATER, MINN.

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#### PAROLE AGREEMENT.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the Board of Managers of the Minn-
esota State Prison, desiring to test the ability of
Manager an inmate of said Prison, to refrain from crime, and
lead an honorable life, do, by virtue of the authority conferred upon them
by law, hereby parole the said . C. Youngen,
and allow him to go on parole outside the buildings and enclosure of said
Prison, but not outside the State of Minnesota, subject, however, to the
following rules, regulations and conditions, as made and provided by law,
and by the rules governing the conduct of life prisoners while on parole:
1. He shall not exhibit himself in any Dime Museum, Circus, Theatre,
opera House, or any other place of public amusement or assembly where a
charge is made for admission.

- 2. He shall proceed at once to the place of employment provided for him, viz: With Ph Patroon of Stellwook Much and there remain until further orders.
- 3. In case he finds it desirable to change his employment or residence he shall first obtain the written consent of the said Board of Managers, through the Warden of said State Prison.
- 4. He shall, on the twentieth day of each month, write the Warden of said State Prison a report of himself, stating whether he has been constantly at work during the last month, and if not, why not; how much he has earned, and how much he has expended, together with a general statement as to his surroundings and prospects, which must be endorsed by his employer.
- 5. He shall in all respest conduct himself honestly, avoid evil associations, obey the law, and abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.
- 6. As soon as possible after reaching his destination, he shall report to An Order parole, and at once enter upon the employment provided for him.
- 7. He shall, while on parole, remain in the legal custody and under the control of said Board of Managers.
- 8. He shall be liable to be re-taken and again confined within the enclosure of said State Prison for any reason that shall be satisfactory to the Board of Managers, and at their sole discretion.

9. This parole to take effect and be in force only upon the unanimous consent and approval of the members of the State Board of Pardons, expressed in writing.

The management of said State Prison has a lively interest in the subject of this parole, and he need not fear or hesitate to freely communicate with the Warden in case he loses his situation, or becomes unable to labor by reason of sickness or other disability.

Given in duplicate this 6 day of 1901.

By the MANAGERS MIDNESOTA STATE PRISON.

Countersigned: Wolf

the lierby severally consent to this parole on the conditions therein named.

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Daled July 10 = 1901

S.R. Nautant Hoverson Chus G. Stan Chief Juter Sup. St. Wallace B. Douglas. alloman general

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Signed in duplicate this 33 rd day of Suly 1901.

Lole Grounger,

## WARDEN'S OFFICE.

Stillwater, Minn.	1901.
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THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into on this twenty-third day of July, A.D., 1901, by and between P.N.Peterson, of Stillwater, Minnesota, doing business as P.N.Peterson Granite Company, at Number 104 East Fifth Street, in the City of St.Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, and at Number 145 North Main Street, in the City of Stillwater, Washington County, Minnesota, party of the first part, and Henry Wolfer, as Warden of Minnesota State Prison, party of the second part, WITNESSETH:

That whereas one Thomas Coleman Younger, an inmate of Minnesota State Prison, has been by the Board of Managers of said State Prison, with the consent and approval of the members of the State Board of Pardons of the State of Minnesota, duly paroled as by law authorized and provided, and said party of the first part is desirous and willing to take said Thomas Coleman Younger into his employ, as hereinafter specified and provided, and subject always to the several provisions of law of the State of Minnesota and all of the rules and regulations of any officer, officers or boards of officers of said State having jurisdiction and authority in reference thereto; and

Whereas, said party of the second part approves and consents to such employment subject to the conditions and provisions herein set forth:

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the premises and the statute in such case made and provided, said party of the first part doth hereby promise and agree that he will take said Thomas Coleman Younger into his employ, to continue in such employment during the term of one year from the torady much day of July, 1901, unless said Thomas Coleman Younger shall be sooner fully and finally discharged from the custody or control of the State of Minnesota. That he will so employ said Thomas Coleman Younger as a travelling salesman within the State of Minnesota and only employ him in the sale of marble and granite monuments, tombstones and other merchandise of the kind now sold and dealt in by said party of the first

part. That he will not require or permit the said Thomas Coleman Younger to exhibit himself in any dime museum, circus, theatre, opera house, or other place of public amusement or assembly where a charge is made for admission, and that he will not place the said Thomas Coleman Younger in charge of or require or permit the said Thomas Celeman Younger to take charge of any exhibition or display of merchandise, goods or other commodity at any state or county fair, or at any other public assemblage. That he will pay to the said Thomas Coleman Younger the sum of Sixty Dollars, (\$60.00) per month in monthly instalments, for the services rendered by him in pursuance hereof, and in addition thereto he will pay the reasonable travelling expenses of said Thomas Coleman Younger while engaged in the business of said party of the first part, and that he will furnish and provide board and lodging to said Thomas Coleman Younger at such time or times, if any there be during said year, as he shall not be travelling for the business of said party of the first part, and that the amount of such travelling expenses and the kind, quality and place of such board and lodging shall be such at all times as shall be approved by said party of the second part. That he will not at any time require or permit said Thomas Coleman Younger to go outside the State of Minnesota. That he will at all times take a friendly interest in said Thomas Coleman Younger and counsel and direct him in that which is good and will promptly report to the Warden of said Minnesota State Prison any unnecessary absence from work, any tendency to low or evil association or any violation of the conditions of his parole, and that he will see that the said Thomas Coleman Younger forwards regularly his monthly report to said Warden on the first day of each month, and that he will certify to its being correct.

It is mutually understood and agreed that said Thomas Coleman Younger shall not, during the time of his said employment, without the permission of said party of the first part, be permitted or authorized to sell or expose for sale any goods or lines of merchandise other than as hereinbefore specified.

And that any violation of the terms hereof or of the laws

of Minnesota, or other lawful regulations in relation to the employment of said Thomas Coleman Younger or in relation to this contract, shall be sufficient warrant for the immediate revocation by said party of the second part of this contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal and said party of the second part has approved these presents the day and year first above written.

IN PRESENCE OF

Louis & Manwaring

Many Warden. (SEAL)

State of Minnesota, SS. County of Washington.

Notary Public, Washington Co., Minn.