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THE MINNESOTA CLUB.
SAINT PAUL.

July 13. 1907.

Mr Henry Halper.
Stilwater Minn

Dear Sir.

Pursuant to our conversation to day in relation to the employment by me of the younger Brothers I desire to say. that my proposition is to pay them each \$75⁰⁰ per month and in addition thereto give them a one half interest in the profits from the show shining parlor.

The employment will be

at my cigar store in
St Paul and in charge of the
shoe shining parlor.

I believe the employment
would be eminently suitable
and proper. and I trust
that you will so be able
to consider it.

Yours truly.

G. W. Dayton

Mountain Lion Minn 7/14 1901
Dear Warden

Please tender my Congratulations
to Cole and Jim - you have my sympathy when
the Boys Come Here I was banged on every hand
and man that they are gone and you have to
be content with

Yours
J. J. Reed
Ex Warden

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JUL 16 1901

Minnesota State Prison.

ADDRESS ALL NEWS COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE PIONEER PRESS, EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

CONDÉ HAMLIN,
GENERAL MANAGER.

Younger Bros
The Pioneer Press.

EDITORIAL ROOMS.

J. A. WHELOCK, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.

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W. C. HANDY,
MANAGING EDITOR.

ST. PAUL, MINN. *July 14* 1901

Warden Wolfer.
Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly extend
to Mr. Curry, the bearer, a member
of The Pioneer Press editorial staff,
such courtesy in connection with
an interview with the Youngers
as you deem proper.

Yours truly,

W. C. Handy,
Mng. Ed.



Wm. N. Nelson,

Dealer in

DRY GOODS AND

GROCERIES.

Eggs and Butter a Specialty.

Henning, Minn. July 14 1901

Wm. Walfer
Stillwater Minn
My Dear Sir

Yours of hand. I am
glad of its contents. We will
let no one know who the are
I shall meet them as old acquaint
ances at the depot if there is
a crowd, as sometimes happens
at country stations but as it is
early in the morning there is
likely to be few present.

The N.P. Train leaves St Paul
somewhere about 8 clock evening
arrives here at 5 in the morning
They will have to wait at
Staples about 3 hours at the
Depot for this branch train
to start. This can be avoided



Wm. N. Nelson,

Dealer in

DRY GOODS AND

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Henning, Minn., 190

by taking the "Fergus Falls
Sleeper" at St Paul. When they
can go to bed and stay there
untill they get there. Of course
these are only my suggestions
as I hope that you will get
this before you send out the
boys

Will entertain the Boys
the best we can.

Yours in haste
H. N. Brandborg

700 Younger Dove

July 15, 1901.

C. N. Brandborg,

Henning, Minn.

Boys decided not to go to Henning . Thank you for your kindly courtsey.

Henry Wolfer, ~~Warden~~, Warden.

Enon, Mo. July 15th., 1901.

Warden Wolfer,

Stillwater, Minn.,

Dear Sir:

I see by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of July 15th., that you will take up the matter of employment for Cole and Jim Younger.

I have lately developed some fine lead mines at this place; have all of the good lands leased and have full control of the town-plat.

I make all of the deeds to the effect that if the property is used for the sale of liquor, for gambling or as a house of ill fame, the deed is null and void and the property reverts to myself.

We feel assured that while this is not so large a belt, possibly, it is a much wealthier belt than that of Joplin, and my good opinion of the Younger Brothers induces me to beg of you to consider this proposition for either or both (Cole preferred, if I can get only one) and I will give them an interest or a salary or both; in fact I am willing if Cole can come, to let him make his own terms. If you will consider this, I will furnish you with the best of references as to the business, and also as to my ability and honor. Give the boys my kind regards and hearty congratulations upon their well-deserved freedom.

Very truly yours,

Dictated. NHM.

N. O. Tate



St Paul July 15/01

Cole Younger

Dear Sir

I am now in
possession of the cigar
business in "Globe
Building" corner Cedar
and 4th St St Paul
firmly owned by W. A.
Denius it is one of the
finest places of its kind in
the city. Much excellent
partnership proposition or
engage Solomon (or
sell) would like you

to investigate this
as am in position
to do right thing by
you.

I give as reference

1st National Bank

2d " "

Commercial Agents

Be pleased to hear
from you at once
or you can come to
my residence 661 Lincoln

are -

Yours Truly
J B Robbins



HENRY WOLFER, Warden
J. S. GLENNON, Deputy Warden
H. W. DAVIS, Clerk
WILLIAM SMITHSON, Steward.

Stillwater, Minn. July 16, 1901

N. M. Goss, Esq.,

Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 15th relative to proposition for cigar business, duly received.

In reply would say, that the parties have no money at their command and are not in position to enter into any sort of arrangement whereby they will be required to farther any financial responsibility. Your suggestion, however, will be consider in due time, although it is my judgement that it would be impracticable in as much as you indicate by your letter that you desire to sell the business, and they have no money with which to buy.

Very truly yours,

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,

Henry Wolfer
WARDEN

Friend Wolfer (Please don't consider this at all. I would not pay at all. The business is not my own - The party wants to sell, and I know it can be bought for less than cost. However since writing you I have learned that the rent would not be reduced, therefore I would not consider the deal.)

Geo. W. Bennett,
Attorney,
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BIA GUARANTY LOAN.

ALL COURTS
U. S. LAND DEPT.

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Minneapolis, Minn., July 16th 1901

Henry Wolfer Esqr

Dear Sir : I did not ascertain the whereabouts of "The boys" yesterday . I phoned Shurmiers office ,but he was not in ,and the clerk claimed to know nothing as to the whereabouts of the boys .
As I stated to you yesterday ,I know that a persistent attempt was made to prejudice the men against me ,and as I beleive with some degree of success. I determined however not to permit it to change my course in the least ,but to do all in my power for them ,regardless of their personal feelings toward me ,and trusting that time, and their better understanding of the situation after release would make everything all right .
At any rate I did not propose to waste thought,time and nerve power ,in writing them letters and making visits ,in order to keep myself "Squared" as it were ,~~with the boys~~ .
One of the the severe criticisms passed upon my course by a certain few zealous friends ,was, that I insisted on refusing to pander to the wishes and to seek the influence of policemen ,detectives,gamblers and saloon men .
My idea being,that if I could not bring relief through the influence of the

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Geo. W. Bennett,

Attorney,

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614 GUARANTY LOAN.

ALL COURTS
U. S. LAND DEPT.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Bishops, Ex Governors, Statesmen and principal business men of the State and country, their doom was sealed. The two elements would not mix well in the same plea, and furthermore the most powerful of the names I secured, never could have been secured on a mixed petition. It was only by virtue of my holding the entire effort to a high standard that enabled me to reach the strongest men. Especially was this so with Senator Davis and Arch Bishop Ireland. There have been a few women who have been very active in throwing hot shot into me, on account of the exclusiveness, and jealousy with which I guarded my petition and material. The boys were of course handicapped in their situation, and could see but one side. I only explain to you, not wishing to have you for a moment let the boys know that I have mentioned it. Cole would not admit that any of them ever said a word against me, for he wants everything to be smooth and pleasant. I know that they can but feel grateful to me now, while at the same time may feel that I should have taken a different course and treated the opinions of others with more consideration, especially those of the ladies.

Geo. W. Bennett,

Attorney,

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B14 GUARANTY LOAN.

ALL COURTS

U. S. LAND DEPT.

Minneapolis, Minn.,

I only mention these matters to explain why I would ask you to say a few words to the boys, as to the propriety of their calling to see me, and permit me to introduce them quietly to some friend here who have befriended them for years, and to whom the courtesy of a call is due.

I do not wish them to feel that I do not feel a deep interest in them because I do not join with the crowd in chasing after them. The fact that they have not called on me, and I suppose not on Wilson or Deming, looks a little peculiar to outsiders, although I have no idea they intend any discourtesy. They are so pleased to be at liberty, they haven't had time to think. There are probably 100 persons who can show them that they owe their liberty to them exclusively, and it takes time for them to hear it all. Some of our St. Paul friends have like a lot of children, been disposed to try and make locality cut some figure. So far as I am concerned, the world is there to live in and enjoy themselves as good citizens and men.

Cordelia Jones
Geo W Bennett

Camp Lincoln Minn

July 16th 1901

Warden H. Weller

Stillwater Minn

Dear Sir

I was in hopes that I could come up to the Prison and Congratulate the Younger Boys on their Liberation to day while in the City, but the heat was so much for me & I had to get home as quick as possible.

But I do want to see them very much, shake them by the hand ^{and} wish them god speed the day when they can have a full and complete pardon and a happy future.

I would be very much pleased if they could visit my Camp at White Bear Lake and take a spin on the Lake in my Sail Boat. Can you not make arrangements for them to come out and see me. I of course include yourself Mrs Weller and any other friends you

You wish to include for a sailing
party - Could meet you at Wildwood
if wind not too strong, at any time that
you set. and so inform me,
Should the lake be too rough for
pleasant sailing. Take transfers to
Mahtomedi and ask Motorman
to let you off at Camp Lincoln.
Will you kindly extend this
invitation to the Mepses & James
Youngers. By so doing will con-
fer a favor on me.

Yours sincerely
Samuel B. Brown

P.S.

Better send letter to Camp Lincoln
Grant Post Office Minn or if you could
send word by some one. Direct.
S.B.

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700 Younger Bros

Henry Wolfer Esq
Stillwater Minn.
Dear Sir.

I received your message yesterday; and to be candid its contents met with regret that I should miss the opportunity to make it pleasant for "The Boys" but upon reading Collier's works in the N.Y. Tribune I am satisfied that under the circumstances that they can enjoy themselves better where they are for the present at least. and as my object was to please them I am satisfied when they can have more

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pleasure elapses. Allow
me to say however that
should they at any time
in the future feel inclined
to visit and see family
life. Then they are welcome
at anytime. only let me
know beforehand and so they
can meet them.

Will you kindly give them
from me. my hearty con-
gratulation on there regaining
their long lost liberty it
should have been given them
long ago.

Very Truly Yours
W. B. Baraboz

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON.

STILLWATER, MINN.

MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July. 18th. 1901.

Hon. Henry Wolfer,
Warden State Prison,
Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

As you requested I looked up the proposition of Mr. Dayton and find his ideas to be about as follows: His present store located on Wabasha St. near 7th. is finely fitted up and doing a fair business. On one side he has a cabinet, in which he carries his stock of tobaccos and unbroken boxes of cigars, and in front of this is a cigar counter some fifteen or twenty feet long. This he proposes to handle the same as now, the Youngers having nothing to do with it. Across the rear of the State but only about eighteen or twenty feet back from the front door is a twelve foot cigar case. This he proposes to stock with cigars, cigarettes etc. and to allow one of them to handle.

In addition to this he contemplates opening another cigar store either further down on Wabasha or on 6th. St. near Wabasha, fitting up the rear with a fashionable shoe shining parlor and in the front putting a small hut complete stock of cigars and tobacco, and putting one of them there to conduct the business, after of course they had had a little experience. The shoe shining business is run on a percentage plan, that is, the boys doing the work get one half the price paid the other half being for the proprietor and the material used.

He proposes to guarantee them for one year \$75.00 per month each, and in addition thereto one half the profits that may accrue from the new store or from the cigar case in the old store provided of course this exceeds the \$75.00 which he guarantees.

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,

STILLWATER, MINN.

MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY,

ST. CLOUD, MINN.

ST. PAUL, MINN..

As to the rumor of gambling being conducted in Mr. Daytons place I find that card playing is carried on there as in nearly all other cigar parlors in town, their method being about as follows: the game played is something like the old game of "cinch" in which the player who gets "set up" has to pay ten cents in checks, these checks being furnished by Mr. Dayton at five cents each and redeemable at the counter as five cents in merchandise, or in case they do not want the same in cigars or tobacco he buys them back at 2 -1/2 cents each. He insists that there is no poker or straight gambling game carried on. That the games are simply social ones except that he derives just enough profit from it and costs the players just enough so that cheap loafers and rowdies would not make his place their head quarters. These games are not carried on behind closed doors and in the same room where they play he has all the news papers and periodicals for those who desire to read.

If we conclude to allow these men to go there my own opinion is that we should make a carefully drawn contract for their protection.

A Mr. Harry Kimball, who conducts a cigar store in the Ryan block on Robert St. has spoken to me about employing them and I have told him to make a written proposition and it would be considered with the others.

Do you wish me to look up the Andrew Schoch proposition? Mr. Schoch has a large grocery doing business at Broadway and 7th. Before anything definite is done in the matter I wish you would see Mr. Dayton yourself and see if he tells you what he did me, as somehow I feel that he may propose something different when it came to a final agreement.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Whittier
State Agent.

Lac qui Parle County Agricultural Society.

J. F. ROSENWALD, Secretary.

Annual Exhibit, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2, 1901.

Madison, Minn., July 18th 1901

Friend Norfles I will get a job
for the pruners here during our fair
here and I get them to work it
and pay them good wages kindly
let me hear

Sincerely
J. F. Rosenwald

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MINNESOTA STATE FARM.

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July 20, 1901.

J. F. Rosenwald, Esq.,

Sec. Lae qui Parle Agricultural Society,

Madison, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

I have your very kind favor of the 18th inst., relative to giving the Younger boys a job during the County Fair time in your city.

In reply beg to state that positions have already been found for them and they will go to work in the course of two or three days. Under the parole regulations they would not be permitted to exhibit themselves at County Fairs.

Yours very truly,

College of Commerce.

Public Library Building.

East St. Louis, Ill.

July 26, 1901

Warden Woolfer
Stillwater Prison
Stillwater Minn.

Dear Sir—

Has the
Younger brothers permission to leave
the State of Minn. Could I get
Cole Younger to come to St.
Louis to work for me? Want
to employ him to sell scholar-
ship for the College of Commerce
in Mo. and Illinois. I would guar-
antee him a good salary. Will
you send this to him and ask
him to answer it.

Oblige Yours truly,

James A. Mitchell
Manager.

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JAS. A. MITCHELL, }
FRANK L. HAMLIN, } Proprietors

OVER

July 29, 1901.

James A. Mitchell, Esq.,
Mngr., College of Commerce,
E. St. Louis, Ills.,

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favored inquiry of the 26th inst., beg to state, that both Cole and James Younger have been paroled and a contract has been entered into whereby their services are secured for one year from the present date.

Under the conditions of their parole they are not allowed to leave the State of Minnesota, therefore, it would be impossible for Cole Younger to consider any proposition you might be disposed to make.

Yours very truly,

Aug. 16, 1901.

P. M. Peterson, Esq.,

104 E. Fifth Street,

Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I have information from two different sources that one of your traveling men by the name of Bloom, is passing himself off to the trade as Cole Younger: that he did this at North Branch, Duluth and several other points, where papers have noted the fact and commented upon his appearance, etc.

I do not know whether this Mr. Bloom is doing this with your knowledge or not, or what his object is in doing it, but in any event it is more likely to injure your business than help it, from what I hear of the man, and besides that it is not fair to Cole and is sure to end badly. I wish you would instruct this man at once that he has got to stop that kind of business and advise me, and very greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE: 104 East Fifth St.
Branch at Stillwater, Minn.

St. Paul, Minn. August 19, 1901. 190

Henrey Wolfer, Warden,
Stillwater, Minn.

Dear Sir:--

We have your favor of Aug. 16th, and in reply will say that this is the first information I have had regarding Mr. Bloom passing himself off as Cole Younger. I have written him to Prentice, Wis. where he now is, telling him to stop that kind of business.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

P. N. Peterson

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Aug. 26, 1901.

P. H. Peterson,
97- E. 5th Street,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Sir:-

Enclosed letter from Frank Bloom has been read.

I wish to thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I hope
no further notoriety will be allowed to intrude in either one of the
younger's cases from now on.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

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II Paid.

Minneapolis Minn, II.

2.10 Pm, II/7/OI.

Warden Wolfer .

Stillwater Minn.

Cancel our proposition of last evening regarding

Younger Bro's , confidential please.

The Palace Clothing House Co.

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SAINT PAUL

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Minneapolis, Minn.

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1901

Mr. Wolfer
Stellout: Minn
Dear Sir

in case I arrange to place the
Younger Brothers to tour with a Theatrical Company
next season would it be so they could leave this state
if I could arrange I would want them to open at
Grand Opera House Brooklyn N.Y. Monday Sept 1st
1902 and play in all the Principle Cities in the East
Kindly Advise me on this matter and greatly oblige

Yours very truly

Sam A Scribner
Dewey Theatre
Minneapolis

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Nov. 27, 1901.

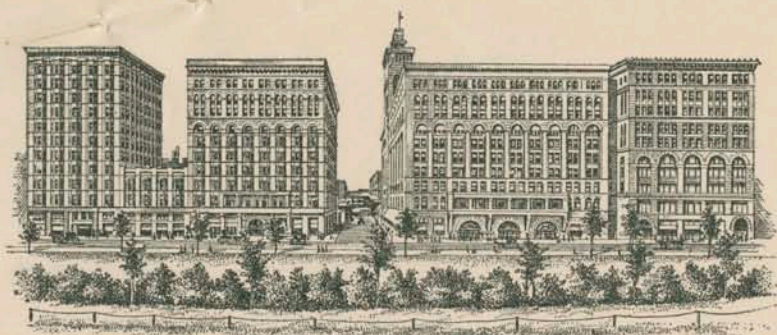
Samuel J. Scribner, Esq.,

Dewey Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of recent date beg to say, that the
Younger Bros. will not be allowed to engage with or travel with a
theatrical company while they are on parole, under any consideration.

Very truly yours,



Auditorium Hotel

Breslin & Southgate

R. H. Southgate, Manager

Chicago Jan 21st 1902

To Sup^t Penitentiary
Stillwater Minn
Sir

Will you please give me
the Address of the younger Boas
recently pardoned from your place
I am very anxious to correspond
with him as I have a Business
Proposition to make him trusting
you will oblige me. I am very truly
yours H. S. Hamilton
% Auditorium Annex Hotel

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Minnesota State Prison.

Jan. 22, 1902

H. S. Hamilton, Esq.,

Auditorium Annex, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favorable inquiry of the 21st relative to the Younger Bros. beg to say that the Younger Bros. are not at liberty to consider any business proposition outside of positions they are now filling while on parole. Under the parole law of our State employment is found by the State while the person is on parole, and he is required to follow such employment until released from parole conditions by discharge or pardon.

Under these conditions, you will see that they are not at liberty to consider any proposition you may have to make. This being the case, it will not be necessary for me to give you their address.

Very truly yours,