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Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 14, 1902.

To--

The Honorable Pardoning Board

of the state of Minnesota.

We, the Undersigned, Citizens of the state of Minnesota, do hereby ask of your Honorable Body to grant the Younger Bros. a Free Pardon as we think they have fully atoned for the past. And if a Pardon is granted, we feel assured they will make good and honorable citizens.

(Signed)

Louis Hansen 428-3rd Ave N.E.
A. W. Price 2201-16th Ave S
C. W. Ryan 3224 Glen Ave
A. Larson 1814 Buchanan St. N.E.
H. S. Hurlong 2106-25th Ave No
P. Clark 4406-7 Ave S
John Cady 1019 S. St. North
P. J. Gleason 3501-1 Ave So
Fred W. Cloutier 2434-16 Ave So
Jos. J. Devine 705 - Erie Ave.
O. Anderson 2612 Alarkham
G. H. Brooks 701 Western Ave
E. J. Luther 2349 James Ave W
J. Stillingston 836-17th Ave So
Thos. L. Kidd, Gen. Secy. Amalgamated Woodworkers.

Roscoe #309 Jackson St. E of
R. Witte 8¹/₂ - 7th South
S. J. Franklin Robbinsdale Minn
W H Goodwin 112 7th North

Wm Dunkley 120 5th + 20th on N

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A. G. Bainbridge 412 Hampshire Ave

M. Stone 3700 - 21 - 9 - S.

J. W. Blake 1129 Girard Ave N.

L. Schuck 1133 Girard Ave. N.

Thos Chapman 442 - 19th Ave. N. E

F W Beer 2532 New Ave

Max Leonard 722 - 3rd St. No.

W M Bremer 3748 Calfax on South

D. E. Linscomb 332 E. Franklin Ave

J. P. Clark 1616 - 6th St N E

H J Dalley 229 - 6th South

E. Mangni 2311¹/₂ Girard Ave N

Wm Dugan 307. C - St. - N - East

Chas Satter 301 - 17 Ave. N. E

W J. Stogan #11 - 12th St S

Jonas Jonasson 2423 72¹/₂ Ave do
George Sales 2210 Emerson Ave North

Erick Meyer 1814 - 7th St. South
 J. E. Rogers Hotel Weber 12th Street
 Wm. Fortin 816 - 9th Ave South
 Wm A McMain 2743 = 5th Av. So
 J. A. Soby 2801 3rd St N
 J. E. Larkin 1074 - 16th Ave S.E.
 E. E. Dwyer 918 = 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Av N E
 F. H. Maesner 723 W. 31st.
 O. H. Lemvik 2448 - 12th Ave So
 P. Peterson 710th Ave. S. O.
 John Nelson 3643 Washburn Ave So
 J. E. Mullans 156 - North 17th St
 Geor A Harvey 2412 - 24th St. So Pres + State Fed Cunnell
 O. S. Gidney 131 West 26th Street
 A. W. Turner 416th 15th Ave So
 J. W. Edwards 253, 15th Ave So,
 Ed Strand 2530 9th St So
 H. J. Johnson 2524 = 9th St So
 Wm Schimmel 404 S. 7th Ave.
 P. A. Ball 2852 Humboldt Ave S.
 H. Nelson 1118 - 11th Ave N.

A. A. Fischer 1613 University Ave SE Mpls

Wm Lurdell 3224 Hiawatha av

W. Danielson 713 Adams St N.E.

Walter Ellison 2518 James av NW

E. L. WEND 422-12 av SE

J. W. Timmins 2918 Pillsbury Ave

P. C. Bekking

519-18 av North

James Flynn 904-3rd Ave N

McKalter 907-21 Ave N

John J. Mullen 205 9th Ave N

Peter Bjork 327-21 av S

A. J. Johnson 329 - James Ave North

M. Gersung 2325 Butler Place

H. E. Davis 826 20 Ave N

A. Moberg 1122 Johnson St N

S. J. Spencer 24-10th No.

Charlie L. Strutz 2708, Essex St

Walter Thompson 22 av S

M. H. Braun 1509 5th St N

Jno Hutton 1016 - 6th South
Wm. Pile 400 - 16 Ave South.

J J Shea 117 1st Ave N
A Smith 117 1st Ave N.
C. Olsen 3445 - 14 Ave So

W H Steele 613 Aldrich Ave S

Jas. Raine, 1111 No Dupont Ave.

Sam'l Treadwell % The "Union".

Milton W Ramsey 3140 - 23rd Ave S.

Ed Moore 8 - 4th St. N

H. F. Lambert 81 Western St

M. J. Oker. 1910 - 2nd Ave. N.

Philip J. Lambert 621 - 4th Street South

W S Chisholm 4506 Washburn, Co., So.,

A. F. Long 1509 Lawrence Ave

E. Stevens 626 5th St So.

J Johnson 2908 Namet Ave

L A Inger 121 Warwick on S. E.

W W Morgan 2415 - 18a S

J J Hamlin 637 Jefferson St S. E.

John O'Donnell, 1701 - 507 St Myels

North Star Shoe Co

Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 14, 1902.

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Chas. Fogelberg	-	North Star Shoe Co.
Jos. C. Parker	"	" " " "
L. B. Bredette	508	8th Ave So.
J. H. Camp	140	12th St.
J. B. Buehl	1125	Albion Ave N.
Just Edmundo		St Louis Park, Minn
J. F. Washburn	724	4th Ave S
A. A. Teter		Burtis House
Geo B. Hollis	53	#17 Western Ave.
J. J. J. J. J.	211	Summit Ave
M. L. Carlson	621	Summit Ave N.
J. B. Cullen	565	8 Ave North
Wash Morris	818	3rd St N
Wm King	2805	Garfield Ave
W. S. Hoffmeyer	1702	Western Ave.

F.A. Mierke 627 James Ave St.
 P.A. Washburn 1850 Jackson St N.E.
 C. G. Alving Jr. 2613 E 24th
 W. W. Hopwood 91-8th St So
 Charles Johnson 308 21st Ave So
 W. X. Wilcox 15 1/2 - North 5th St.
 J. M. Muehlen 3327 E Lake St
 O. Postad 236 - 14th Ave So
 W. W. Whitaker 404 - 3rd Ave S
 Matthew Williams 1542 Jefferson St
 S. O. Dahl 419 - 16 - Ave So
 W. J. Seagren 807 E 1st St N
 A. J. Peterson 709 Lafont St St Paul
 J. Demers 120 - 7th St No.
 L. F. Siemsen Dupont Ave 2824, W.
 H. Knister 2827 - Fyfe Ave W
 P. Dahl (Dahl) 800 - 24th Ave So
 P. Pedersen 9797 1/2nd Ave So
 M. Christensen 2709 E 25th St
 M. Brude 637 Fillmore St
 G. Lindstrom 1917 E - 20th St
 Guy Altman 11 1/2 L.S. N
 John Holt 2012 - E - 34th St.
 W. Vandewater 1006 4th St North -

S. J. Gross 1418, 6th St North

Edmund H. ... 612 ...

Carroll ... 2114 ... So

1576 ...

Edward Doeg 3238 ...

Raymond ... 17 ...

Chas. H. Johnson 507 - 21st Ave

A. F. Watten 415 Fuller St. St Paul

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A. Schanz 17 Western Ave

Ernest Peterson 807 1900 - ...

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Eugene ... 702 Humboldt

Paul ... 540 Shubert Ave

Adolph Troiber 408 - 2nd Ave S. E.

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Herbert A. Parker 476 Stinson St St Paul

J. Walsh

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John Schultz 120 - 21 Ave South

August Turquist 827 20 Ave S

J. P. Quinn 2447 16 Ave 20

J. S. Swartz 628 - Grand Avenue 3

Orin Steele 2415 - Bloomington Ave

W. Narva 2814 314 N

August Bergstrom 808 2nd Ave S

John Leppla Jr. 2731 Bloomington

Frank Wenz 2400 Crystal Lake Ave S

Joseph Hennrich 208.10 Ave North

Samuel Johnson 543 13 Ave South

Erick Lind 614 18 Ave. So.

C. Braut 508 - Knop Ave N.

J. P. Raney 307 Aldrich Ave N.

J. H. Hennrich 515 - Phy Ave No

W. L. Wilson 43 - East St

A. Ansel 619 - 5th St N.

J. J. Steyer 405 Wash Ave S.E.

Swan A. Nelson 1105 Dupont ave N
Geo. H. Miller 924 1st ave. N.

Vernon T. Quinn 619 - New. Ave
E. C. Anderson 9, 7th North

Paul Stuts 521-19th Ave. S.

~~W. Miller~~ 2925 Morgan St.

W. H. Miller 1223 5th S.E.

C. L. Hayton 819 15th Ave S.E.

~~W. Miller~~ 1322 Washington St.

W. Peterson 617 22nd Ave S.

Ed Anderson 2104 22nd Ave S.

Leo Martensohn 1115 Dupont ave. no.

L. H. Martin 600 Pop. Ave

W. H. Dow 1411 Lakewood Ave

W. H. Dow 6215 16th Ave

Thos. Maher 1301 Hawthorn St

Frank Brunel 3157 Columbia St

R. R. Herik 5014 414th 11th Ave. north

F. A. Herik 3150 Garrison St
E. A. Nickerson 17-4th N 2nd

E. C. Elliott 5-22-11 Ken Ave North
 W. Bensus 3720 Emerson So.
 J. Bensus 2014-16 Ave South
 Alfred J. Smith 34111 Longfellow Ave
 Robert Johnston 1211 St. Dupont Ave
 Geo Van Dorsten 2107 Lytle Ave N
 E. Hallain 38 Cedar Lake Road
 E. Kemmitt 1005 5th North
 E. J. Stasche 999 Central Ave
 C. Senke 624 James Ave N.
 John Brechner 1625 6th St N
 Carl M. Sorensen St Leo Park
 Carl Meeth 7627-6th St N
 Frank Sorenson 1406 3rd St N
 M. J. Sorenson 247 Standard West
 J. A. Johnson 620 7th St E
 Chas A. Wilcox 2205 - 2nd St South
 Henry Neville 401 - 7th Ave So.
 Carl D. Smith 16 6th St N
 H. G. Johnson 1156 Stewart Ave N.
 W. J. Johnson 1102 9th Ave N

D.H. Mc Lane	422 - 2nd av N
J.H. Williams	927 " 1" av north
E.A. Dorley	2929 Columbus av S
O. Spencer	1153 - 6" north
E.H. Well	543 Penn av av
F.E. Hedtke	429 - 19 - av so
L.A. Amth	1013 Plym av N
P.J. Maher	3007 Logan av N
E. Langtree	2314 Madison St NE
A. Skipton	103 21" av so
F.M. Coanook	1613 - 7" St so
Miss Clanton	1705 Western av
J.W. Washburn	1211 North 6 th St north
Edward Sampson	749 Broadway N.E
F.O. Grief	3900 - 4 av so
W.H. Westcott	518 - 6 th av so
A.B. Yofford	3425 - 7 th av so
E.P. Hart	237 + 7 St NE
W. Earl	639 Lyndale Park
A. Froehlinghaus	509 Colfax N.

C H Smith 76. 12th St W
 H E Lockman 547 - 1st av. W
 L T Luck 410 7th av. S.
 J Papillon 116 2nd St N.E.
 A G Fernando 509 Colfax Ave N
 F Deussen 215 Central av. N.E.
 Gus Gehring 138th. 10th St.
 Andrew Bayer 1101 South 6th Street
 Owen Pothermel 824-6 Ave N.
 Paul Hein 1609 Aldrich Ave. N.
 E C Smith 109 Johnson Ave N
 J F Riley 713rd Levee Ave.
 J S Sanford 427. 2nd av. W
 J W Barber 3104. Hennepin
 Godfrey Anderson 421-6 St So.
 E. C. Siggelko, 2954 Penn Ave. W.
 J. K. Holton 515 Plymouth Av. Minneapolis
 James Hand 17th - 2nd av S
 H B Thomas 316 Irving Ave N
 W A Bradley 572. 17th av S

Jim Gray 419 Wash

John W. Gray 1130 1/2 St. N. W.

Geo. E. Hunt 10 Wash Ave. N. W.

Wm. C. Hunt 10 Wash Ave. N. W.

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824 - 1st St. N. W.

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to the Honorable Board of Pardons for the state of
Minnesota.

We the undersigned employees of the A.P.R.R.
located in Hennepin County, state of
Minnesota, do hereby affirm of
attached petition

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PARDONS FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Minnesota, do hereby petition your Honorable Board to grant a full and unlimited pardon to Coleman Younger and James Younger, to the end that they may be enabled to return to their native State. We believe that such action on your part would meet with the approval of the people of the State, and would be an act of clemency which would be proper to be extended in their case.

W. B. Wash	1209 South 6th St
J. A. Buckley	278 Plymouth Ave North
Geo. Schesebro	421 Bryant Ave North
Robt. J. Martin	1513 Wash Ave North
W. J. Murphy	1127 Auldred Ave North
Hugh O'Neil Jr.	1123 15 Ave S.E.
Chas W. Beach	17 Central Ave - Imple
James Cannon	1611 - E. 25th St
Robert F. Elkin	723 - 12 Ave North Mpls
Geo. R. Tindall	210 - 6th St. S.E.
John Sweeney	22 - 5th St N.E.
A. L. Huebner	221 8th St
P. Kenney	1427 - 2-4 St. N.
H. W. Leas	5-5-26 Ave N
J. E. Kernan	3358 - 4th St N.E.
Hon. Wray	2408 Central Ave N.E.
C. H. Peterson	721 - 5th Ave North Mpls
J. S. Owens	1105 5th Ave North

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Wm. J. Malloy

C. S. Downey

A. M. Squelley

Dan Sullivan

John Montgomery Jr

J. D. Gould

Jas Barnett

F. A. Nordmark

P. H. Cassidy

E. C. Dale

H. L. Erickson

A. J. Brandes

J. Mc Mahon

P. L. Adams

W. H. Minick

P. J. Ryan

W. L. Lopez

Geo Dubay

Myron Huguley

Felix Lacroix

Fred Lake

J. M. Johnson

H. E. Page

E. D. Antley

1030 - 16 Ave SE

721 University NE

1514 Lincoln Ave North

247. 16th Ave North

227 Plymouth Ave

242 - 10 Ave. So.

1121 - Aldrich Ave N.

525 - Plymouth Ave

1145 Lyndale Ave NE

1018 3^d St NE

815 Wash Ave N

1619 - 6th St North

1210 - 3^d St. North

137 - Pepler St. St Paul

2017 James Ave. N.

1020 - 4th St N

1329 Thomas Ave No

918 - 11th Ave No

1814 - 4 Ave So.

1078 - Logan Ave No

123 Aldrich Ave N

1009 Wash Ave No.

1108 Western Ave

327. 9th St. S. East

Minneapolis

Ed Powell 8 1/2 7th South

Ed Craig 812 8th and North

Comades 1519 Fremont Avenue

Mike Sullivan 927 Wash Ave. N.

Edwin Bennett 529 James Ave. N.

L. G. Hangerford 927 Wash. Ave. N.

H. G. Waite 1011-4th N.

C. A. McLaughlin 927 Wash North

J. J. Davis 1001-11th Ave North City

A. Mayberry 1518 Dupont Ave North

A. H. Pees 560 - 7th N

Robert H. Graham 2657 - Glen St. N. E.

L. M. Bonnell 411-11th Ave N Minneapolis

Chas. E. Miller 809 8th St. N.

A. H. Brown 815 Wash Ave N

Edwards Martin 1015 - 11th N

Anthony Meister 15 - one m.

Overland 90203 - 8th Ave S

Benjamin 242 Plymouth Ave

A. H. Brown

H. Goodell 815 - Washington Ave North

Ed Hughes 1015 3rd St North

Capt. Coyle main st - 38th Ave

J. Anderson 1120 No Lyndale

F. A. Osander 1618 No 5th St.

J. W. Lackor 2441 Garfield Ave

Ed Norwood 2711 - 10th Ave S

W. W. Knight 1616 - 10th St

Carl Lyberg	Bayview Hotel Mpls
J. Kane	1819. Bryant Ave No
B. Cahoon	2828. 29 th St
H. Alraud	1420 Chicago Ave
C. P. Timmond	312 West 33 rd St
E. C. Keffner	3485. 2 nd St NE
Rupert King	2110 Decon Ave No
M. Siskel	79 Hoag Ave
J. H. Curves	1019 - 3 rd St. No.
J. A. Beach	1927 Marshall St NE
W. C. Fletcher	714 - 16 th St SE
H. J. Alley	721 - 17 th St SE
Harvey	Hotel Waverly
J. M. Ryan	2807. 3 rd Ave No
J. D. Borrows	1022 Harmon
J. S. Job	93. West 8 th St
W. F. Christman	1407 - 20 Ave N.
W. F. Helms	911 - 14 Ave
J. B. Denver	1 Cent Ave
E. R. Waljo	1523 - 22 Ave N
John J. Tury	516 Main St No
J. K. Young	2101 Union Ave No
A. J. Whear	18 - 12 th St So
A. L. Wellman	906 - 20 th Ave No.
C. L. Williams	3132 Pillsbury Ave
Ed. Finn	Courthouse
John D. Lyons	696 - 6 th Ave No.

J. Collins 1110. 1 av Dr

No.

Municipal Court,

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.

Plaintiff

vs.

Defendant

[Jan. 14, 1902]

To His Excellency
Samuel R. Van Sant
Governor of Minnesota,
Comrade:

The undersigned, Citizens and ex-soldiers of Stillwater Minn. beg leave to present this our respectful and earnest appeal in behalf of Thomas Coleman Younger and James Younger, two ex-convicts of the penitentiary, who are now on parole within the limits of this state.

We need not here rehearse the story of their crime, committed more than a quarter of a Century ago, and of their incarceration in prison all these years, as the resulting penalty. These, and all other facts and incidents connected with their cases are familiar to all. Equally well known is the heroic struggle they have made to become better men. Their courage in the face of such an awful fate, appeals to all who admire that manly quality. Their self restraint, fortitude, obedience and general deportment as prisoners, deserved and received recognition, and they were paroled.

During all the time of their limited freedom, not one act of theirs has deserved or received criticism, although surrounded by all kinds of temptation. Thus it is proven, that whether bond or free, these men can be trusted; and would become good citizens. What more is required? What further punishment is necessary? What greater atonement can they make? Lives there a soul who would gain, or be gratified by their further suffering? Wrecked in body, chastened in spirit, the end of life at hand, they ask to be set free. And we, Sir, your late comrades in arms, who have seen the captive suffer, and have felt his longing for home, would most respectfully ask that "Cole" Younger and "Jim" Younger be granted a full pardon:

and thus be allowed to spend the few remaining years of their lives near the home of their boyhood days, and to die and be buried among their kindred who so anxiously await their coming.

Stillwater Minn. }
January 14. 1902. }

Myron Shepard Co. B. 1st Minn. Vol. Inf.
Wm W. May " " "
Adam Marty " " "
A. C. Hoopes " " "

Minneapolis Post Office.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER.

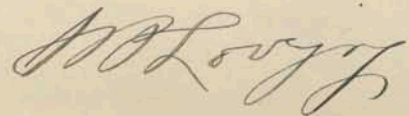
Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., Minn.,.....*January 15, 1902.*

Governor S. R. Van Sant,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Governor:

I notice by the newspapers that there will be an application to the Pardon Board for permission to the Youngers to return to their old home in Missouri. Personally, I see no objections to this and I believe that now they have been let out of prison they should be permitted to go among their old friends and associates where they can receive help and be self supporting.

Respectfully,



Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 16, 1902.

To the Hon. Board of Pardons,
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:--

I understand that you will have soon to consider and application for a computation of the life sentence of the Younger Brothers to a term of years that would entitle them at once to absolute freedom.

I think this ought to be done. These men have served twenty-six years at hard labor in the penitentiary- a period exceeding three average life sentences in this state. Their conduct was most exemplary throughout their entire term of servitude, and as there appears to be not the least doubt anywhere that they are thoroughly reformed men, their release now could not possibly imperil the interests of society in any way, but would be a strong incentive to convicts everywhere to reform.

These men are now old and more or less infirm, not only from long years of confinement and hard labor, but from the ravaged of bullets as well- a species of punishment from which they can hope for no respite t this side of the grave.

If they remain with us, they must of necessity, as the years go by, be more or less of a charge upon us, laying up in hospitals & etc, no matter how great may be their willingness to work.

They have many friends and relatives in Missouri who desire to lend them financial assistance, if Minnesota will permit them to come back to their old home.

James Younger has been a great sufferer ever since the Northfield robbery was perpetrated, from gunshot wound; and it is popularly known that he is in a very precarious condition of health, while Cole is beginning to fail.

It cannot longer be claimed, it is true, that Minnesota is to them a hostile state. But while our people are all, or nearly all, friendly disposed toward them and wish them well without the walls of the penitentiary, and while they appear to appreciate in the highest degree this kindly feeling, it is not reasonable to presume that they should be as contented to remain with us as among their old friends and relatives at home.

As a citizen of Minnesota, I beg you, gentlemen of the Board of Pardons, to let these two infirm old men go in peace back to their native soil. This I believe you will do in the name of the people of this commonwealth. I am sure that Minnesota will lift her iron heel from the neck of the Younger Brothers and leave all further punishment to God. We will all have sins enough to answer for at the last day. We will all need to ask for mercy. So let us be merciful while we may.

Respectfully,

William Kennedy

323 Guaranty Loan Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PARDONS

[Jan. 17, 1902]

STATE OF MINNESOTA.

WE, the undersigned, employes of the Minneapolis Post Office do hereby petition your Honorable Board to grant a full and unlimited pardon to Coleman Younger and James Younger, now on parole from the Minnesota State Prison, to the end that they may be enabled to return to their native State, Missouri. We believe that such action on your part would conduce to the welfare of these men and would meet with the approval of the people of this State.

Thomas Connolly

W.O. Chase

J.F. Chilton

J.A. Hanson

John McKenna

M.G. Flynn

Geo B Horton

T.L. Beaudette

Thomas O'Neill

Geo B Dickinson

James S. Noble

Frank D. Sinnegan

J.E. Brown

J. Grafe

W. Kelly

E. S. Styer

Al Solomonson

J.B. Glasgow

C.A. Henry

A.L. Smith

J.G. Hill

Chas. Kavanaugh

H. E. Person
Gen. A. Kerstein
W. L. Sherk
C. A. Tomlinson
J. J. Washburn
J. C. L. Abbott
W. Watson

J. Atkinson
J. O. Weeks
F. H. Dool

Joseph Gycraft
A. C. Schward
C. A. Allen
L. H. Blough
J. W. Winslow

W. A. Brown
E. R. Waitt.
J. D. Hawkins
Chas. H. Bishop.

J. P. Schward.
Paul Humphreys

J. H. Pool
E. M. Sutherland
U. G. Herrick
H. B. Love

John Haley
C. L. Coffin
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Wm. F. Gardner

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Chas E. Maynard.

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Chas. Wittig.

E. E. Bickel

J. E. Smith

W. N. Deits.

J. M. Anderson.

Hans Kerli

J. W. Comstock.

R. Hornberg

J. A. Wood.

C. W. Wheelock.

Thomas O. Upton.

Wm. E. Walling

Geel Derwan

Eugene M. Wood.

Chas. Heliker

Nicholas Murphy

Henry M. Carroll

Norman R. Cushing

E. W. Schuble

John B. Hopman

B. S. DeKinger

George H. Frank.

Geo. A. Kears

Chas. G. McLean

Marc. Warrin

Municipal
CITY OF WASHINGTON



Address

Postoffice

No.

Municipal Court,

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.

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Plaintiff

vs.

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Defendant

THE W. D. WASHBURN LANDS.

LOCATED IN BURLEIGH AND MCLEAN COUNTIES

NORTH DAKOTA.

EUGENE D. CASE, MANAGER.
300 GUARANTY BUILDING.

Minneapolis, Minn., January 17th, 1902.

Hon. S. R. Van Sant,

St Paul, Minn.

My dear Governor,

I trust that you will pardon the liberty that I take in thus addressing you as I have never had the pleasure of meeting you personally. Yet I believe that you are acquainted with both my father and brother. I was talking this morning with friends of Cole Younger and with the man himself. They asked that I speak to you in his behalf. I replied that I could not possibly have any influence with you as I am a young man with no standing in the community. However such as I am I would respectfully petition that your excellency grant this man full pardon instead of mere parol. He is an old and broken man. The crimes committed in his youth grew very largely out of the fierce conditions following the civil war. and it is my opinion that he has very largely expiated his guilt and that this is one of the occasions that justice should be tempered with mercy.

THE W. D. WASHBURN PAPER

I believe that a pardon granted thus when a man has at most but a few years to live cannot have a bad effect on the community.

Trusting that you will not object to my addressing you on this subject,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Stanley Washburn

Jan. 21st, 1904.

Gov. S. K. VanSant,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Sir:-

As the case of those wretches, Younger Bros., is to come up for a full pardon in a few days I want to say a few words to you before you take action in the matter. If you pardon them I hope you will be relegated to the shades of political oblivion forever! If the Legislature made error in passing a bill allowing them parole, you, as governor of this great and good state, ought to have promptly vetoed such error on the part of the legislature, or if you did not pray what are you called governor for?

I believe the people of this state would vote 90% to not allow such men any leniency; for they now ask the right which they denied to their victims,--- "life, liberty and happiness". No, my dear governor, you ought to have "back-bone" sufficient to do what is right to the people who gave you their suffrage, for I voted for you in the last election, but must now say I never will again, and I can show you that I am not alone in this matter, many grey-haired men who have been life-long republicans are with me and will cast their vote for one who would

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who would not parole or pardon such vipers as those murderers who now desire mercy from their fellow man. I have heard many of those G.A.R. men say you would not get a corporal's guard in the next election, even should you secure the nomination (highly improbable), for you had taken on your shoulders what had been refused by twelve republican and one democratic governor to do in the Youngers case. They denied the right to Heyward, the cashier of the bank at Northfield, to live, and the good book says: "Man that sheddeth blood by man shall his blood be shed", and these precious (?) rascals escaped their well-earned doom by pleading guilty and thereby live!!!

My Dear Governor,--- do not be above your masters, for are not the voters such, and are you not the servant? "Do the will of your masters", and if the Youngers are to be dealt with again for God's sake bring out another indictment and hang them!

"Straws tell the ways of the wind", and as one who would like to keep Minnesota in the republican ranks, don't, I adjure you pardon those human hyenas,- the Younger Brothers.

Yours truly,

Justice.

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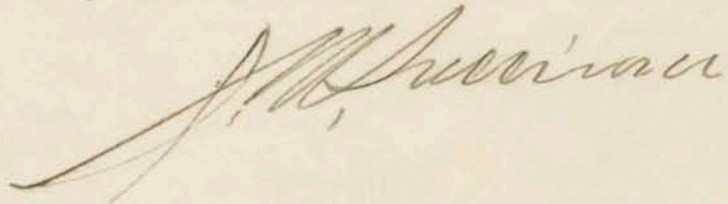
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 23, 1902

Hon. S. R. VanSant,
Governor of the State of Minnesota,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Sir:

Having joined in the pursuit of the Younger boys in the afternoon of the day that they made the raid on the Northfield Bank in 1876, and staid in the field until the last day, and was present, and aided in their capture and in caring for them at the hotel in Madelia, Minnesota, ^{and} joining in the belief that they should receive just punishment for their crime, all of this having been achieved, as I fully believe. Five years ago, I began using every effort I could, in the way of signing petitions, and endeavoring to help shape public opinion for their parolement. This having been accomplished, I am now fully of the belief that no good can be gained, either to them or to the state of Minnesota, by holding them within its domain. I fully believe that they will be much better off to spend the few years they have left with their old friends in their home, and I have no doubt in the world, but what their conduct will be that of upright citizens from now on, whether in this state, or in the state of Missouri, and any influence that you can use that will give to them an absolute pardon, will greatly please me.

Respectfully yours,



Deadwood So. Dak. Jan. 23rd 1902

His Excellency S .R. Van Sant
St Paul Minn

Dear Sir :Referring once more to the "Younger case",I beg leave to say ,tha
I have a sincere desire to avoid annoying you ,as well as the other members
of the "Pardoning Board"by saying more on a subject with which you are now e
certainly well informed . However ,I deem it perhaps not amiss ,for me to
call your attention to the fact ,that the petitions and letters from leadig
citizens of the State,which were filed in your office ^{by me} previous to to the
parole of the men in question , with few exceptinns, prayed for pardon ,alth-
ough they were then offered in support of the application for parole only .
An application for ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ commutation of sentence which would permit
the men to leave the State ,I am informed is pending ,and I therefore sug-
est the propriety of your taking into your account ,the letters and petitions
referred to ,as pertinent to the proposition now before you .

I have been out of the State for several months ,and have nothing to ^{do} with a
the present petition ,but beleiving that the conduct of the men since parole
was granted has been such as to warrant further releif ,I make the foregoing
suggestion ,in the hope that it may be of some service

Very Sincerely Yours

Geo W Lemmet

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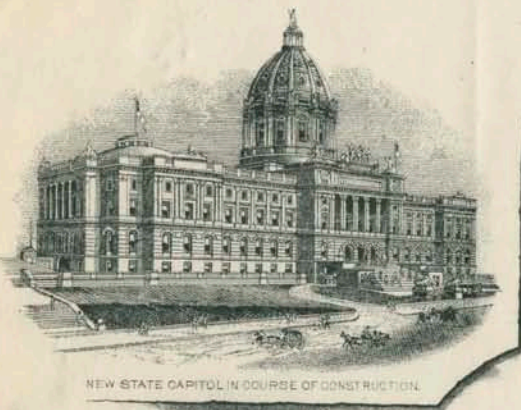
Gentlemen; I wish to enter my feeble protest to the granting of a pardon to the Younger Bros.

First, because the crime of which they are guilty entitiled them to hanging - There is no question of their guilt. Second, there is no question, that had they stood trial at the time, instead of taking advantage of a trick of the law, at that time, which enabled them to save their necks, by pleading guilty, they would have been hanged. It is most likely they considered this peculiarity of our laws before they came to Minnesota to practice their profession -

Third. As to the plea of their being so good now, It does not affect their crime nor does it restore the life they cut off in its prime - They have a strong motive for pretending to be good now.

They remind me of the old saying, "When the Devil was sick the Devil asaint would be, but when the Devil was well a devil of a saint was he."

Yours Truly
Cyrus J. West



State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thirty-Second Session.

39TH DISTRICT
J. C. SWEET
MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, Jan. 27th, 1902.190

Hon. S. R. Van Sant,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear governor;-

I wish to raise my feeble voice in behalf of the application which the Younger brothers now have pending before the State Board of Pardons for a commutation of their term of imprisonment to thirty-five years. Since the parole was granted I have heard no criticism whatever of the board for having pardoned these men and have heard a great many say who had been opposed to the matter before that the only thing they were sorry about was that it was not made absolute so that they could leave the State, and good riddance it would be.

I honestly believe that these men are thoroughly reformed, that the ends of justice have been thoroughly met and if there ever can be in this world expiation for the sins and crimes of humanity, that these men have fully atoned for all of their past misdeeds.

Yours sincerely,

John Sweet

W. E. ROCHFORD, M. D.
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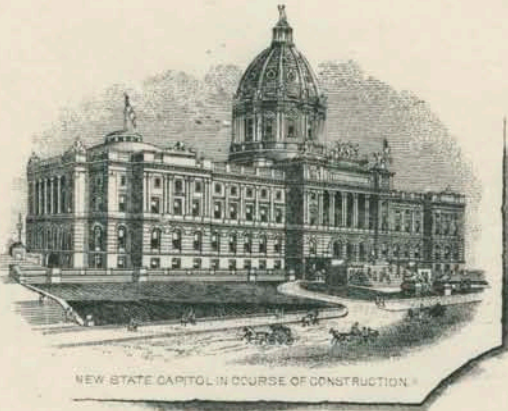
Jan. 31, 1902.

To the Hon. Board of Pardons,
St. Paul, Minn.

I wish to be included with the citizens who favor the release of the Younger brothers. If any further statement from me would be more helpful in securing their pardon, I would be glad to make it.

Very respectfully,

W. E. Rochford



State of Minnesota

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 P. C. DEMING
 MINNEAPOLIS

Feb. 1, 1902

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To the Honorable Members of the Board of Pardons,
 St. Paul, Minn.,

Gentlemen:

I desire to add my name to those asking for the commutation of the sentences of Coleman and James Younger.

I do so on the ground that, although considerations of public safety, would, at the time, have justified even the death penalty, yet the conditions which made men of their stamp criminals no longer prevail and probably never will prevail again in this country.

Very respectfully yours,