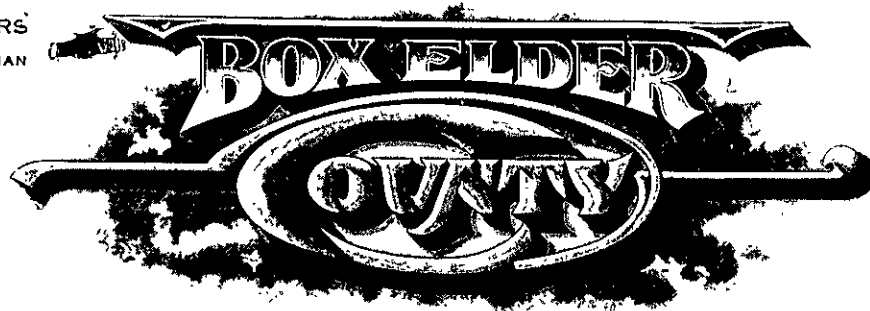


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COUNTY ATTORNEY
J. WESLEY HORSLEY

Today some residents of Fielding came into Brigham and advised me that they had signed a petition for his pardon under misapprehension, thinking when they signed it that it asked for parole only, because, as they expressed it, he has been a "bad actor" and they wanted him kept under the arms of the law. I don't understand that there is parole from a county jail. Their attitude was that his apprehension and confinement had made a number of other young men mend their ways in that town, and they secretly hoped that he would be kept for the remainder of his term.

Now, I have gone thus into detail,
to show you why I am so unalterably opposed to
any favorable action on the part of your Board. Five months appeals to me as being the very minimum penalty for this case. Besides, we feel that the judgement of local officers in these matters should not be impeached except in very rare instances, and if favorable action is taken, I am sure that most of the officers here will feel disposed to give all cases the maximum and leave mitigation to your Board.

I anticipate the plea of the boy's reported illness. The County physician lives next door to the jail, and he will be taken care of. If it becomes necessary to remove him to a hospital, that will be done. I feel sure that his chief trouble now is mental distress, and a little time to think over his past ought to do much toward changing his attitude.

In conclusion, this office is
unconditionally opposed to any favorable action
whatever by your Board in this case.

Sincerely yours,
J. Wesley Horsley
County Attorney