

Utah State Prison
Salt Lake City Utah
November 5, 1923

The Honorable Board of Pardons,
Utah State Prison,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Honorable Sirs:-

In petitioning you to consider my application for a termination of sentence, I wish to bring to your attention the following facts:

My imprisonment in this institution has proven to me that, tho a man do wrong, it is never too late to start over again, provided he has the determination and ambition to do so.

I have this ambition and determination. I realize the acts of folly of the past have brough me to my just punishment.

Should your Honorable Body grant this petition your favorable consideration, I can assure you that, when the doors open for me, a new man, with a new perspective of life and his duty to his fellow men will step forth to begin over again.

I have, without solicitation, repaid the New House Hotel the monetary loss suffered through my uttering of this forged check. I do not bring this to your attention because of any desire to gain additional consideration. I repaid this money because, I realized that if I wanted to start a new life, I would want to start it CLEAN.

I have sufficient funds to my credit to enable me to immediately go to my wife, who resides in Hoquiam, Washington. It is not out of place, I am sure, to here mention the unswerving loyalty and trust that has been maintained by her. I ask you, Gentlemen, to give me the chance to prove to her that this trust has not been misplaced. To show that my acts were more sins of folly than deliberate criminal intent.

I petition you for the privilege of going out of this institution a free man, to take up the struggle of regaining that which I prize above all things--my citizenship --the heritage of an American.

Most Respectfully submitted,

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