



Hon. Harvey H. Cluff,
Secretary of State of Utah,
Department of Board of Pardons,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Attorney General's Office

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication in the case of John DeHeer, who has applied for a pardon, and am complying with your request that I give the Board of Pardons information that will aid the Board in the consideration of the case.

John DeHeer appeared in the Burch Creek Precinct court, February 21, last, and pleaded guilty to a possession of liquor charge. The judgment of the court, in consideration of the plea of guilty, was 60 days in Weber county jail. He really deserves the maximum penalty.

The facts are these. Federal and sheriffs officers who raided the farm of DeHeer in Riverdale, found two large stills, 30 gallons of moonshine whisky and 30 barrels of mash. The stills were almost worn out and gave evidence that the defendant had violated the prohibition law for some long time. Further evidence of this fact were found on the premises by the officers.

I understand that DeHeer is making the plea to the Board of Pardons that he has a large family who are in destitute circumstances owing to his incarceration. Well, what of it? Why should not both DeHeer and his family suffer for his wilful misdeeds? What regard have lawbreakers for the families of law-abiding citizens? None whatever.

A law breaker has no regard for the life, property or morals of the law-abiding citizens, and is not entitled to any consideration. I very strenuously oppose the application for a pardon for John DeHeer.

The Board of Pardons cannot afford to listen to the sobbs of law breakers, or the false statements of unprincipled members of the legal profession. It is a well known fact that members of the legal profession are encouraging the violation of law. Worshipping at the shrine of the Almighty Dollar, members of the legal profession are a detriment to the enforcement of law, in my opinion.