

COUNTY COURT  
FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH

## BELL COUNTY

OFFICE OF  
DR. J. S. BINGHAM  
COUNTY JUDGE

QUARTERLY COURT  
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PINEVILLE, KY. November 21, 1924.

To The Governor, or  
Board of Pardons,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:- I have been told that Fred Hopkins was convicted of a felony and sentenced to five years imprisonment and sent up from Ogden Utah sometime in September of this year.

I have resided in Pineville all my life and have known I. L. Hopkins and Fred Hopkins for past twenty years or more.

Mr. I. L. Hopkins is one of our best citizens and from time to time has taken orphan children to raise. Fred was one of them. Fred was always regarded as a peaceable and quiet boy and was never known to be in difficulties, not even such as boys usually engage in.

I would ~~xxx~~ be glad to have you investigate this case closely, for knowing this boy as I do there must have been some miscarriage of justice, then if you can see your way clear grant to him a pardon or a parole whichever may be proper.

Fred is rather vicious in appearance, which was brought about by being kicked by a mule when very young, several bones from his forehead and bridge of nose have been removed from time to time,

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which left him in such shape that his looks did not indicate his true character at all, and I am inclined to believe that this must have had much to do with the jury in bringing in a verdict of guilty. Whatever you may be able to do for him will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*J. S. Bingham*  
C. J. B. C.