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work for the Royal Laundry at \$5.50 a day. They were brought before Judge White with District Attorney E. A. Rogers, representing the State, and both Hammer and Loe pleaded guilty, as your records undoubtedly show; yet young Loe was not an accessory to this crime only that he was accompanying Hammer.

Mr. Hammer has a wife living at 723 East 5th South, rear #2. Mr. Loe also has a wife, whom he married last September, living at 718 East 3d South and these wives need the support of their husbands as they have no income at all and are not in a very favorable condition.

We might say here that Mr. Hammer was kept in jail for twenty-six days at Tooele before his trial and when he appeared before the Judge the Judge asked him if he wanted an Attorney and Hammer replied "No" that he was ready to plead guilty.

The writer has known Mr. Hammer, his three brothers and four sisters, father and mother for over twenty-three years and has had business dealings with every one of them and not once has he seen anything that would in any way indicate there was a streak of dishonesty or disloyalty in the family. I was at Holbrook, Idaho, where the family lived, in the merchandise business from 1900 to 1908 and all the Hammer people were made welcome in my store and their trade was solicited because they were honest and good paymasters. To my knowledge this is the first time that Chris Hammer, or any other member of the family, has done anything but what was fair and square in every sense. Mr. Hammer has no friends or acquaintances in Salt Lake City unless it be the immediate relatives of his wife and the writer feels that he should be let out on parole in order that he might provide for his wife. He is absolutely straight and the writer is indeed surprised that such a thing would come into his life. I believe also that you need have no fear whatsoever of him infracting another law of our State as he has always been one of the most law abiding citizen along with his father, mother, brothers and sisters the writer has ever known. Young Peter Loe, who is only nineteen years old, should be liberated as he was not an accessory to this crime. He was so scared when he was arrested that he didn't know anything else but plead guilty and if you would talk to him five minutes you would see that he is not inclined towards doing anything but honoring and obeying the law. I sincerely trust that you will give this matter your worthy attention when your Board of Pardons meets March 21st.

The writer and Mr. Robert Sweeten, pioneer of 1847, would appreciate presenting this case in person to you when your Board of Pardons meets. Mr. Sweeten has known the Hammer family a little longer than