

Vernal, Utah.
August 22, 1924.

Governor Charles R. Mabey,
State Capitol,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My Dear Governor:

I am writing you in behalf of one Thomas Terril, an inmate of the State Prison, now a trusty on the Prison Farm. He was sentenced in Judge Ritchie's Court about a year ago for an indeterminate period of from 6 months to 3 years, for the stealing of a suit of clothes from a rooming house near the Rio Grande Depot, a place he had previously been staying.

He has now served one year and, I understand, it will be 3 months before his application can come before the Board of Correction.

This boy has no people in Utah, both father and mother being ^{dead} after a separation of several years; consequently no friends to intercede for him. He previously was herding sheep in Wyoming and Utah, coming to Salt Lake seeking employment, (he tells me), which he was unable to get, becoming hard-up and shabby he was tempted to take this suit of cloths. Mr. Ross, the guard in charge of the farm hands, informed me yesterday that he had been a first class prisoner, giving them no trouble whatever since his incarceration. I have become deeply interested in this boy, because I knew the whole family some 20 years ago in Indiana while serving there as a missionary. These people were very kind to me and all other missionaries who happened their way, and I feel deeply in my soul that he has paid dearly for his mistake, and perhaps should have been released at the expiration of the 6 months.

If the Board of Pardons can see their way clear to pardon him at their next meeting, I would be willing, as the President of the Uintah Wool Growers Association, to guarantee him a job among some of our members.

Yours very respectfully,

John W. Darras