

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF UTAH,
IN AND FOR UINTAH COUNTY.

THE STATE OF UTAH,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN AIME,
Defendant.

Cause No. 242 Criminal.

TO THE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS OF THE STATE OF UTAH:-

The defendant, John Aime, was convicted in this court on the 8th day of March, 1923, of the crime of being a persistent violator of the prohibition law. He appealed to the supreme court, and the conviction was affirmed, and was sentenced, as provided by law, on the 3rd day of March, 1924. Mr. Aime is a man of about fifty years of age. He is married, and has a wife and three children living with him, the youngest of which is eleven years, and the oldest seventeen years. He is of foreign birth, and heretofore has been a farmer in Uintah county near Vernal, but for the past year has been engaged in coal mining at Carbon county, Utah. Except for his engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquor, he bears a good reputation. So far as I have been able to ascertain, he has been engaged in making intoxicating liquors here in this county, and usually from fruits and material furnished him by the people who desired intoxicating liquors. He made an unusually good grade of intoxicating liquor, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, did not engage in selling intoxicating liquor generally to the citizens of this vicinity. There is absolutely no question, however, about his being guilty of the crime for which he was convicted, it being that of having intoxicating liquors in his possession. The first offense for which he was convicted was the same crime. Because of his habits of life before he came to this country, he did not seem to realize the wrong in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and particularly so when he made intoxicating liquors for the more reputable citizens of the community. From his statement, he is somewhat in debt, and his farm is mortgaged. Since his last conviction, he has not tampered with intoxicating liquor. At the time of his sentence, he presented to me a petition for a suspended sentence, which was signed by a considerable number of citizens, some of whom reside here in the vicinity of Vernal, and others in Carbon county. In my opinion, he should be confined in the state prison for the minimum period of ninety days, and I hereby recommend such period.

Respectfully submitted,

Elias Hoar

JUDGE.