

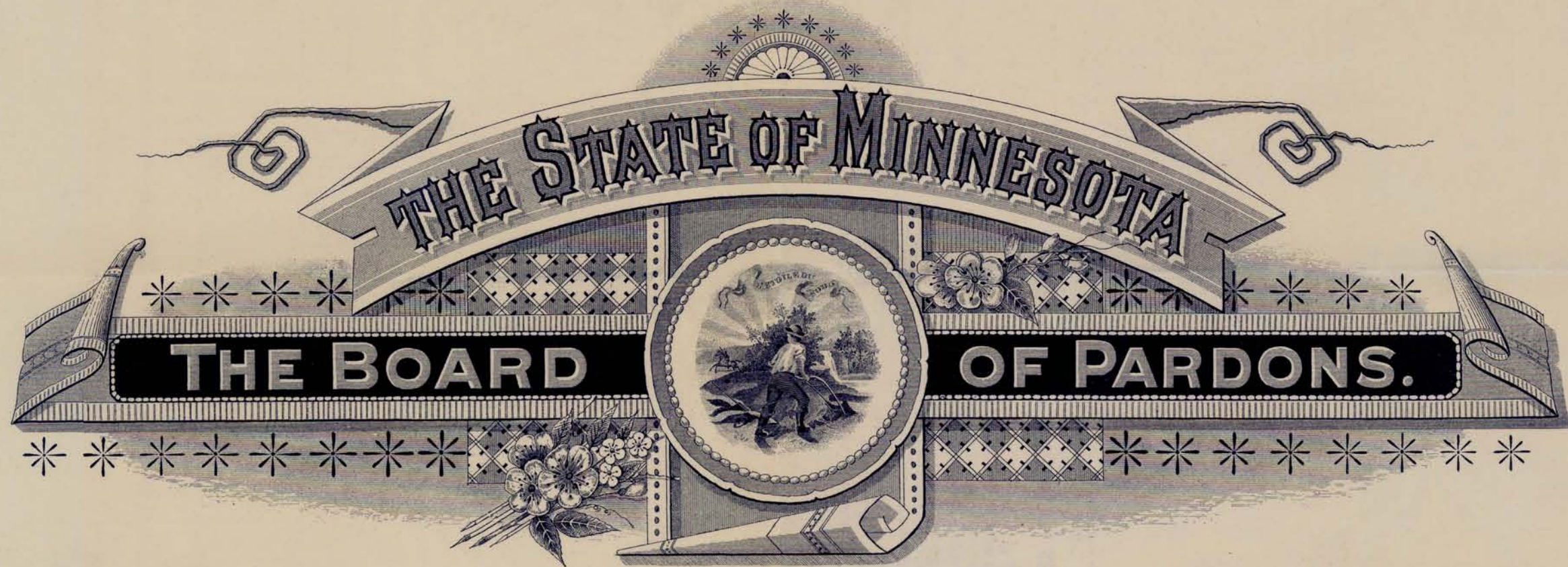


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To The Warden of the Minnesota State Prison Sends Greeting:  
 Whereas, Thomas Coleman Younger was by the judgment of the District Court in and  
 for the County of Rice convicted of the crime of Murder in the first degree and thereupon,  
 on the eighteenth day of November, A.D. 1876, was sentenced to imprisonment at Hard Labor  
 in the Minnesota State Prison for the period of his natural life  
 And Whereas, Application for a pardon was heretofore duly made to and filed with the Board of Pardons of the State  
 of Minnesota by Thomas Coleman Younger

upon the grounds that his health is poor; that he has really and truly reformed; that he has given evidence of his desire  
 and purpose to live an honest and self-supporting life; that on account of the severity of the climate he finds it difficult to earn a  
 living in Minnesota

And Whereas, The Board of Pardons having duly heard and considered said application and determined that it ought to be granted, upon the  
 conditions herein after named for the reason that the ends of justice and public interest will be subserved thereby.

Now Therefore, The Board of Pardons of the State of Minnesota, for good and sufficient reasons, as well as those appearing in said application, and by  
 virtue of the authority vested in said Board by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Minnesota, does hereby grant a Conditional pardon to  
 the said Thomas Coleman Younger for the crime of which he was convicted and from the penalties which he thereby incurred by reason of the law  
 and the conviction and sentence aforesaid. subject however to the conditions precedent and subsequent that he return without unnecessary delay to his friends and kindred whence he came and that he never voluntarily come back to the State

of Minnesota. And upon the further condition that he file with the Governor of the State of Minnesota, his written promise that he will never exhibit himself or allow himself to be exhibited as an actor or participant in any public performance, museum, circus, theater, opera house, or any other place of public amusement, or assembly subject  
 to a charge made for admission; provided that this shall not exclude him from attending any such public performance or place of amusement. if he violates said conditions or either of them this pardon shall be absolutely void.

In Testimony Whereof, We, the members of said Board, have herewith set our respective hands and caused the Seal  
 of said Board of Pardons to be hereunto affixed, at the Capitol, in the City of Saint Paul, this fourth day of  
February, A.D. 1903

By the Board of Pardons:

J. R. Nausant Governor.

Chas. H. Blatt Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Wallace B. Douglas Attorney General.

Attest:

Charles J. Moore  
 Clerk of the Board of Pardons.





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*Cole Younger*  
STILLWATER, MINNESOTA. *Feb. 1903.*  
County of Washington.

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON, Warden's Office.  
*February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1903*

I hereby certify that the within writ of Pardon  
has been duly recorded in the books of this office  
and that by virtue of the same the said ~~prisoner~~  
*Cole Younger*  
has been this day discharged from custody.

MINNESOTA STATE PRISON,  
*Henry Weeper*  
WARDEN