

THE PEOPLE'S ANSWER.

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*Pardon Granted to Jacob
Michael Fareber of
Sonora, Mexico.*

*Sent to Jail Twenty Years
Ago for Defending
His Life.*

*With the Aid of Friends He
Escaped from the Cos-
tilla County Jail.*

*In Mexico He Adopted Another
Name, Married and Be-
came a Citizen.*

*As Miguel Latz His Name Is Widely
Known in American Coun-*

KNOWN IN AMERICAN COM-
mercial Circles.

General Sutton Able to Send Most
Welcome News to a Man
Broken in Health.

Jacob Michael Fareber, who was con-
victed of manslaughter twenty years ago
in Costilla county, sentenced to five years
in the penitentiary, but escaped to Mexico
through the kind offices of friends before
his sentence was fairly begun, was yes-
terday granted a full pardon by the gov-
ernor upon the recommendation of the
board of pardons.

The story of Fareber's life and the
circumstances connected with his alleged
crime, escape and subsequent life in Mex-
ico reads more like romance than simple
reality. Twenty years ago last April Fare-
ber kept a pilgrim house in Veta pass in
Costilla county, Colo. Just below him,
down the pass, a rival hotelkeeper was in
business. He was jealous of Fareber,
whose house was popular and wanted
to run him out of the country. He secur-
ed the assistance of one J. J. Perry, a
rancher, not a bad sort of a fellow, but
addicted to drink, to aid him in his scheme.
One night Perry went up to the hostelry
of Fareber and called for lodgings and
drink. He paid for the first drink and
sponged the numerous others he imbibed,
and hung around the place for some time.
Fareber, becoming weary of his presence,
gave him a final drink and got rid of him.
Later in the evening Perry returned, en-
tered the bar room and stole more whisky.
Fareber again ordered him out and this
time barred the door against him. About
9 o'clock he heard someone trying to
break in the next room and, approaching
the door, he called out to the party, or-
dering him to go away. Just at this mo-
ment the door was partly broken in and
he saw the man was Perry, who was
advancing on him with the key of the
hotel which he had, wrenched from its
fastenings, in his hand, brandished in a
threatening manner.

Fareber was a slight man, weighing

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not more than 115 pounds, while Perry was brawny and muscular, and weighed fully 200 pounds. He heaped all manner of vile epithets upon Fareber, all the time threatening him with the club he held. In fear of his life, Fareber drew his gun and shot at Perry. The first shot did not take effect and Perry, breaking open the door entirely, advanced upon Fareber, when the latter fired the second time, with fatal effect.

A Prejudiced Jury.

Immediately thereafter Stearns, the rival hotelkeeper, tried to create a sentiment against Fareber, and succeeded in at least prejudicing the minds of the jury which tried, composed, as it was of twelve Mexicans, only one of whom could read or write or speak the English language. Fareber was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Judge Hallett, who was then on the district bench, refused an appeal and, in the meantime, the penitentiary being full, the convicted man was held in the Costilla county jail. Some weeks later, in the latter part of August, 1894, the principal inhabitants of the San Luis valley subscribed a small sum of money which they gave to Fareber and told him to try the door of the jail every night, and when he found it unfastened to roll up his blankets and make his escape south. The favorable night came. He found the door unfastened and struck out for Arizona, which he reached in safety. He found work, and after remaining there some months he went to Sonora, Mex., changed his name, found employment as a clerk and has lived there ever since. He became a partner in a mercantile house, made money rapidly, owns mines and ranches, is a Mexican citizen and married to a Mexican lady of fine family. He is mayor of the city of Magdalena, deputy governor of that portion of the state of Sonora, fiscal agent of the federal and state governments and enjoys the confidence and friendship of the best people in that part of Mexico.

Pursued by Jackals.

During all these years, however, the memory of the stigma that attached to his real name has haunted him and poisoned the hours of peace and happiness that he might otherwise have known. He has been pursued by the blackmailer with threats of extradition. Even when he was wooing the beautiful Donna Anita, the belle of Magdalena, his

his dream of love was threatened by his enemies. It was then he determined to become a Mexican citizen and renounce his allegiance to the United States. This was made a condition by his lady love before she would marry him. She also exacted that he should become a Catholic, but finally waived that point, and they were married. Their life has been an ideally happy one.

Twelve years ago General Warner P. Sutton of Washington, D. C., who was for ten years consul general to Mexico, met Fareber and in course of time became interested in his case. He came to Colorado last summer and again in October, and looked up the evidence in the matter, being satisfied that Fareber was an innocent man. General Warner then took his case in charge, although it is out of his customary line, the general being an international lawyer. With the assistance of those who knew the facts of so long ago, General Sutton was enabled to get the case made special by the board of pardons, in the meanwhile having furnished abundant testimony to show Fareber's innocence.

The case was heard on Friday evening at 9 o'clock by the board, and after General Sutton had talked thirty minutes Governor Walte declared the man ought to be pardoned at once, and in five minutes the board recommended the pardon, which was signed by the governor at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Fareber, who is in ill health and now about 30 years of age, is already on his way to New Orleans for medical treatment, and is now probably one of the happiest men in the world," said General Sutton. "He did not need this pardon for any service it might be to him in Mexico, as the people there know and trust him in spite of the fact that he is known to be living under an assumed name. He wanted the pardon so as to be free to cross the United States whenever he might wish, and to vindicate himself for his own and his family's sake. Altogether, I think this is one of the most dramatic and interesting stories that has ever come to my knowledge."

The name by which Fareber is known in Mexico is Miguel Lutz of M. Lutz & Brother, Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mexico, a name that is equally known in the commercial circles of San Francisco, New York and Hamburg.

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