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 Became a Citizen.

As Miguel Latz His Name Is Widely Known in American Colo.
Jacob Farkas, who was convicted 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. He was yesterday granted a full pardon by the governor upon the recommendation of the county commissioners. The story of Farkas's life and the circumstances connected with his alleged crime are more like romance than simple reality. Ten years ago last April Farkas, a hooligan and known for his daring escapades, was sent to the penitentiary in Costilla county. After keeping up a vile life in prison, he escaped and went to Mexico. He was later captured in Mexico and shipped back to the United States. Farkas was popular among the prisoners and was known as "the king of the penitentiary." His escape had caused much excitement and was the subject of much speculation. The county commissioners, upon hearing of his escape, granted a full pardon, saying that Farkas had been wrongfully convicted and that he should be allowed to return to his home and resume his life in freedom.
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

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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 Waite 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 50 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 Latz of M. Latz & Brother, Magdalena, state of Sonora, Mexico, a name that is equally known in the commercial circles of San Francisco, New York and Hamburg.