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Jose Prinellas, of this city, provided with a subscription fund, has just returned here with fifteen of the released pacificos, this being as many as the fund enabled him to pay passage for. The remaining nineteen are still in Gibraltar, some with friends, and all getting food and shelter as best they can.

There were over 400 men in the prison, and many of them were sick, and one complained he was confined to a cell and denied medical attendance instead of being sent to a hospital. The prison they describe as being filthy. No attention is paid to sanitary conditions. The cells were gloomy, damp holes, pungent with musty filth that encrusted the floors. Of the mortality in the prison the pacificos knew nothing. They thought of the place even as they had known it, with horror, and Mr. Prinellas said they did not like to recall it. They were satisfied to be free.

Many of the returning men do not yet know what the fate of the members of their families has been. Some have been killed in battle, others imprisoned. Valdez learned last night that a brother had been killed in battle.

Filibusters Are Active.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Recent complaints lodged with the state department by Minister De Lome coupled with reports from government officers and newspapers, indicate that Cuban sympathizers in this country are making desperate efforts to aid the struggling insurgents with war material and men when the dry season again begins.

Several filibustering expeditions are known to be under way, and one, the Fearless, with men and ammunition, has successfully eluded the vigilance of the Spanish officers and American gunboats, and is now on her way from Tampa for the Cuban coast. Her departure was confirmed by a dispatch received at the navy department from the commanding officer of the Helena.

Two other expeditions, the Dauntless and Dr. Briggs, are under surveillance by the gunboat Wilmington and a revenue cutter on the east coast of Florida.

Work for the Cuban Assembly.

New York, Aug. 31.—Thomas Estrada Palma, the representative of the Cuban provisional government, has received the official list of deputies to the next Cuban constitutional assembly, which is to meet on September 2nd, to elect a new president, the office of the present incumbent expiring on Thursday. The assembly will revise the present provisional constitution, which was adopted for a term of two years, on September 10, 1895. Each of the army corps sends four deputies to the assembly.

According to private advices which have just reached here large bodies of Spanish troops are being massed in Camaguay for the purpose of preventing, if possible, the meeting of the assembly, as the insurgents have a force in the district of the convention.

A Chance for Worden.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Mrs. Mary G. Jones, of this city, has just returned from Washington, where she visited President McKinley in behalf of S. D. Worden, under sentence of death in California for trainwrecking. Mr. Jones said the president, attorney-general and Secretary Alger received her most kindly, and after she had laid Worden's case before them the president assured her he would give it careful consideration, and he could almost promise her in advance that her plea for pardon for the condemned man would be granted.

DARK DAYS ARE PAST

Farmers of the Middle West Once More Prosperous.

Views of Secretary Wilson

Effects of Returned Prosperity Apparent Upon All Sides.—The Sugar-Beet Industry.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, has returned from a trip through the Western states, where he has been investigating conditions regarding irrigation and other matters which will tend to widen the scope of agricultural industries.

Mr. Wilson is enthusiastic concerning the agricultural future of the West, and is confident that the hard times have passed for the farmers west of the Mississippi river. During his trip through the Western states he examined into the conditions existing among the farmers. He found that the latter had felt the wave of prosperity, and that they were building new machinery, making numberless improvements, and are able to pay off their mortgages.

"I have been through the mountain states," said Mr. Wilson, "in order to learn what could be done regarding irrigation in the range lands of Western Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, parts of Idaho, Montana and North Dakota. The principal object of my trip was to ascertain to what extent the government could add to the annual production by further irrigation. During the course of my observation I have found that these states have already used up the waters in many districts without being able to irrigate the bottom lands. They are now agitating the theory of damming the waters in winter.

"I have an agent in Europe at the present time investigating the requirements for heavy draft and carriage horses and animals needed for army purposes. I have very little doubt that if the range horses in the Western states were properly cared for they would be able to compete with European horses. I hope to bring about such a competition and to make the market for American horses lively in European countries.

"During my trip I found a very extensive interest in growing sugar beets to make sugar. Grand Island, Neb., is on the edge of the dry belt. Sugar beets is one crop that grows independently of droughts. About 3000 to 4000 acres are necessary to cultivate a sufficient crop of beets to keep a factory in operation. The dry product, or the pulp, is not being used to the best advantage. At Grand Rapids and Lemhi, Utah, it is fed to range steers. The amount of it that would make two pounds of gain in a first-class steer worth 6 or 7 cents, would make a pound of butter, but such has not occurred to the sugar-beet growers."

IN FUSION LIES THEIR HOPE.

Three Silver Parties of Nebraska to Pool Issues.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 1.—It is safe to say harmonious fusion of the three silver parties is assured. Whatever doubt there may have been about co-operation was dispelled by good-will mass meetings held last night and this morning.

The sentiment on every tongue is to fuse regardless of which party furnishes the nominee for supreme judge. The Democrats, who favor W. H. Thompson, express great confidence in their victory, but say they want fusion above all things.

The silver Democratic state central committee met and agreed to recommend A. A. Shellenberger, of Alma, to their convention as temporary chairman.

Attorney-General Smythe, of Omaha, will be recommended for permanent chairman.

The silver republican state central committee this morning and agreed to recommend F. F. Loomis, of Edham, for temporary chairman, and to leave the nomination of permanent chairman to the choice of the convention.

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to recognize the Greater Republic (receiving Senor Rodriguez) and in failing to accredit a United States minister to the Greater Republic, is likely to make a treaty with Japan, granting her a concession for the construction of the canal.

"The United States minister here believes that when this news reaches Washington the state department will send a note to Japan asking if she is seeking to interfere with our treaty rights in the premises. The Americans in Nicaragua believe that the United States government will insist that her interoceanic treaties with Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and Colombia are yet in force, although the diet claims that Nicaragua and Honduras are no longer separate and individual nations and are therefore irresponsible."

Although state department officials will not admit that any official news has come to confirm the private advices, there are reasons for believing that the authorities have been watching Japan's movements in Central America with more or less suspicion for some time past.

THE ANNEXATION TREATY.

Davis Says It Will Be Ratified When the Senate Meets.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 2.—C. K. Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee, was today asked for an expression regarding the Hawaiian annexation treaty. He dismissed the matter briefly, saying: "There is no question in mind about the truth of the first statement that Hawaii may at once ratify the treaty. Why not? The senate can get together and they can readily dispose of the treaty. As to the statement that the United States congress would be called to meet two months in advance of the usual date, there is no truth in it. The treaty will be ratified by our senate when taken up by that body."

The Luetgert Trial.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—In the Luetgert trial this morning Frank Orasky, the smokehouse man at Luetgert's factory was examined briefly by the attorney for the plaintiff and turned over to the defense. He was subjected to severe questioning, with the object of showing that there were discrepancies between his testimony of yesterday and that given at Luetgert's preliminary hearing.

Frank Sewandowski, another employe of the factory, was examined. His testimony was mainly corroborative of Orasky's.

Gordon B. Clark, salesman for Lord, Owen & Co., wholesale druggists, testified that in March last Luetgert purchased of that firm a barrel of caustic potash and 50 pounds of arsenic. George Nelson, a shipping clerk for the drug firm, corroborated the testimony of Clark.

Operators and Miners Confer.

COLUMBUS, Sept. 2.—Representative coal operators and the coal miners' executive committee met today behind closed doors. The miners' officials declined to foreshadow any proposed movement in case of refusal to accept the operators' proposition to open the mines at 64 cents per ton pending arbitration. They were willing to talk of general conditions and nothing else, except that they want an agreement today, if any, to hold good for a year. On the other hand the operators feel very hopeful.

The miners' officials at 11:20 held a secret conference and adjourned to hold a joint secret conference with a special committee of operators, representing all the operators of Pittsburgh. Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are today its warmest friends. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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