

GIBSON.

"Victim" of Woman's Wiles - Frey of Political Plots - Querer Statements About the Suit and the Trial.

(From the San Francisco Chronicle.)

The account in yesterday's Chronicle giving in detail the evidence in the breach-of-promise suit for \$25,000, brought at Honolulu by Mrs. Flora Howard St. Clair against ex-Premier W. M. Gibson created considerable discussion among persons to whom the interested parties are known. The fact that the aged defendant had allowed the suit to go to trial without offering the slightest evidence in his behalf was considered mysterious, to say the least. For the purpose of hearing ex-Premier Gibson's explanation of the case a Chronicle reporter called upon him at St. Mary's Hospital yesterday.

"Mr. Gibson, are you aware that the breach-of-promise suit brought against you by Mrs. Flora Howard St. Clair at Honolulu has resulted to her in a verdict of \$10,000?" asked the reporter. "I am well aware of it, young man," said Mr. Gibson, complacently stroking his venerable gray beard.

"Will you kindly furnish the readers of the Chronicle with a few facts concerning your connection with the lady?"

"There are some points which in justice to myself you are entitled to hear," began the old gentleman, leisurely. "But I will commence at the beginning. Mrs. Howard, as she was first known to me, arrived in Honolulu some time in the summer of 1888. Prior to her arrival in the islands, she and her sister, Alice Caldwell, were book agents in the employ of Bannock & Co. of this city. The couple took up their residence at a prominent boarding-house just about the time the Legislature met in July. My first view of Mrs. Howard was in the Assembly chamber, which she daily visited in the capacity of book agent. She seemed to make numerous friends and sold many books."

"When did you first make her acquaintance?" asked the scribe, during the pause which followed Mr. Gibson's statement.

"Well," resumed he, meditatively. "I believe it was in the early part of December. I was in my office one day when she called and requested me to purchase some books for which she claimed to be sole agent. I looked over her list which included sample copies illustrative of French art. The pictures were of the nudest order, and she took especial pains to impress upon me the voluptuous beauties of a 'Bust of Venus,' and the clear outlines of Andromeda's figure chained to a rock. She told me on a subsequent occasion that it was a common error to view the ancient types of feminine beauty as models, and that the charms of Venus could be totally eclipsed by women of the present day. She also, in her vanity, compared her form with that of Venus, and intimated that the comparison was in no wise disparaging to her.

"How did you regard her liberal views?"

"I had no opportunity and did not desire to contradict her statements. She had a good figure, was rather slender and of a medium height. She was probably 35 years of age, and an excellent conversationalist. Mrs. Howard cannot be regarded as a beauty, but there is something winning about her ways, and that is all I can say of her in that respect. Her face bore a crafty look, and at first sight I set her in my mind as an artful, scheming woman. She called upon me several times, and one day asked me to present her to the King. I refused her this favor, but presented her to the chamberlain, through whom the King was led to purchase quite a number of books. She then invited me to call upon her, which I did. She also visited me at my house and once wrote me a letter concerning a trivial matter, which I did not answer. Her statement that I treated her with fondness and manifested my liking by kissing her is absolutely false. I treated her as I did all my lady acquaintances in Honolulu—with respect. It is my nature to be gay and convivial, and, I suppose, she misconstrued my actions toward her. While her statements are in the main correct, all her talk about my manifestations of love is a deliberate lie. I never told her that though I was old, I had a young heart, or placed in my pocket a rose which had dropped from her breast. These tales were told for a purpose and instigated by my political enemies."

"Did you make a promise of marriage at any time?"

"I never dreamt of doing such a thing. I have been a widower for forty years, and in my travels over the world have had many opportunities of making brilliant marriages had I felt so inclined. Would it not argue a lack of judgment on my part if, after all these years, I would have become so infatuated as to marry a book agent? I never entertained the proposition a moment, I assure you. Mrs. Howard, in one of her confidential moments, told me her husband had been a Nevada gambler named Howard St. Clair, who had died at the Palmer House at Chicago some years ago. She subsequently assumed the entire name, as she said, on my solicitation."

"When did she bring suit for damages?"

her sister would never marry "an old man" like myself. The sisters did not get along well together, and at one time Mrs. Howard severely choked Alice to gain \$11 which she had saved. This is the woman who attempted to force me into marrying her!"

"Who were her attorneys?"

"Messrs. Smith, Thurston and Kinney, all of whom were active participants in the revolution which ousted me from office. Another remarkable feature of the case is that the Chief Justice and the jury which tried the case were my most bitter political enemies. I have no doubt these men had great satisfaction in bringing a verdict against me. There was absolutely no evidence against me, aside from the statements of these women, which were strongly colored for the occasion. The whole suit was the outcome of political enmity which I had incurred, and Mrs. Flora Howard St. Clair was the willing tool of the conspirators."

"Have you made preparations to pay the \$10,000 awarded to her?"

"That part of the affair is already settled, she having agreed to take \$8,000, which my son-in-law has already paid. I do not suffer from the loss of this money as much as from the consciousness of knowing the true character of the woman who received it. The verdict, as the Court Reporter informs me, was not in accordance with the evidence, and entirely unwarranted. My experience has proved costly, but I trust it will prove useful to me, even advanced in years as I am."

Mr. Strong's Defense.

EDITOR GAZETTE: As the published reports of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Legislature about my connection with the Samoan Mission are very damaging to me, I beg to be allowed a small space in your paper for my defense.

Upon my arrival from Samoa I reported myself at the Foreign Office, and having acquired a considerable amount of material in color and photographic studies, I offered to complete a series of black and white sketches illustrative of life and scenery in Samoa upon the same conditions which had been agreed upon with the former Prime Minister, Mr. Gibson. I was very discourteously informed by Godfrey Brown, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, that I "need not bother myself about it any further." He did not care to have the "Museum lumbered up with any of my pictures."

Upon this declaration of the Philistine policy of the Minister in art matters I considered myself free from any further responsibility to such a man, and upon legal advice I concluded to accept his dictum and made no attempt to furnish the pictures to the Government. Had the Government required them of me and allowed me the small assistance necessary to produce them I would willingly have done so, but I did not wish any further dialogues with the sarcastic and inartistic Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The committee also spoke disparagingly of the collection of curios made for the museum. They could not have seen the whole lot as billed by Mr. Poor to the Foreign Office. Mr. Poor and myself worked together as collectors and were exceptionally fortunate in securing several valuable collections from the estates of deceased German traders, comprising war implements, arms, gods, etc., etc., from the Solomon, New Britain, New Ireland, New Guinea, New Hebrides, besides a lot of similar articles from Samoa. They are really worth more than what they have cost the museum and if not wanted there I am willing to give \$50 advance on their cost for the lot.

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