

BANCROFT HISTORY CO. Its Affairs to be Investigated by the Courts. CHARGE AGAINST THE HISTORIAN.

His Friends Accuse the Other Side of Conspiracy with Intent to Defraud.

Financial matters connected with the publication of books by Hester Howe Bancroft, author of "Native Races of the Pacific States," (the latter including a history of Utah) and other works, have been for a long time in a rather complicated condition. The affairs of the Bancroft History Company, says the San Francisco Chronicle, are to be treated in a suit brought by George H. Morrison against N. J. Stone and others, in which the plaintiff alleges a conspiracy between Stone, J. L. Hewitt and A. S. Latham. On Monday a jury was summoned and next day the trial of the suit commenced. The entire morning was occupied by opening statements of the two sides, R. B. Mitchell testifying for the plaintiff, and J. C. Campbell, coached by the associate counsel for the defense, Patrick H. O'Connell, testifying for the jury what they proposed to prove.

Campeol's opening statement was rather startling in its nature. In testifying to Mr. Mitchell he asserted that a deep conspiracy was entered into by the president of the Bancroft company and the plaintiff. He described J. L. H. Bancroft as a man who worshipped but one god, the god of gold, and said that while in Mexico he conspired with Hewitt to rob the wealth which years of industry had netted him.

The suit is quite a sensational one and the testimony promises to develop some rather startling facts if it is not cut short by a non-suit, which is the end to which Mitchell and O'Connell and Hedy are now devoting their entire efforts. The plaintiff, who is a stockholder, doctor and real estate investor, in the History Company, charges that N. J. Stone, while he occupied the position of vice president engaged in a conspiracy with J. L. Hewitt and A. S. Latham, who were interested in the corporation in a minor capacity, to defraud the corporation, but their own personal agreement, Morrison's allegations are to the effect that Stone organized the Pacific Publishing Company, and that the other two defendants turned over the business of the subscription and sales department of the Bancroft History Company to the new company. This was the most profitable branch of business which the History Company had ever undertaken, and they suffered, and the stockholders found their stock depreciating in value. The subscription and sales department, which subsisted in the work of the publication of books in the Spanish language and their sale in Mexico and Central America, was undertaken in January, 1898, and since that time sixty-eight dividends were declared and paid to the amount of \$200,000. This valuable work, says Mr. Morrison in his complaint, the defendant Stone appropriated to himself for the purpose of publishing company, and thereby the History Company, and the various agencies and large field for the sale of its publications. Morrison demanded in writing that the directors should discontinue the sale of Stone for \$50,000 damages, but they neglected to do so, and he commenced the suit on his own behalf.

The taking of testimony was commenced Tuesday afternoon, but it did not progress very far as the attorney for the plaintiff became slightly disordered on a legal technicality which Mr. Hedy argued on the court, and an adjournment was taken to give Mr. Mitchell an opportunity to look up authorities. The plaintiff was on the stand, and after testifying to the stock he possessed and the damage he sustained on the board of directors to commence a damage suit against Stone, Mr. Hedy attempted to show that the matter was not considered at a legal meeting of the directors, and furthermore that there is no evidence that the latter refused to bring the suit. "The notorious show," said Mr. Hedy, "what action on Mr. Morrison's demand was taken, and that he was not satisfied, and if Mr. Morrison had not refused to bring the suit, Mr. Morrison has no authority to commence this suit."

Judge Levy remarked that he would like to see some authorities on the question as to whether independent personal counsel could be retained by a member of the board of directors to bring the suit, and suggested that it did not follow that the present suit.

The case went over till this point of law could be settled.

ABORIGINAL RELICS. An Indian Grave Invaded by an Inquisitive White Man.

J. A. Frible of Spokane, Washington, gives an interesting account of his recent examination of a large Indian mound sixteen miles southwest of Bellevue, in Stevens county, that state. It is situated in a small plain between low rolling hills, and before being opened was thirty-five feet high and seventy-five feet in circumference. The material of the construction was raw, clay, adobe and shale. Although the existence of the mound has long been known to the people in the vicinity, it was generally regarded as a freak of nature left by the subsidence of gliding waters. Mr. Frible, however, entertained another view, and, equipping himself with cross-bar, pick, shovels and dynamite, and procuring two black bucks for service, he attacked the mound. After making an excavation four feet by six feet upon a well so hard that blasting was necessary. The position then was considered of the wall, was a chamber, circular in shape, was lined, the interior walls of which were smooth, but not decorated with figures in vermilion. Three human skeletons, supposed to be those of a chief and his two wives, which were still clad in what was

new skins of buffalo and deer, reposed, with faces toward the east, against the inner wall of the chamber. Their skeletons and white garments all about the mound. In front of the central figure stood a large earthen pipe, its interior, a job, which was said filled with queer-looking ornaments of various colored stones and arrow heads of bronze. There were also some pieces of raw, raw, a leather garter, flint with arrows, and a narrow ulinated flint with a bronze.

With an Alligator.

Fish are poached, and the absurd persons of some individuals who depart from the ordinary in this respect by the device of having a A. A. Stange lives in New York with his wife, a charming woman. The winter Mr. and Mrs. Stange enjoyed the climate of Florida, and during their stay they would be found in Chicago, they left Florida last week and arrived at the Palmer yesterday, says the Chicago Tribune, and were assigned to room 211. A constable served notice on Clerk Will Cunningham that the Stange couple must be removed from the room, as it had been attached to cover a claim of \$50 due a ticket broker who wanted the room for an evening. A ticket to Florida which Mr. Stange failed to give up. Officer McCarry was summoned and instructed to help the Stange couple, and ascertain if there were valuables enough to cover the hotel bill. He proceeded to the room and found that the occupant was a man, a young man, who was sitting at the desk and ran his hand under his pillow, then beneath the covering. Suddenly there was a yell, and the chambermaid was astonished to see the house officer rush into the hall holding a bloodstained handkerchief.

"I've been bit," said the officer. "There's something cold and sticky in that hole and it's all alive." Together they entered the room and turning back the covering a young alligator about two feet long came into view, snapping viciously at the intruder. At this moment Mrs. Stange appeared. She ran to the bed, alarmed and catching the alligator clasped the pet in her arms. "Madam, we don't allow alligators in the hotel of the Palmer House," said the officer. "And why not, I should like to know? Why, they've slept with my husband and I've three children."

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