

State prohibited the admission of women to the bar, and the principal law college, Hastings, refused to admit her as a student.

Mrs. Foltz drew up an amendment to the Code, allowing women to practice law, and also brought suit against the trustees of the college for refusing her admission. She was successful in both instances, and in a short time she was a member of the bar. In one of her first cases she won \$75,000 damages for a woman client.

In a few years she had built up a good practice without neglecting her home duties. She established the *Santiago Daily Bee*, and took a great interest in politics, proving a valuable speaker for the Republican party.

Mrs. Foltz had always been a Republican, having followed in her father's footsteps, but during an exciting political campaign she took occasion to change her views. She was making speeches for the Republican mayoralty candidate in San Francisco, and one day dropped in at the State headquarters. The State Secretary made a slurring remark about women in politics, and Mrs. Foltz declared that she would leave the party for which she had been working so ardently. Since that time she has joined forces with the Democrats, although she sometimes sides with the People's party.

In California Mrs. Foltz was known as the modern Portia, the latter being one of her favorite heroines. She founded the Portia Law Club, and it still flourishes successfully in the Golden State.

Mrs. Foltz comes of a distinguished family. Her father was a prominent lawyer who left the bar to become a minister. Her brother, Samuel Shortridge, is a well-known corporation lawyer; another brother, Charles M. Shortridge, is editor and proprietor of the *St. Francisco Call*, and a third brother, John R., is mayor of Gainesville, Texas. She was herself the candidate of the People's party for city and county attorney in 1880.

One secret of Mrs. Foltz's success is her surprising energy. Her office hours are from 10 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., and a considerable portion of her time is given to the study of intricate cases. Yet with all this she does not neglect her social duties, and she has a large circle of friends. In appearance she is a tall, stately blonde, with a fine voice and a dignified manner. She pays considerable attention to her dress, which is always in the latest fashion. She has travelled extensively and been through a shipwreck and various other experiences, of which she talks entertainingly.

She is an ardent woman suffragist, but never forces her opinions on any one. She is glad to follow in the footsteps of Susan B. Anthony, whom she calls "the magnificent woman who struck the first blow for woman's rights at Rochester forty-eight years ago." She also says:—"I have proved that women possess that quality which men have arrogated to themselves alone—logic; but I have endeavored to do it in such a way as not to offend men's sensibilities."