

GUARDIAN FOR TWO GIRLS

YOUNG MAN ENGAGED TO MARRY ONE OF THEM APPOINTED.

They Desired to Sell a Piece of Property—Supreme Court Action—Other Court Cases.

An amusing situation has just come to light in the probate department through the granting of a petition to sell real estate. The unusual circumstance was the appointment of a young man named Myers as guardian of his prospective wife and her sister, both minors, in order that they might execute a deed. The wards are Cora and Belle Plummer. The Union Trust Company had formerly been guardian, but resigned, leaving property in their hands. They recently desired to sell a piece of the property, and thought they were of age and could make a deed. The purchaser, however, looked up the title to the property, and found that a guardianship had once existed, and later discovered the affidavit of their mother, made in 1883, which stated that the girls were then respectively ten and seven years old. This would make them fifteen and eighteen years old. The young women were told that it would be necessary to have a guardian appointed to execute a deed, and Myers, who is said to be engaged to one of the Miss Plummers, was appointed at their request.

EDUCATORS OF THE STATE

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION WILL MEET HERE HOLIDAY WEEK.

The Three Days' Programme Completed by the Committee—Academy of Science.

The State Teachers' Association will hold its annual meeting in Indianapolis from Dec. 26 to 28, inclusive. The programme committee has completed its work. The officers of the general association and the programme follow: Officers—H. B. Brown, Valparaiso, president; Lawrence McTurman, Anderson, chairman executive committee; W. E. Hart, Covington, permanent secretary and treasurer (this office became vacant by the removal from the state of James E. Hart, former permanent secretary; this vacancy will be filled by the general association); Fred Anderson, president of the association; J. M. Tinsley, H. E. Gallimore, J. W. Riddle, D. M. Getting, S. L. Heeter and William Clegg, executive committee; Lawrence McTurman, chairman, Anderson; James E. Organ, Bloomington; T. H. Meek, Lawrenceburg; J. E. Orr, Redkey; T. A. Mott, Richmond; T. S. Thornhill, Ellettsville; George H. Tapp, Columbia City; William P. Hart, ex officio, Covington.

NEW TELEPHONE CONTRACT

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY WILL ASK FOR BIDS.

Additional Service that Will Be Required—Bridge Closed to Traffic—Municipal Affairs.

The annual contract for telephones which the city made last year for the fire and police departments will expire in a few weeks, and the Board of Safety to-day will request the Central Union Telephone Company and the New Company to present sealed bids for 1902 service. For the use of the fire department thirty private branch line connections are desired, with trunk line connections. For the police department additional connections will be required. In addition the board wants a number of new and transmitters for use in the Gamewell fire alarm system.

NOTABLE BOOKS OF THE SEASON

- Fiction: The Tory Lover, The Fireside Sphinx, Our Lady Vanity, Margaret Warrenner, The Marrow of Tradition. Holiday: Italian Journeys, Our National Parks. Standard: James Russell Lowell, The Rights of Man, American Traits, Life Everlasting.

Advertisement for Houghton, Mifflin & Company, listing various books and their prices.

DECISION AGAINST SHILLING.

Supreme Court Holds that the Former Recorder Owes County Money.

The Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the judgment against William E. Shilling, ex-county recorder of Marion county on his bond for \$2,000 in favor of the county. The court held that Shilling, as county recorder, between Nov. 14, 1894, and June 30, 1895, collected in fees \$3,827.26, more than his salary for the time, which he failed to pay over to the county, but claimed as his own. As his bond was only for \$2,000, the judgment in this action, which was brought on the bond, was limited to that amount. Shilling based his claim to the money on the contention that the fee and salary law of 1893 was unconstitutional. The court held that this question had been settled against his contention by earlier decisions, and the fees collected by Shilling, because it was asserted, belonged to the county, and it was the duty of the Board of Commissioners, in the case of Shilling, to pay into the treasury, to bring suit to recover them.

BRIDGE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

Six Supporting Rods Break and a New Bridge is Made Necessary.

The Washington-street bridge over White river seems to be approaching the last stages of dissolution. Yesterday, a few hours after the Board of Works had visited it and had declared that with a few repairs to the flooring it would be serviceable for some time, the bridge was damaged and left the old structure in a bad way. City Engineer Nelson had a look at the bridge and found that six supporting rods yesterday, and promptly ordered all heavy traffic discontinued. Foot passengers may use the bridge, but cars may not cross. Watchmen are placed at each end of the old bridge and the order is carried out on account of the fact that the bridge is an almost indispensable link in the street car system. It is decided to give the company the benefit of running empty cars over it for the present.

Mrs. Van Pelt Granted a Divorce.

Anna C. Van Pelt was yesterday granted a divorce from her husband, John H. Van Pelt, and given \$1,000 alimony and their household furniture at 825 North Pennsylvania street by Judge Allen, of the Circuit Court.

ARGUMENT IN LIQUOR CASE.

Lawyers Representing the Saloon Interest are Heard.

The long and tedious liquor license remonstrance hearing that has been before the County Commissioners for many days will close at noon to-day. William T. Brown and C. J. Orison, representing the liquor interests, presented their side of the case yesterday afternoon. Both sides made a certain number of points on Sunday were invalid and that the blanket power of attorney to sign a remonstrance against any and all saloons in the Fourth ward could not stand, because the Supreme Court had decided that the power of attorney in a liquor license remonstrance could be used against one applicant only. They also charged fraud in obtaining signatures.

Advertisement for The Gift Question is Settled at Bowen-Merrill's, listing various books and their prices.

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