

STARTS HER BOYS OFF TO SCHOOL, THEN PRESIDES OVER FEDERAL COURT

Mrs. Mabel Van Dyck Bell of Covington, Ky., recently appointed a United States commissioner, is one of the few women in the United States with judicial powers.

She presided over her first case with much dignity, in a "robe of



"Judge" Mabel Bell.

office" consisting of a white shirt-waist and a brown tailored skirt. She is small and petite.

Mrs. Bell had been a deputy in the office of United States Court Clerk John Menzies. When the district was extended Menzies was no longer able to perform the dual duties of clerk and commissioner.

It then devolved upon United States Judge Cochran to name a new commissioner. The experience that Mrs. Bell had gained as a deputy clerk made her eli-

gible for the position.

As commissioner she holds preliminary hearings in all cases developing in her jurisdiction, either dismissing the prisoner, if there is insufficient evidence, or holding him to the next term of the court.

Violators of the postal and internal revenue laws, moonshiners, counterfeiters and even an occasional banker whose particular kind of "frenzied finance" may displease Uncle Sam, are brought before her.

Mrs. Bell has two boys, Davis and James. Before going to the federal building to preside over her court Mrs. Bell puts on their clean bibs and tuckers and starts them off to school.

WEATHER REPORT

High Winds.—Colder weather tonight for Chicago and vicinity; Thursday fair; lowest temperature tonight about 18 degrees above zero; brisk to high northerly winds tonight diminishing Thursday.

How Unkind.

Marion—Jack is getting near sighted.

Myrtle—It doesn't follow that there is anything the matter with his eyes because he can't see you under the mistletoe.—Kansas City Times.

