
AMICABLE RELATIONS ARE ESTABLISHED ALL AROUND

Becker Boy Will Remain Here and
When Education Is Completed
Will Choose His Own Home.

Appleton, Wis., Thursday, Sept. 19.

This forenoon in a conference in the office of Attorney A. M. Spencer it was demonstrated that a mother's love is pre-eminent and predominating over every other interest at all times for Mrs. Emma Lombard, who came here to learn of the career of her son, Edward Leroy Becker, overcame her inclination to have her rights according to law and granted Mrs. P. J. Becker of the Fourth ward the privilege of keeping the 11-year-old boy indefinitely, or rather until his education is completed when he will be allowed to choose for himself which family he will reside with.

The story has been distorted greatly in Appleton and the truth was told today. Mr. and Mrs. Lombard have been residing at Channing, Mich., and came to Milwaukee on their way to South Dakota, where they were going to visit relatives and eventually to locate in the west. At Milwaukee Mrs. Lombard heard for the first time of the death of her divorced husband, Mr. P. J. Becker, an instantly the "step-mother" idea came into her head. She remembered she was to have the custody of her son at the death of her husband according to the divorce decree, so after the tickets were bought for Dakota she changed her plans and came here. The trip was made on the Central railway to Neenah and over the interurban to this city when the party located the Becker home in the Fourth ward. Mrs. Becker recognized the woman and the boy was spirited away to a place south of Chicago and did not arrive here until today.

Mrs. Lombard had no notion of kidnapping the child, she states, but merely wished to learn how it was

being cared for. Today as the mother and her little daughter met the son the two children rushed into each other's arms and there was a scene which caused the attorneys in the case to almost weep with the family.

After a conference when Mrs. Becker had shown she could care for the boy properly Mrs. Lombard conceded her right to the boy, and he will continue to live here and will correspond with his own mother until he has finished his education, when he is to choose for himself where he will live, in Appleton or with his mother in the west.

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