

CALLAWAY'S RECORDER SUED

For \$500—Issues a Marriage License
to Minors Without Parent's
Consent.

On the 19th day of November the recorder of Callaway county, John M. Bryan, issued a license to Wm. Davidson and Minnie Lynch, both of Audrain county, to marry. They were married on the 4th of December by a justice of the peace of Ralls county. The girl was 14 years of age and the father refused to consent to it, and did not authorize the license. Davidson stole the girl away from home and married her as stated above. The law of this state puts a penalty of \$1,000 upon a recorder for issuing a license to a minor without the consent of the parent or guardian, \$500 of which goes to the parent. James Lynch, the father of the girl, has brought suit against the recorder for \$500 and the suit has been filed in Callaway county. D. A. Murphy and George Robertson, both of this city, are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

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are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are living in Audrain county at present. It is understood that suit will also be brought on Bryan's official bond for damages. This case is attracting much attention, as such an one seldom occurs. The case will come up at the May term of the Callaway county circuit court, before Judge Hockaday.

Hon. C. F. Clark is home from a successful business trip to Texas.