

J.A. HEATH - mistreats son

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J.A. Heath, who was arrested Monday evening for cruelly mistreating his little son, Joe, was arraigned in the Mayor's court this morning. After a lengthy parley between his attorney, W.G. Houk, and deputy prosecutor Mc Broom the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$10 and costs making a total of \$20.85. In some manner the amount was raised and Heath regained his freedom. The parties, who interposed at the time of the trouble and caused his arrest carried their plans to a completion this morning by having Heath deposed as guardian of his son. It was shown to Judge West that he is not a suitable person and the Crawfordsville Trust Co. was appointed in his stead, the officers having kindly agreed to assume guardianship without any cost whatever to the little chap who by his industry and frugality has already accumulated a comfortable nest egg amounting to \$60. The father learned of this saving a few days ago and his endeavors to get possession of the same is what led to the trouble. Little Joe has been saving his money with a view to getting an education and bettering his condition. He is naturally an unusually bright little chap and now that he is beyond the father's control he will doubtless succeed in his undertakings. - transcribed by kbz