

COUPLE UP FOR BIGAMY LAUGHS AT LOCKSMITHS

Lucy Jerkovic and Andrew Barboni Say They Will Wed Again if Necessary.

"Love laughs at locksmiths."

Lucy Jerkovic, indicted Thursday on a charge of bigamy, and Andrew M. Barboni, who she married without the formality of a divorce from her first husband, were arraigned before Judge W. A. Cant yesterday.

The couple sat side by side in the courtroom and stole sidelong glances that told each other mutely that no difference what happens they had not ceased to love each other.

Ignorance of the law and a belief that by appearing in court and giving her testimony entitled her a divorce, despite the fact that Judge Ensign demanded additional evidence before signing the papers, was the plea made by attorneys for the woman, to the court.

Barboni, indicted jointly with Mrs. Jerkovic, was arraigned, also. He is charged with having been an accessory to a bigamous marriage. The two were married in Duluth, Oct. 25 and arrested when they returned from their honeymoon. Both pleaded not guilty and were released on bail of \$300 each.

More than a year ago Lucy Jerkovic brought suit in St. Louis county district court for divorce from Mike Jerkovic of Chicago. The case was heard by Judge J. D. Ensign, who declared that evidence of desertion on the part of the defendant was not conclusive, and held the case open for further testimony. Apparently Mrs. Jerkovic believed that all formalities had been disposed of and that she was free to marry.

Barboni, who is a conductor in the employe of the Duluth Street Railway company met Mrs. Jerkovic and fell in love with her. She told him she was free to wed and that she loved him. Before they were married it is alleged that a brother of the woman telegraphed Barboni that his sister was married and that she had never been divorced. Barboni said he took the word of the woman he loved and got the license.

Both swear undying fealty to each other, it is said, and declare when this affair is over and a divorce is obtained from Mike Jerkovic that they will have another wedding if necessary.