

“Local Brevities” from the *Marshall County Independent*, January 1898

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Facebook and other social media services have made keeping up with the daily lives of our friends and families a simple endeavor. Examining the “Local Brevities” section of the *Marshall County Independent* reveals that our ancestors were not so different than us in their desire to stay connected with friends and family. Instead of social media, our ancestors used newspapers to keep in contact with and update their acquaintances. As the *Independent* stated, “If you have a good item of news don’t try to have it suppressed. Let the public know just how it happened. The only way this can be done is for the papers to tell it. Newspapers will give the facts and unless the papers give it, the whole thing will be garbled.”¹ In days past the Local Brevities section established a sense of community among the residents of Plymouth, Indiana. Today it allows researchers to see a more detailed and personalized picture of their ancestors.

The *Independent* was a weekly publication published in Plymouth from 1894 to 1901. Along with many other newspapers, it is completely digitized, searchable, and available for free online through the Hoosier State Chronicles, Indiana’s Digital Historic Newspaper Program.² The *Independent* was published every Friday and consisted of eight dense pages of news about Plymouth. The last page was dedicated to Local Brevities, showing the interests that the residents, called “Plymouthites” in this section, had in each other and in the social happenings around Marshall County.

Local Brevities included notices still expected in newspapers today, such as birth, marriage, divorce, and death announcements. Although this data sometimes can be found online, announcements directly from the time period in which your ancestor lived have the potential to give more descriptive perspectives of the events. The Local Brevities section also included notices that are no longer commonplace in modern newspapers. One frequent announcement was about illnesses and a person’s prognosis. Although the *Independent* was published only once a week, people could submit announcements every day. So, it is possible to track a resident’s

health from day to day in the same week’s column. Other notices in this section report on visitors in town and the nature of their visits (business or pleasure), who is leaving town and for what purpose, who has taken a new job, who has sold a business, who has done a good deed for the city, who is hosting a meeting or social gathering, and other miscellaneous announcements. Announcements like these were commonplace in older publications and offer much valuable information to researchers, providing details from which researchers can more fully experience the lives of their ancestors.

Announcements published in January 1898 issues of the *Independent* have been transcribed below. Surnames are listed in bold type; editorial additions are in brackets.

Notes

1. “Local Brevities,” *Marshall County Independent*, January 14, 1898.
2. Hoosier State Chronicles is operated by the Indiana State Library and is available at <https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>.

“Local Brevities” Entries in the *Marshall County Independent*, January 1898

January 7, 1898

Miss Della **Oglestree** is home from a visit to Indianapolis.

Mr. J. F. **Bose**, of Walkerton, is in the city today, on account of the death of his father, which occurred last night.

Miss Ruth **English** returned to her home in Wabash yesterday after a very pleasant visit with friends in this city.

Carl **Kloepfer** has returned to his studies in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was accompanied as far as Michigan City by his parents.

A jolly party of Plymouth people will drive to the country this evening and pay their respects to Ex-County Commissioner **Dolph**, and his estimable wife.

Daniel **McDonald** of the *Democrat*, returned from South Bend this morning. Mr. McDonald was made a member of the Northern Indiana Historical Society at the conclusion of an able-address delivered by him to an audience of five hundred people.

Editor **Oglesbee**, of the *Republican*, paid his respects to Pete **Kruyer**, the newly appointed Sup’t of the county infirmary, in last evenings [*sic*] News. Mr. Kruyer comes back at Editor Oglesbee today in the

Democrat. They both had their say and the subject matter makes good reading for those who are not interested. If you can read between the lines, you may be able to discover the hidden mystery.

Hon. Daniel **McDonald**, the veteran editor of the *Plymouth Democrat*, has done a vast amount of writing along the line of local and state history. He is splendidly equipped for this purpose, being a native of Northern Indiana and having thoroughly familiarized himself with the stirring events that characterized the settlement of this part of the Hoosier commonwealth. Wielding a graceful pen, and having an extended acquaintance, his contributions to the historical literature of the state are prized among the very best and are eagerly sought after by all who feel a proper interest in the growth and development of Indiana. His paper on "The Removal of the Pottawattomies" to be read at Library hall this evening, will doubtless prove a rich treat to his audience. *South Bend Times*.

Miss Bertha **Jefferies** spent last week in Mentone visiting her grand parents and other relatives.

Mrs. David **Ramsey** had purchased the Seavey hardware property in the south part of town and is occupying the same as a dwelling.

David **Harrington** and Frank **Flory** paid Plymouth a business visit last Thursday.

Simeon **Harrington** and family, living north-east of Plymouth, visited relatives here last week.

The Oddfellows elected the following officers last Tuesday evening: N. G., John **Moriarty**; V. G., D. R. **Bearsa**; Sec'y, J. M. **Johnson**; Treasurer, Berry **Meredith**. We presume the officers will be installed Tuesday evening.

An old fashioned [*sic*] oyster supper took place at W. L. **Vernett**'s south-east of town last Thursday evening.

The Democrats of this township met at the school house here last Saturday. Frank **Vernette** was elected delegate to the district convention. Isaac **Jeffries** was elected chairman of the first precinct and David **Harrington** was elected chairman of the second precinct. William **Love** and Charles M. **Walker** were elected secretaries.

Ralph E. **Barrett** and Miss Lillie **Gerrard** were united in marriage last Thursday evening by Rev. John E. **Jordan**. They are both teachers in this township and are among our best young people and we wish them a happy voyage across the sea of life.

Married at the Presbyterian church in Bourbon, Ind., Dec. 30, 1897 by Rev. J. C. **Breckenridge**. Prof. Samuel A. **Laird** and Miss Elma M. **Jordan**. Prof Laird, principal of schools at Chalmers, in White county, is a self made man, and has attained the position he now occupies by strict integrity and is worthy of the position. The bride is one of Marshall county's estimable young ladies and one of the most successful teachers. Prof. and Mrs. Laird start out on life's journey with bright prospects, and the best wishes of a host of friends. May their brightest dreams of life be realized. They left for their home in Chalmers last Saturday morning.

January 14, 1898

Henry **Hall** is improving and will soon be out again.

Surafine **Wickey** is still a very sick man.

M. M. **Doggett** of Huntington is in the city on business.

Henry **Hillsman** is home from a visit to Bristol.

Miss Martha **Buell**, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Aspinall.

Deputy Sheriff **Bondurant** and wife are visiting in the south part of the county today.

Miss Daisy **Woodard** left Chicago this morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Charlie **Willard** and Will **Corbin** have not yet found a suitable location to open up a billiard and pool hall.

S. S. **Ball** left this morning for Farmer City, Ill., to attend the funeral of his mother.

Surafine **Wickey** is gradually growing worse and the chances for his recovery are not the best.

J. W. **Maxey** the insurance agent says that business in his line is looking up.

Invitations are now out for a social party to be given by Messers Claud **Fish** and Will **Lankenau** at the home of the latter, Wednesday Jan. 19th.

For sale - House and lot will take in part payment, team of horses harness and wagon. Come quick. Edwin **Corbin**. (Corbin Block.)

John **McNulty** of Ft. Wayne is finishing up the plumbing on the residence of M. W. **Simons**.

Rev. Dr. **Tucker** paid this office a pleasant call this morning. His resemblance to Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is certainly very striking.

The meetings now being held in the Methodist church are full of interest. Rev. Dr. **Tucker** continues to draw the people toward him. His frank and genial manner, his kind heartedness, his love for humanity, his simplicity, makes all feel like they are in the presence of the Master.

The ladies society of the German Evangelical church met at the residence of Mrs. F. H. **Hahn** Jan 12th, and held their annual meeting and selected the following officers for the year: President, Mrs. John **Birkhold**; vice president, Mrs. John C. **Kuhn**; secretary, Mrs. R. C. **Kloepfer**; treasurer, Mrs. F. H. **Kuhn**.

The K.O.T.M. of Rochester is having some local trouble. Some of the members thought the funds were not being properly looked after and an investigation was ordered. Banker **Holman** got into trouble with other members of the committee and came out with a badly punched head. Now there is more trouble to straighten out.

Hon. A. C. **Bearsa** has been made postmaster at Peru and he is now heaving the mail matter with a will that indicates joyfulness. There were many Republicans who were opposed to his appointment for the reason that he started out in the last presidential campaign as a free silverite, but when he heard from the St. Louis convention he halted between two opinions until he found where he was at. There were many Republicans in those days who had been reading "Coin" and were completely at sea on the financial question. Mr. Bearsa will make a good postmaster.

John **Hains** and family have moved to Starke county.

Lafe **Singelton** and wife have dissolved partnership at present.

Oren **Chart** went to the river fishing Saturday and had a lucky catch.

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Bud **Ocher** of Bourbon spent Sunday in Plymouth the guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. **Smith** are now residents of South Bend.

Mr. **Cupp**, residing on Water street, is very sick with lung fever.

Joe **Wolf** spent Sunday in Lincoln, Neb.

C. W. **Metsker** made a business trip to Chicago today.

Mr. and Mrs. D. U. **Gould**, of Argos, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John **Blain** on Sunday.

The Kellison hotel has one of the finest horses in the city. It was purchased by Mr. **Shilt** today.

Mrs. **Kelley** and child, of South Bend stopped at the Kellison today, on their way to Washington, D. C.

Peter **Bergner's** new residence on South Michigan street is one of the finest in that part of the city.

George H. **Thayer** will leave tonight for the east in the interest of the Indiana Novelty company.

Editor [Daniel] **McDonald** will deliver his lecture on the removal of the Potawattomies to the high school in the near future.

D. A. **Anderson** formerly of the Plymouth Advertising bureau has accepted a Job as breakman [*sic*] on the Pittsburg rail road.

Ed **Hogarth** has in possession an old ledger used by the late Johnson **Brownlee** 56 years ago when he was in the employ of A. L. **Wheeler**.

Miss Lenora **Zechale** who makes her home with Mrs. Fred **Shoemaker** was called to Culver City yesterday to attend the funeral of her grandmother.

Hon. Chas. **Reeves** celebrated his 76th birthday Saturday. Mr. Reeves is one of the liveliest men of age in Marshall county.

Rev. D. **Tucker** returned to his home in Valparaiso this morning, but he will return in time to fill his appointment in the Methodist church tonight.

Will **Ellis** the handsomest young man in Bourbon spent Sunday with friends in this city. He says that the Central hotel is doing a good business.

Miss Pearl A. **Turnbull** will sing a solo during the Tuesday morning session of the Farmer's Institute. The accompaniment [*sic*] will be played by Mrs. **McDonald** with a violin obligato by Herbert **Patton**.

The two little children of George **Marks**, are very sick with catarrhal fever, and Mrs. Marks is down with pneumonia. Dr. **Knott** reports considerable sickness throughout the city and country.

Mrs. Rufus **Jordon** has been granted a divorce from her husband.

Young David **Gibson** left yesterday to attend school in Valparaiso.

George W. **Marble** left for Chicago last night on business.

Miss Edith **Stout** is visiting the family of J. M. **Klinger** and other relatives.

George H. **Thayer jr.** left last night for the east to transact business for the Indiana Novelty company.

Miss Ella **Shearer** of South street, left this morning for a months [*sic*] visit with her sister, Mrs. **Hamlin**, in South Bend.

Amer **Brownlee** left this morning for Chicago, but will return Saturday to transact some business. His wife will remain in Plymouth until the return of her husband.

Leroy **Evans**, of Center township, one of the officers of the Farmers Institute is a worker as well as an intelligent gentleman.

John **Oberholtzer**, from Nashville, O. is visiting relatives in the north part of the county. Mr. Oberholtzer will remain in the county for some time.

These Tampico dusters made by D. W. **Albert** seem to be all right.

On account of not receiving the proper instructions from Indianapolis in time, Mr. F. C. **Schilt** was unable to install the officers of Hyperion lodge K. of P. last night.

Miss Bertha **Gabbert** has resigned her position as clerk in the large dry goods store of Kloepfer, and returned to her home in Argos. Miss Bertha was recognized as one of the best clerks in the city.

The funeral of James M. **Wickizer** was held today (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock in Argos. The ceremonies were conducted by Revs. A. L. **Wagoner**, A. L. **Platt**. The interment in Maple Grove cemetery. All business houses were closed during the funeral ceremonies.

Amar **Brownlee**, son of Johnson Brownlee, arrived in the city from Chicago to attend the funeral of his father which occurred today. Amar is a telegraph operator on the board of trade in that city.

Jerry **Blain** was cleaning the mud off the crossings today, for all of which he has the thanks of the public. It wouldn't be safe for any one to intimate to Jerry that he wants to represent his ward in the city council but he would fill the bill alright.

F[E?]d **Ruple**, of Elkhart, visited his cousin, W. S. R. **Smith** yesterday and today. Billy laid off long enough [*sic*] to show him through the works, and also the factory of Underwood & Walls. He took home with him one of those fine Electron wheels.

The Rev. Dr. W. J. **Vigue**, of Indianapolis, agent of the American bible ever welcome in all churches, spent a busy day in Plymouth yesterday. In the morning he preached at the Presbyterian church. He also

participated in the Sunday school and revival services at the M. E. church. He was the guest of J. J. **Staley** while in the city. He left for Indianapolis at 5:33 this morning.

Henry **Speth**, of South Bend was the guest of Adam **Wise** yesterday.

William **Everly** is in Van Wert, Ohio, on business.

Ed **Thomas** is in Cleveland, Ohio, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva **Meyers** are now residents of Bourbon.

J. W. **Maxey** and Fred **Shearer** are members of the Talbot jury.
Miss Hazel **Ketcham** is slowly improving from her recent illness.

Chaune **Mead** is now a resident of North Walnut street.

M. M. **Johnson**, of Logansport, is in the city today on business.

Johnnie **Stevens** is looking after the enameling room at the cycle works at night.

Rollo **Leonard** returned to Valparaiso this morning to resume his studies in college.

E. G. **Fisher** and E. W. **Marks**, of Bremen, were the guests of Will **Leonard** last evening.

D. D. **Dodd** traveling auditor of the Lake Erie railroad was in the city today.

Fresh bread at all time from Clark & Heckard's bakery for sale at the When.

Lee **Kendall** is still in Chicago but is getting ready for his proposed trip to the Klondike.

Miss Ola **Jordon**, who has been visiting friends in Chicago, returned to Plymouth yesterday.

Attorney's [*sic*] **Kellison** and **McLaren** transacted business in Knox yesterday.

Editor **Miller**, of the *South Bend Tribune*, is in the city reporting the Talbot trial for his paper.

The **Rathbone** Sisters of this city will go to Walkerton tomorrow night to assist in instituting a lodge in that city.

Rev. Sam **Small** is holding revival meetings at Columbia City this week and is greeted with crowded houses.

Misses Alice **Pottinger** and Dora **Keim** who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Aukerman** have returned to their home in Kokomo.

The **Novelty** boys sold 40 tickets yesterday for the dance to be given by the Molter band on the night of Jan 27th.

It now looks like that Prosper **Mickey** would be the republican candidate for sheriff in Marshall county at the next election.

Will **Lankenau** and Claud **Fish** will entertain a party of young ladies' [*sic*] and gentlemen tonight at the residence of Mr. Lankenau on South Michigan street.

Mr. **Munn**, route agent of the U.S. express company was in the city today and checked up accounts in the U.S. express office in this city, and found Agent **Leonard** correct in every point.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris **Fisher** are on their way to Tampa, Fla. They will stop at Fitzgerald, Ga., where they will visit their two sons for a time.

Persons holding season tickets will please notice that seats for Dr. A. A. **Willetts** lecture can be reserved at Loseys on Monday, Jan 24. Sale of other tickets begin the day following.

Messrs. A. L. **Brick**, J. L. **Mayer** and Mr. **Slick**, South Bend attorneys and Attorney **Baker**, of Goshen, and Miss **Cass**, of South Bend, are in the city attending the Talbot trial.

For sale or trade - 320 acres of land in Walworth county, South Dakota, for particulars call on or address D. **Gensinger**, Plymouth, Ind.

A series of meetings will begin. Conducted by A. H. **Zilmer**, of Wisconsin, at the Antioch meeting house five miles south of Plymouth commencing Thursday evening, Jan. 20. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

James E. **Hanes**, a passenger agent of the Pittsburg station in this city, returned from Chicago this morning. Mrs. Hanes and daughter will remain for several days yet.

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Mrs. Kate **Wickey**, of Peru, is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. L. M. **Hatten** is visiting friends in South Bend this week.

David **Snyder**, who was been suffering with stomach trouble for several day[s], will soon be himself again.

The Young Womens Presbyterian society met last evening with Mrs. Charles **Harris**.

Rev. **Smith** is feeling exceedingly happy today over the result of the meetings of the past two weeks.

Rev. **Raymond** will go to Peru tomorrow to attend a convocation of the Northern Indiana Deanery.

Little Grace **Kress** returned to her home in South Bend, after a few days visit with her father, Mr. George Kress.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. **Smith** and son, of Coldwater, Michigan, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. **Brooke**, of this city.

The ladies' [*sic*] of the W. R. C. will hold their regular afternoon social Wednesday with Mrs. Louisa **Botset** on East Jefferson street.

Miss Helen **Disher** has returned to Bremen to take charge of her school. Miss Helen has been sick for some time but has entirely recovered.

Morris **Agler**, John **Nichols**, Elmer **White** and Clarence **Slater**, of Twin Lakes, attended the revival meeting in the M. E. church last night.

James **Zinn** has disposed of his interest in the cigar and billiard business to Rolla **Bennett** and will return to Plymouth, so says the *Columbia City Post*.

Miss Magdalena **Klinghammer** will give a social at her home on Laporte street, Thursday afternoon and evening for the benefit of the Reformed church. A splendid time is anticipated and you are cordially invited.

Fred **Botset** will give one of the finest dances ever given in this city at the opera house in the near future. Music will be furnished by Freiburg's orchestra of Chicago. The exact date will be announced later.

Charlie **Hammeral** the well known Garro street restaurant man will move his restaurant to North Michigan street next door to Turners [*sic*] meat market. When he gets his fixtures in shape he will have one of the finest and best equipped restaurants in the city.

Rev. Dr. **Tucker** preached his last sermon last night in the M. E. church in this city, of the present series of meetings. He left for his home in Valparaiso last night carrying with him the blessings of the Plymouth people.

Miss Hazel **Ketcham** is slowly improving and is able to be up part of the time in the afternoon. This will be good news for the many friends of Miss Hazel.

Charlie **Ulrich**'s little son Paul is one year old today. Master Paul can talk and raise Cain in general. One year ago today the thermometer registered 19 below zero, at least Charlie says so. We have our doubts whether Charlie knew whether it was 40 below or 40 above.

Dr. W. H. **Hickman**, of Greencastle, was the guest, from noon yesterday, of Rev. L. S. **Smith** and family. He went to Ft. Wayne this morning.

A reward of \$10 will be given for any reliable information that will lead to the discovery of the party who shot the little pug dog the property of Arny **Cleveland**. The cowardly act was done last Sunday night.

Rev. **Rothenberger** will begin a series of meetings tonight at the Reformed church. Rev. Rothenberger is a good speaker and a hard working minister and we hope his efforts will add numbers to his church.

Mr. E. **Price** is quite sick today with heart trouble. Last night Mr. Price was a very sick man, but today he shows some improvement. We hope to be able to report an improvement in his condition in tomorrow's issue of the *Independent*.

The father of Miss Rea **Spencer** who eloped with County Clerk **Hampton** of White county Sunday is a first cousin of W. E. **Reynolds** of this city. The elopement is one of the most sensational that has taken place in Indiana for years. Hampton is a dandy county clerk and has a wife and a nice family. Just what the outcome will be remains to be seen.

James **Zinn** called at the *Independent* office today. Mr. Zinn recently sold his interest in his business in Columbia City to Rolla **Bennett**. They did a good business in that town, but James made up his mind he could do better, hence the change.

Nate **Boyer**, well known in Plymouth has secured a job as a car inspector on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and will leave in a day or two, to take charge of the work. Mr. Boyer is an old time railroad man and thoroughly understands the business.

James J. **Smith** moved his family to 409 Pullman Ave, Pullman, Ill., today. Mr. Smith is now employed in the great Pullman shops and has a good position. During his residence in Plymouth of the past two years Mr. and Mrs. Smith made many friends who wish them health and happiness in their new home.

The dawn of civilization in Northern Indiana; a narrative of the farcicle [*sic*] removal of the Pottawatomie Indians from Twin Lakes, Marshall County, September 4th, 1838, is the subject of a paper to be read by Daniel **McDonald** to the pupils of the high school, Plymouth, Ind., Wednesday evening January 26, 1898, at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington school audience room. Excellent music will be furnished by the high school pupils. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. O. F. **Landis** is visiting in Warsaw.

M. M. **Jones** was in the city today on business.

Ora **Sweet**, of Kansas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lou **Sult**.

Tom **Buckley** is now proprietor of the livery barn back of the Ross house.

Lee **Kendall** will have his outfit in shape to start for the Klondike early in the spring time.

The Altar Guild will meet with Mrs. M. C. **Walls** on Tuesday evening instead of Monday evening.

Miss Haddie **Wolford** will entertain the Q T's tonight at her home on North Michigan street.

Mart **Fogle**, of Monterey, is the guest of his sister Mrs. Sarah **Shakes** and to attend the Sutherlin trial.

George **Kruyer** is feeling "pretty well thank you." Its [*sic*] a girl pretty and healthy and came to his home yesterday.

City Editor **Mouton**, of the *Laporte Daily Herald* will resign his position and leave for the Klondike gold fields March 1st.

All persons holding tickets on Miss Anna **Schultz**'s bed spread are requested to be at Mrs. **Klinghammers** [*sic*] Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. **Landis** and a number of Plymo[u]thites went down to the residence of Morris **Abler** today and helped him celebrate his birthday anniversary.

There will be a social at the residence of Mrs. M. **Klinghammer** on Laporte Street Thursday afternoon and evening. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Dora **Hansen** gave such complete satisfaction to her class in dancing at Culvers Academy that she has been asked by her scholars to continue for another term, and she has consented.

Miss Clara **Weiss** returned home from South Bend yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. **Thomas** is visiting friends in Chicago this week.

G. M. **Jones**, of Kokomo, was in the city today on business.

William **Babcock**, of LaPaz, was in the city transacting business and attending the Sutherlin trial.

Hammeral, the restaurant man is now located on Michigan street next door to Turner's meat market.

Mrs. J. M. **Wickizer** has returned from Argos and will occupy her residence on South Michigan street.

Tom **Walker**'s little boy was quite sick last night but is better today. The little fellow had stomach trouble.

Mrs. Samuel **Brick** is getting ready to move to Pullman, Ill., where her husband is employed in the Pullman car shops.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Hawkins** this morning. Parents, grand parents and great grand parents are supremely happy.

Messers Ben and Samnel **Ulrich** returned to their home in Nevada Ohio yesterday after a pleasant visit with Mr. Isaac **Thomas**.

I handle strictly fresh garden seeds in bulk, and whether your purchase be large or small, I can save you money. Investigate. F. A. **Forbes**.

Sheriff **Harter**, of Starke county has been in the city this week attending the Sutherlin trial. Sheriff Harter is a very affable gentleman.

John **Clapp** and wife returned home from South Bend last evening where they had been for the past two weeks attending on a sick relative.

Sheriff **Marshall** and his deputy Clin **Bondurant** keep things about right in and around the temple of justice, during the great Sutherlin trial.

The meetings conducted by Rev. **Stuckman**, of Nappanee, at the German Baptist church five miles west of Plymouth closed with 37 additions.

The man that can force his way into the court room over the protest Bailiff **Vinnidge** is a daisy. This trick is tried about fifty times every day, but up to date none have succeeded.

Don't forget that the Molter band will give a dance in the opera house tonight. Turn out and help the boys out. You will have a good time and at the same time do a good turn for the boys.

Who is M. M. **McCan** that went to Rochester and got fighting drunk and paid a fine of \$12.55? The *Rochester Sentinel* says that the young man hails from Plymouth. Perhaps he does.

Aaron **Greenwald** says that he is not as old as he used to be. The surprise perpetrated upon him Tuesday night when his old comrades dropped in upon him, was an occasion that he will never forget.

Rev. J. W. **Barber**, of Marmont, is in the city assisting Rev. **Rothenberger** in a series of meetings at the Reformed church. Rev. Barber will preach tonight. He is a good talker and a very pleasant gentleman.

About forty of the members of the Twin Lakes church, and who are personal friends of Rev. **Rothenberger**, paid that gentleman a visit yesterday and enjoyed a day of recreation and pleasure. A splendid dinner, good music, and a wholesome time for all was the result of this purely social gathering.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his residence one mile west of Argos on Thursday Feb. 17 1898, all his personal property. F. **Worthington**

J. W. **Maxey** and John **Wilson**, are two nice gentlemen, but when they think that they are the best pedro [soccer] players in Plymouth, that is another thing. We admit they are up to date in a good square game, but there are others, and “the others” propose to convince those two gentlemen that they are not in it. Editor **Oglesbee** is named as referee.

William **Walters** received a letter from his son Monroe who is now engaged in the orange business in California. Monroe is prospering in the golden state, and he says while the people in Indiana are wearing their fur coats he is perfectly comfortable in his summer wear. He has no notion of returning to Indiana.

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