

Marshall County, Local Brevities from the *Marshall County Independent*, June 1, 1900

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While newspapers contain stories to keep readers up to speed on current events, they also provide historical insight into the life of the community. A version of our social media, the “local brevities,” or gossip columns, kept the public updated on their neighbors’ travels, deaths, social gatherings, and other events. While these columns seem like informal sources, they give us historical context of what the public wanted to know and who they considered important within their community. This information is useful to family researchers in establishing reliable footholds and connections in their genealogical investigations. The following list contains personal mentions in the local brevities section from the June 1, 1900, edition of the *Marshall County Independent* in Plymouth, Indiana. Because the *Independent* was a weekly rather than a daily paper, entries from multiple days are included in one issue.¹ On June 1, which was a Friday, entries were included for the previous Friday, May 25; Saturday, May 26; and Monday, May 28, 1900.

Notes

1. “Local Brevities,” *Marshall County Independent* (Plymouth, Indiana), June 1, 1900; “About *Marshall County Independent* (Plymouth, Marshall County, Ind.) 1897–1902,” *Chronicling America*, <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn87056251/>, accessed January 31, 2022.

From Friday, May 25, 1900

- Jno. C. Butler underwent a very severe spell of sickness last night.
- Mrs. Charles West left this morning to take up her residence in Chicago.
- Allen Bergroff, living six miles northeast of here, is suffering from rheumatism.
- Mrs. William E. Gladstone, widow of the “Grand Old Man of England,” is dying at Hawarden.
- Mark Smith died at his home near Walkerton a few days ago and the funeral was held yesterday.
- L. B. May, of Mount Corey, Ohio, was in Plymouth today. From here he went to Donaldson to see Mr. Tuttle.
- William McKinsey paid Plymouth a visit today, while on his way home to Galveston, Indiana, from Bourbon.
- James Beeber and Henry Cox, of Argos, were among the census enumerators who received instructions today.
- Mrs. Davis left early this morning for her home in Richmond, Ohio, after a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Brown.
- Joe Hendricks left today for St. Paul, Minn., where he will spend several weeks at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hogan.
- Dr. H. A. Deeds, dentist, is located over the corner hardware store, at the corner of Michigan and Laporte streets Plymouth, Ind.
- Mrs. L. D. Pippinger, of Greenwood county, Kansas, who has been staying for the past fourteen months with Webb Bros., near Plymouth, left this afternoon for Valparaiso.

- The fourteen months' old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder, of Inwood, died at the home of its parents Tuesday evening. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, in Inwood.
- John H. Reddick, of Winamac, superintendent of the public schools of Pulaski county, announced himself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for superintendent of public instruction. He is one of the oldest county superintendents in the State.
- Chairman Martin, of the Democratic state committee, said that the speaking campaign of the Democrats will probably open early in September. "We will have men on our state ticket abundantly able to conduct a speaking campaign," he said. "I do not think we will need much outside help.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Wiltfong is dangerously sick with malarial trouble at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Thayer, at Linkville.
- David J. B. Shafer, of South Bend, supervisor of the census enumeration for the 13th district, met the enumerators of Marshall county, in Kuhn's hall this morning and gave out instructions. The work will begin on June 1st and must be completed within 30 days. The enumerators receive wages according to the number of persons counted.
- A meeting of the 16 Nebraska delegates to the democratic national convention was held at Lincoln on the 21st behind closed doors. Mr. Bryan was present, and a plan of action was decided upon for Kansas City. W. D. Oldham, deputy attorney general, one of the delegates-at-large, was selected to make the speech nominating Mr. Bryan for president.
- Lieutenant Ralph Lewis, now a member of the British army, in South Africa, allied husband of Miss Lillian Read, of Fort Wayne, niece of Miss Daisy Woodward, of this city, was mortally wounded, March 31st. Col. Plumber speaks of his conduct in battle as

marked with conspicuous gallantry. He was in Africa in the interest of the “Cecil Rhodes gold mines.”

From Saturday, May 26, 1900

- Bert Ashton is making his parents a short call.
- Raymond Smith went to Chicago this morning to have his eyes treated.
- License to marry has been issued John H. Reed and Leutitia Devore.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. Cauffma, of Buchanan, Michigan, are the guests of W. H. English and wife.
- Rev. Strickland, of Argos, and Rev. McNeely, of Tiosa, gave our city a call today on their way to Logansport.
- James McDonald, of South Bend, was in Plymouth today looking for a house as he expects to move back to this city.
- Mrs. Gertrude Gardiner came home from Chicago this morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fields.
- Gene Marshall, Lee Lauer and Peter Kruyer were among those who went to the democratic judicial convention at Rochester today.
- Miss Ella Heminger returned home this morning from North Manchester, where she went a few weeks ago to receive treatment for her eyes.
- D. Jacoby and wife who have been here on a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Jacoby, left this morning for their new home in Muskegon, Mich.
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmermen entertained about forty young people at their home Thursday evening. The occasion was the birthday of their son Floyd.

- Mrs. Charles Reeve fell from her chair yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock and dislocated her hip. She was resting very easily though this morning.
- Mrs. Frank Stansbury and her son went to Englewood today where she will be met by her husband and together they will go to Ellsworth Harbor and spend the summer.
- Mollie Dolke went to Peru this morning to look for her son, who is reported missing. He was staying at the home of his aunt, but has disappeared. He was last seen near the river and it is feared that he has been drowned.
- Walter A. Funk, a republican nominee for judge of the St. Joseph circuit court, has resigned the presidency of the LaSalle Club of South Bend. His action is in conformity with the constitution of the club, which requires that no member who accepts a nomination for any elective office can hold an office in the club.

From Monday, May 28, 1900

- Ernest Bissell is at home with his parents.
- Miss Trella Logan came home from Huntington this morning.
- James H. Houghten was in Plymouth yesterday visiting his wife and parents.
- J. A. Corbaley was at home over Sunday. He went back to Elkhart this morning.
- John Gallagher was home from St. Louis yesterday for a short visit with his family.
- Miss King, who for several years was a teacher in our schools, is the guest of C. T. Mattingly.
- A sensation was caused at Crown Point Saturday by Judge Gillet finding Dr. William B. Blackstone guilty of associating with prostitutes and fixed his punishment at \$10 fine and 10 days in the county jail. Blackstone formerly resided at Herbron.

- Mrs. Jerry Blain and son Oliver Kline Blain returned Saturday from Van Wert, Ohio.
- A baby boy is making its home with Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Fisher. It arrived last night.
- Frank and Fred Thomas were home yesterday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Koffel.
- The home of Alva Price is blessed with a girl baby which has been there since yesterday morning.
- Sanford J. Briggs and Catherine E. Apple, and Charles H. Yeagley and Allie Marks have been licensed to marry.
- B. B. Parks, of near Inwood, and James M. Greer made a business trip to South Bend, Mishawaka and Elkhart today.
- Mr. Bunnell's sister, Mrs. Shultz, and mother, Mrs. Julia Bunnell, of Michigan City, visited with him over Sunday returning home today.
- Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gable, of South Bend, attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Koffel, yesterday, returning to their home this morning.
- J. E. Johnson, of Tyner, was in our city today, and while here he called on the Independent and renewed his subscription for another year.
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wade entertained a small number of friends last night in honor of their guest Mr. and Mrs. Horn, of Valparaiso.
- Word was received this morning from Troy, Texas, that Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Knott's mother, was buried Friday. Mrs. Knott is expected home this week.
- Mr. Chas. Bushman, accompanied by J. J. Durbin, will leave Wednesday morning for Big Rapids, Mich., where they will inspect and ship lumber. They will be absent three weeks. Mr. Bushman contracted with the American Cycle company for a year last Saturday.

- The funeral of Mrs. Koffel was held from the home in West Plymouth yesterday afternoon. A number of the relatives and friends were gathered together at the bier of the departed. Rev. Thornberry preached the sermon. The lowering of the remains into the grave by the device which Mr. Leonard used yesterday for the first time gave the ceremony added solemnity and impressiveness.