

the poor bird's head, giving it a sudden twist would break its neck, and then probably the man who followed would be able to take off the bird's head. It was not so much a contest for the purse, as for the rollicking fun that resulted, and as to cruelty, it was innocence itself, compared to a modern game of football.

The foregoing sketch is made up from descriptions given by ancestors and their friends during the writer's boyhood days [in Spencer county], and is new to the younger generation, in most particulars.

ISSAC MCCOY

THE following letter concerning Rev. Isaac McCoy, a pioneer missionary among Indiana Indians, is of interest:

"I am a grand-daughter of Rev. Isaac McCoy and great-grand-daughter of Mrs. Charles Polk, who was captured by Indians at Kinchelo Station, Kentucky.

"My grandfather McCoy died when I was six years old, but I remember him, especially his dignity and his gentleness. We, his descendants here, regard him as a truly great man. I have only one of his books, *The History of Indiana Missions*. His other works are in a vault in the State Capitol of Kansas, which vault was built especially to preserve them. He was never a resident of Kansas, only sojourning there for a brief period while establishing a mission for the Indians, but the State Historical Society asked for the privilege of keeping the books and my father consented.

"Did you know that my grandfather, Isaac McCoy, named a stream near Elkhart, Indiana, 'Christiana,' for his wife? and that a lake, mills, launch and a club all bear this name? He wrote when he called this hitherto unnamed stream for his wife, that the clear, placid, cheery little brook made him think of her, so he deemed it a fitting title."

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GEN. WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON BEADLE

GENERAL BEADLE died at Los Angeles, California, Nov. 13, 1915. He was a member of a large pioneer family of Parke county. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1861. He entered the war as a private in the 31st Indiana and came out a brigadier general in the Ninth Corps. After the war he studied

law. Gen. Grant appointed him surveyor general of Dakota, and four years later superintendent of schools. He served in the legislature of South Dakota, where he was instrumental in adopting the Indiana school system for that state. For twenty years he was president of the South Dakota Normal School at Madison. Four years ago he resigned and retired from active work. There is a good biography of him in the Rockville *Republican* of Nov. 17, 1915.

THAD BUTLER.

THAD BUTLER, "dean of Wabash Valley Editors," died at his home in Huntington, Dec. 7, 1915. He was born at Lagrange, Indiana, Nov. 19, 1846. His mother was a teacher and gave her son a good education. He spent his life from boyhood in newspaper offices. He set the first line of type for the Kendallville *Standard* in 1863. Later he worked on, edited or owned papers at Wabash, Lafayette, Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Andrews, and Huntington. An excellent biography of Mr. Butler, prepared by himself some years ago, is given in the Huntington *Press*, December 8, 1915.

DANIEL McDONALD

DANIEL McDONALD, who was the oldest living past grand master of Indiana Masons, for thirty years editor of the *Plymouth Democrat* and an author of note on Masonic subjects, died January 10 in Chicago, where for the past two years he had been living with his son Louis. He was 83 years old. Mr. McDonald was the thirtieth Grand Master of the Indiana Grand Lodge of Masons, serving at the head of the body in 1875-76. He was twice in the State Legislature, once in 1869 and again in 1905. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876 and in 1884, and was the Democratic candidate for Congress in his district in 1880. He sold his interest in the *Plymouth Democrat* in 1902 and retired from active business. Mr. McDonald wrote a history of Freemasonry in Indiana. He also was one of the editors of a compendium of Masonic history in the United States. He was born near Connersville, Ind., May 6, 1833.