

biener is a Democrat politically, and has been an active worker in the local party ranks. For five years from 1890 he served his township as its trustee, and in 1900 was re-elected for his second term in that office, his administration therein covering a period of nine years.

GEORGE W. LEMLER may well be classed among the self-made men of Marshall county, for he entered the business world at an early age and has since steadily and persistently forged his way to the front until at the present time he is the owner of a fine estate of three hundred and fifty acres in Center and West townships. During the first five years of his business life he worked as a farm hand, and after his marriage he farmed on rented land for four years, operating the Crawford and Halsey farms, and as a renter he was very successful, saving during the time over four thousand dollars. He was then able to buy one hundred and twenty acres, the purchase price being sixty-five hundred dollars, but he has since added to his original purchase and is now the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of rich and well cultivated land.

Mr. Lemler, although so long and prominently identified with the interests of Marshall county, is a native son of New York, born on Long Island March 20, 1856, a son of George Frederick and Margaret (Miller) Lemler, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in their native land, from whence in 1855 they emigrated to America, and after spending a little less than two years on Long Island they came to Marshall county, Indiana, arriving here in the year 1857, and they established their home on a small tract of land in Bourbon township. That farm continued as their home until the death of the husband in 1879, and the wife survived him until eight years ago, dying in South Bend, Indiana. After coming to America Mr. Lemler followed agricultural pursuits and also worked as a railroad section watchman at night. They had eight children, of whom George was the third oldest, and the early years of his life were spent on the old home farm in Bourbon township. He had to work hard as a boy and his life's activities had been devoted to the work of the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age and shortly afterwards, in 1880, was married to Mary Rufus. They have two daughters, Grace and Emma. Mr. Lemler staunchly upholds the principles of the Republican party.

GEORGE M. PLAKE, justice of the peace in Lapaz, has been a lifelong resident of Marshall county, covering a period of fifty years, and he was born in its township of North, February 22, 1857. John Plake, his father, came to the county as one of its pioneers, moving first from his native state of Kentucky to Rush county, Indiana, and thence on to Marshall county. He was a farmer and was identified with much of the early history of this community. He lived to the age of sixty-five years, and his wife, who was a widow at the time of her marriage to Mr. Plake, was sixty-four at the time of her death. She was Rosana Vinnedge. Four sons were born of that marriage, and by a former marriage of Mr. Plake he had eight children, six daughters and two sons.

George M. Plake, the third of the four sons born to John and Rosana (Vinnedge) Plake, spent the first seven years of his life in North





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township, and then going to Polk township was there reared and educated, remaining at home until he was twenty-one. For a time he was a clerk in a general store and then learning the barber's trade followed it as a business in Lapaz until 1890. During seventeen years he has been in business here continuously, and since 1899 has served as a justice of the peace. He is a Democrat in national politics and an active public worker.

January 21, 1888, Mr. Plake married Ida M. Casaday, a daughter of Simon H. Casaday, of Tyner City, Marshall county. Their two sons are Don and Forest. By a former marriage Mr. Plake is the father of another son, Modest.

Mrs. Plake, mother of George M. Plake, was the first white woman married in Marshall county. The early progenitors of Mr. Plake came from England; also his mother's ancestors.

CHARLES E. NUSBAUM, M. D. The Nusbaum family, of which Dr. Charles E. Nusbaum, a prominent physician and surgeon of Bremen, is a representative, traces their ancestry to the land of Switzerland, from whence came John Nusbaum, the grandfather of the Doctor, to the United States in about 1820. He first established his home in Ohio, and from that state journeyed to Elkhart county, Indiana, and located at Middleburg during an early day in the county's history. He was a minister in the Mennonite church and was one of the leading citizens of Elkhart county during its early pioneer days. It was during his residence in Ohio that his son, D. B. Nusbaum, was born, and removing to Elkhart county, Indiana, with his parents, he became identified with its agricultural interests and farming continued as his life occupation, his death occurring when he had reached the age of sixty-five years. During his early life he married Harriet Griner, who was also born in Ohio, and she is now a resident of Goshen, Indiana. They became the parents of four children, three daughters and a son, namely: Alice, the wife of E. E. Mummort, of Goshen; Charles E., the subject of this review; Emma, the wife of C. G. Wiggins, of Chicago, Illinois; and Carrie, a teacher in the business college of Elkhart.

Dr. Charles E. Nusbaum, the only son of the family, was born at Middlebury, Elkhart county, Indiana, January 23, 1868, and after completing his education in the public schools of that city he became a student in the Valparaiso University and pursued special courses. For seven years he taught in the schools of Elkhart county, but in the meantime having decided upon the practice of medicine as his life occupation he began his professional studies at the age of twenty-one under the preceptorship and in the office of Drs. Heatwole & Harding, of Goshen. During the winter months he attended the Northwestern University, graduating from that institution in 1893, and during about eleven months thereafter he practiced at Auburn, Indiana. From there he came to Bremen and entered upon his successful professional career in Marshall county. Dr. Nusbaum has an elegantly equipped office, fine medical library, and his reception rooms for his patients are models of cleanliness and order. Such apartments as the Doctor possesses are a credit to the town of Bremen. On January 17, 1894, the Doctor was married to Miss Celestia Brown, of Goshen, Indiana. The Doctor's wife was an accom-