

Man wouldn't stop preaching on square'

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my wife?" At the same time, he grabbed for Buckley's cigar and earned 30 days in jail for contempt of court.

It was hard for Pearson to stay away from Bloomington. The *Telephone* of Sept. 29, 1916, reported that the Pearson was back. After he had

been preaching for an hour on the square, the police arrested him.

The newspaper related that he was being taken away, Pearson waved his hat at the audience and shouted, "Don't worry. I'll be back."

If Pearson were living today, his deliberate behavior would probably be called civil disobedience. None of

the newspapers mentioned whether he was affiliated with any denomination.

He did have another life back in Bloomfield — that of inventor. The *Telephone* concluded its Sept. 29 article with the comment that Pearson had invented a special kind of fence post that had attracted investors and a brick stamping process actually in use.