

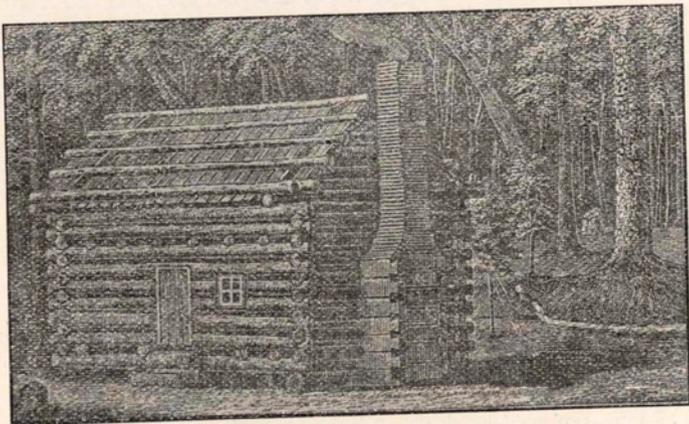
necessary to have the crowded tenement districts which are such a menace to public health in many of the larger cities.

"Its residence streets with their long line of large shade trees on either side, the well kept lawns and beautiful homes are the pride of the city and excite the most favorable comment from the stranger, while its parks afford an excellent place for the busy toiler to spend his leisure hours.

"The health condition here are considerably above the average and the death rate is proportionately low.

"In a business way Mansfield affords opportunities that are surpassed only by cities several times its size. The numerous industrial establishments of the city furnish employment for thousands of wage earners and many acres of land within easy access of the three great trunk lines passing through the city are available for manufacturing purposes.

Mention was also made by Dr. Remy of the excellence of the Mansfield police and fire department, the water supply and sewage system, its street car, telephone and electric light service, its paved streets and other public improvements, its public schools, its churches and its news papers.



CENTENNIAL WEEK.

The surveying party began the work of platting Mansfield, on the morning of June 11, 1808, and the week of June 9th to 15th, 1908, will be observed and celebrated as Mansfield's Centennial, under the auspices of the Centennial Commission. The exercises and celebration will be numerous and diversified. The city will be handsomely decorated and the street parades will be large, grand and imposing. There will be a military display and parade in which all the Grand Army Posts within the circuit of a hundred miles will be invited. In the civic parade the different fraternal orders of all available towns will be invited to participate.

On Official Day, the president of the United States, the Governor of Ohio and his staff will be present, and all county officers in Ohio will be invited to be present upon that day.

There will be theatrical and other attractions, receptions and numerous other functions in the line of entertainments.

Some of the best speakers in the United States will be present to address the people, and everything possible will be done to entertain the visitors from day to day, hoping that after they return home, they can say it was good to be there.

THE BLOCK HOUSE.

Its Identity and History Verified by the Hon. M. B. Bushnell. Paper by the Hon. M. B. Bushnell, Read at the Opera House Meeting Nov. 15, 1906.

A meeting at the Memorial Opera House had been advertised to be held immediately after the dedication of the Block House, and after the dedicatory exercises had closed, the company there assembled dispersed and went to the opera house, and upon arriving there they found the theater hall so full of people that there was hardly standing room left. The large audience present was evidence of the interest taken by the people in the arrangements being made to celebrate Mansfield's coming Centennial. The exercises lasted over three hours, but were of such interest that the audience remained to the close.



The following is the address delivered by M. B. Bushnell:

THE OLD BLOCK HOUSE.

Several questions have been very properly asked in regard to the block house that we, as a historical society and citizens of Ohio, are this day re-dedicating. How do we know that the logs are a part of the original building; where have they been located, and who in chief, should have the honor or credit of their so perfect preservation? It is beyond dispute that Gen. James Hedges was the pioneer surveyor in Richland County. He entered a large tract of land in Madison township, including the east and south portions of Mansfield, Ohio.

Gen. Hedges was a man of quiet demeanor, yet was a strong and fear-