

whatever there is that can contribute either to pleasure or comfort can be enjoyed, coming as it does from the very best sources.

Besides the special inducements offered as a center of trade and industry, the social and educational features possess an attractiveness which contribute largely to its selection as a residence city. The conditions for living are as favorable as those found in any metropolis, there being many large and well stocked establishments for supplying all the needs in food, clothing, household goods and whatever else may be desired.

In the industrial line Mansfield already contains numerous plants, some among them enjoying an international reputation and ranking in their line the largest of their kind in the country. Daily shipments are made to Europe, Asia and Africa; the Mexican and South American trade is a factor in the total volume of business done.

The manufactures are diversified, embracing threshing machines, boilers, electrical supplies, pumps, machinery, suspenders, paper boxes, store and office fixtures, flouring mills, stove works and many others. Reference has already been made to some of the leading causes which have contributed to Mansfield's prominence in industrial lines. The city's availability owing to its superior railroad facilities, the proximity to the coal fields for cheap fuel and the fact that there is an abundant water supply, and this nor the expense of drilling a well, are the three principal factors which have already done much for the city and will as time goes on multiply her claims to prominence in many lines of manufactures.

The avenues to enterprise in industrial line are still open and there is room for a much greater number of productive industries. For every kind of metal and wood working industry the city offers advantages of the most attractive character. The great threshing machine industry already centered here would indicate the opportunity offered by the city for the manufacturer to locate in Mansfield.

LAST SURVIVOR OF PERRY'S VICTORY.

John L. Rice was the last survivor of Commodore Perry's battle on Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813, known in history as Perry's Victory. Mr. Rice died March 8, 1880, aged 90 years, 5 months and 17 days. Mr. Rice owned a farm of fifty acres in Richland County, being a part of the southwest quarter section 28 of Jackson township, but the last few years of his life were passed in Shelby, at the home of his foster daughter, where he died. His funeral was an historical one. The flag on the dome of the state house at Columbus was at half-mast, as were the flags from the custom houses at Cleveland and Sandusky. These honors were accorded him on account of the distinction of having been the last survivor of the valiant band who fought under the gallant Perry.

The soldier is the unit of the army, but when numbers are massed together people generally look more to the aggregate than to the individual soldier. But these individuals make companies, companies make regiments, regiments make brigades, brigades make divisions, divisions make corps and

dividual soldier is the unit, and to him as such we are under obligations for the services rendered and the battles won. Then, too, people may be inclined to estimate the importance of a battle by the number of troops engaged in the same. History shows that a battle may be far-reaching in its results, though but a small number be engaged. The combined Continental army at the siege of Yorktown numbered only sixteen thousand men, yet this force compelled the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and secured the independence of the American colonies. Gen. Jackson won his victory over the British at New Orleans with eight thousand men, and this victory ended the war of 1812. Gen. Scott entered the City of Mexico with an army of less than eleven thousand and triumphantly terminated the Mexican war. But in later years, wars have been conducted upon more gigantic scales,



THE BEAM'S MILLS LOCALITY, WHERE THE FIRST SETTLEMENT WAS MADE.

corps make the army. But no matter how large an army may be, the individual and the larger the army, the more people are liable to lose sight of the unit—the individual soldier.

What changes have taken place since Perry won the great victory upon Lake Erie!

What changes ninety odd years have brought! But back of all these lies the pioneer history of the county, in which all should feel a grateful pride, and as we recount the story of the past, let us determine to do the work and perform the duties that devolve upon us, as our fathers and mothers did in their day and generation.