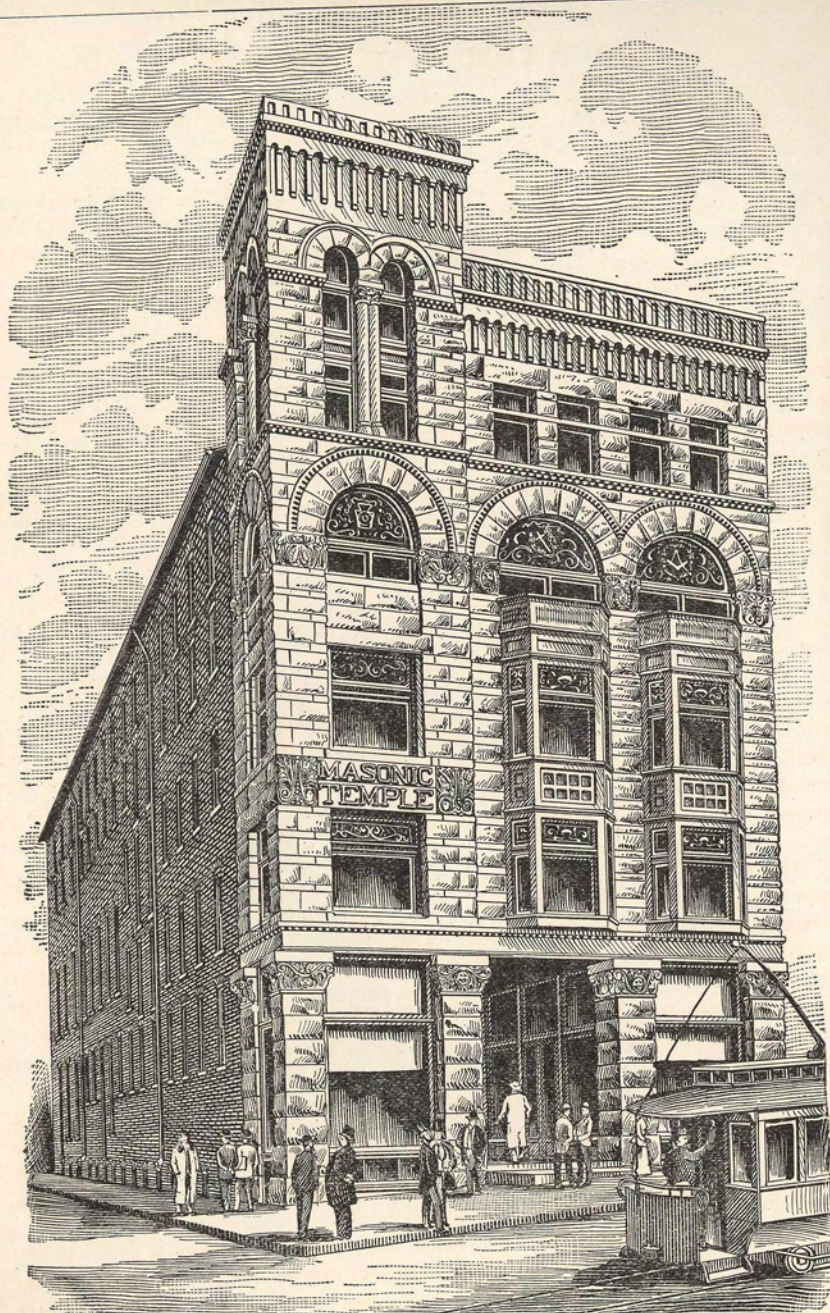




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OUR COMING CENTENNIAL.

At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held Friday evening, January 25, 1907, the Hon. Martin B. Bushnell spoke as follows of our coming Centennial:

"Our Centennial," was the subject of an address delivered before the Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting by M. B. Bushnell.

The address gave many interesting details of the arrangements made for the event which are of interest to every Mansfield resident.

The address is as follows:

The Commissioners for our Centennial, chosen through the home Historical Society, are organized by the election of a president, Hon. Huntington Brown; secretary, A. J. Baughman; treasurer, Charles H. Voegelé, and a working committee. We hope at an early date to publish a pamphlet for gratuitous distribution, to be entitled our block house number. This little book will contain much valuable information for the citizens of Richland County. We hope to furnish each family with at least one copy. The book will be printed on good paper and be beautifully illustrated. It will be a souvenir well worth your care and study. The commissioners in charge of this important work know the value of historical publications in a community. This will be home history—home leaflets—each and every page must be safe guarded with the golden thread of truth—and perfect investigation.

It is designed to keep in close touch with the city officials and the city council. Notice will be given from time to time through the home papers, informing the general public as to our progress in preparation for this red letter day in the history of Mansfield. I said day. I will correct that expression to read one week, as we hope to give our beloved people and their relatives and visiting friends at least one full week of the perfect joy, never to be forgotten.

There will be one day devoted to religion, under the direction of the churches; a day to education, our public and private schools; a day given to city and county official authority. The president of the United States and the governor of Ohio will be invited to come within our gates, extending to each one of the honored personages the privilege of a day. There will be a military display. Our most efficient fire department will be requested to polish up the handle on the big front door and give the descendants of the pioneers a working display.

The closing day will be a grand pageant, a street parade by our shops, mills, stores and factories. Wagons and floats will contain home manufactured goods, and attractive features picturing the great strides of the century. Central park, with its surrounding streets, will be decorated by day and illuminated at night.

This central location may be called the Court of Honor.

Later on we hope to establish an office for the secretary, the office to be open during business hours—for this is a business—and will be run strictly on business principles, demanding money, and the employing at times of careful, efficient persons.