

(Ohio)

THAT RUMOR AGAIN.

It is out again. The festive rumor of some epidemic or prevalent disease, so virulent as to stop the county fair at Marion, is galloping over the country. This year the bugaboo is typhoid fever, and hundreds of hypersensitive and easily gullible people actually believe that typhoid fever is carrying off Marionites more rapidly than soldiers died at Montauk and that a visit to the fair means certain death. Away over among the hills of Richland the rumor was chasing along merrily, when the Star scribe encountered it, and people were actually convinced that the Marion fair was to be abandoned this year.

These annual rumors are as interesting as they are exasperating. Who starts them? What strange force sends them flying in all directions? What motive can any person or persons have for unloading an imaginary epidemic on Marion every year at fair time?

One year there was a fright about diphtheria, another year it was scarlet fever, this year, in evident ignorance of the disease, it is typhoid. Next year it will be yellow fever or cholera, whether these diseases exist in Cuba or Ceylon, and then in desperation the story may be sent skipping along that we have the Jim-jams and that all the saloons are closed because the whisky is bad. And that will kill the fair!

The Star wants to assure its readers at a distance that these annual stories are rot, pure and simple. Nearly everywhere there are some fevers in the fall, and Marion does not wholly escape them. But the city is very healthy, the doctors say it is discouragingly so. We hardly know what an epidemic is. The prevalence of typhoid, owing to an unpolluted water supply, is very slight, and the fatal cases remarkably few.

Our friends can come to Marion without reason of fear or trembling. In town and at the fair is a supply of hydrant water that is an utter stranger to the typhus germ. If water won't answer we have a Marion beer that is brewed in the exacting cleanliness of the Third ward thirsts, and we have cream, milk-shakes and any number of old liquid that the varied tastes of fair visitors may demand! The health board is so exacting, in fact, that the only menace to health that is permitted to remain is the old Erie

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The pastor of the M. E. church at Upper Sandusky, Rev. D. Bowers, don't like the town and takes no pains to conceal it, as is shown in the following curt card, which he published in the local papers: "Having protested against coming to Upper Sandusky, and having returned last year at the earnest request and through being invited by the quarterly conference without a dissenting voice to return for the fourth year, we hereby express our preferences and purpose not to return." That is a pretty flat refusal.

A popular subscription is to be started in Columbus to send nurses to the Fourth Ohio boys in Porto Rico. According to a dispatch from Columbus, the condition of the sick men of the regiment indicates that nurses are badly needed. The men complain of a lack of food and certain officers are accused of selling food to the natives.

Major Rulo of the Fourth Ohio, who is at his home in Columbus on a furlough, says: "There is absolutely no trouble or friction in the ranks of the Fourth Ohio. The best of feeling exists between the men and Colonel Colt and much of the rumor that has been current regarding both was wholly unfounded. The only objection I had to the service was insufficient rations and the only time I had enough to eat was when I bought and paid for it out of my own pocket."

Dr. I. A. Belt of Kenton in the Methodist conference at Sidney offered a resolution protesting against the infringement of the Ohio State university on the religious colleges of the state. Inasmuch as the state institution is supported by general taxation it would look as though Dr. Belt's head is level. However, a substitute resolution was passed that the legislature be petitioned to make the state university a post graduate college entirely.

Cincinnati has hung up a purse of twenty-thousand dollars for the projected Corbett-McCoy fight. Since the league pennant seems to have gone glimmering the Queen City feels as if her sporty nature will not be satisfied without some old thing.

Plug tobacco has been cut in price ten per cent, as a result of the refusal of a great St. Louis firm to go into the trust. To be a trust in fact it must own the whole thing, you know.

They have progressed so far in

Japan a current writer has discovered a strange race of people who regard it as a crime to tell a lie. They were wholly ignorant of American politics and never read the patent medicine notices.

The funny man on a Cincinnati paper has made the discovery that the reason why the Czar's idea of peace is not more popular is that the first nation that lays down its arms will be made to hold up its hands.

JONAS STAFFORD

Dies Friday Evening at His Home in Caledonia.

Jonas Stafford, long a resident and much-respected citizen of Caledonia, died at his home this morning at 3 o'clock, from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

Mr. Stafford had been feeling quite badly for some time, when early Friday evening he was completely overcome with paralysis. He remained unconscious until the time of his death.

He was 74 years of age and a veteran of the civil war. A wife and three grown children mourn his loss.

The funeral will occur Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

VERY SUDDEN

Was the Death of Sylvester Slaughter at Caledonia.

Sylvester Slaughter of Caledonia, who has been afflicted with dropsy for over four years, died Friday, a little after the noon hour.

Mr. Slaughter had but just returned home from down town when he was taken violently ill. He sat down on a chair, and, taking his little daughter on his lap, complained of being sick. His wife suggested that he lay down, which he started to do and reached the edge of the bed when the summons came.

Mr. Slaughter was forty years of age. The funeral will occur at the home Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

YOM KIPPUR,

The Jewish Day of Atonement, Begins Sunday Evening.

The Jewish people of the city are preparing for the celebration of Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. This holiday, or rather fast day, for on that day all members of the Jewish faith abstain from food, will begin at sunset Sunday and continue till the appearance of the stars in the heavens Monday evening.

Notice to stockholders.

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