

**A BEAUTIFUL FOUNTAIN**

Austin to be beautified by Gift of National Humane Alliance.

Lewis M. Seaver, secretary and treasurer of the Humane Alliance with headquarters in New York City, was in town today to decide on a location for the handsome granite drinking fountain, for men, horses and dogs, which the Alliance proposes to place.

Mr. Seaver's home is among the granite hills of Vermont, and that he is a loyal son of that state is apparent after a two minute talk with him. He admired our broad fields and endless prairies, but every time he looked across a grain field he'd look up toward the sky, evidently wondering how one of his grand old hills would look on Lower county land.

After a trip about the city and consulting the business men, officers of the Commercial club and John G. Hormel, who was the prime mover to secure the fountain, Mr. Seaver decided on a spot at the north end of Main street at the intersection of Lansing avenue. This place is on the line of the heaviest travel, being just off of Water street along which is hauled the freight to and from the railroad yards, from the Hormel Packing company, the brick yards, tile factories, etc. It is also where the heavy travel of the farmers come in from the north and west part of the county.

This beautiful fountain is to be entirely of polished Vermont marble. The base is round and will stand one foot above the brick paving. In this base are two bowls for flowing water for dogs to drink. The plinth is a foot and a half high. Above this comes the beautiful bowl one foot five inches high with a diameter of four feet. The die is one foot 6 3/4 inches high and the cap 6 1/2 inches, making a total height from pavement to top of cap five feet ten inches. There is a niche with a stream of running water for the use of members of the human family. The fountain will weigh two and one-half tons and will be a gift outright to our city.

There are but 100 of these fountains in the United States, there being from one to eight in each state. There is one at Mexico City, Albuquerque, Mexico and San Juan, Cuba. There is but one in this state and that is in St. Paul.

The National Humane Alliance was founded by the late Horron Lee Eswigo who died in New York City in 1896, leaving his fortune to humane work. A biography says of him:

"To his business and general friends he was known as a genial and companionable man, successful in his affairs, light-hearted and satisfied with life. His more intimate friends know that he had other interests and feelings, which which represented the deeper and more vital side to his nature. He had an eager and imaginative temperament, an instinctive love of what is good and true and a hatred of what is wrong. From childhood he was a lover of domestic animals. This love made him detest all that was cruel or unkind in the treatment of animals by their natural protector—man. It became more than a sentiment—it became a passion, growing upon him and at last dominating his life. To him animals were not merely inferiors or slaves, they were companions and friends, devoting themselves to man and dependent upon him for their lives and happiness. The ethics of the relations with lower animals have seldom had more practical and forcible expression than from this humane man."

Secretary Seaver, who was here to locate the fountain, was a business associate and personal friend of Mr. Eswigo.

## Austin getting beautiful fountain 1910/08/10

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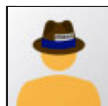
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## AUSTIN.

Austin, Minn., April 6.—(Special.)—  
The city of Austin has been presented with a beautiful marble drinking fountain, for animals, by the National Humane Alliance. The fountain has arrived and will be erected as soon as the weather permits. It will be erected in the center of the paving at the north end of Main street, where Lansing avenue intersects. This marble fountain is an artistic piece of work and will be a credit to the city. An artistic light will be placed upon the fountain by the Commercial club.

## Austin M innesota - location

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Lyman D. Baird of this city has presented the city with the beautiful Standard arc lamp which is to adorn the new marble drinking fountain for animals, which has been presented to this city by the National Humane Alliance and will be erected at the head of Main street. Plans have been completed to have the fountain dedicated on Friday, April 21, which will be Arbor and Bird day. This is the only fountain in the state which has been given by the alliance and the school children of this city will take part in the dedication exercises.

## Austin fountain gets lamp

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Workmen have set the beautiful granite animal drinking fountain presented to the city by the National Humane Alliance. The fountain will be dedicated by the school children Friday as a part of the Arbor day exercises.

## Austin, Minnesota prepares to dedicate fountain 1911/04/15

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Fri, Nov 8, 2019

## NEW FOUNTAIN TO BE DEDICATED.

The elegant new fountain presented to the city of Austin by the National Humane Alliance will be dedicated with appropriate exercises on Friday afternoon of this week, 21st, at three o'clock. The pupils of the public schools, of the Columbus parochial schools, and of the S. M. Normal college will participate. The address will be by attorney Jacob N. Nichol森.

### Austin Fountain to be dedicated

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## DEDICATION OF THE NEW FOUNTAIN

We gave an extended account last week of the fine new fountain at the head of Main street presented to the city by the National Humane Alliance. The program of dedication was very successfully carried out Friday afternoon. A procession of over 1,700 pupils from the public schools, the Columbia parochial schools and the S. M. Normal college marched in order to the platform near the fountain. Capt. A. C. Page was marshal. It was an inspiring sight to see them coming up Main street from the courthouse square. They filled the open space around the fountain and outside of them was a circle of several thousand of our citizens. On the platform were Mayor Campbell, the city council, the courthouse officials, the board of education, the water and light board, a detail of McIntyre Post, G. A. R., the Austin clergy, officers of the Audubon society and others. The exercises opened with the singing of America. Mayor Campbell then introduced as the speaker of the day, Attorney Jacob N. Nichol森 of this city. He spoke very effectively of the movement towards a more humane treatment of dumb animals and gave a detailed history of the gift of the fountain to Austin. He called upon all the children under twelve years of age, who would be willing to organize into a local humane society to raise their hands and hundreds of hands were extended heartily. The only condition is that every one joining should agree to do the very best to care for and protect birds and animals. He named the club the Ensign club in honor of Herman Lee Ensign the founder of the National Humane Alliance. At the close the water was turned onto the fountain and the light current to the beautiful standard give by L. D. Baird and the Chautauqua salute was given with great enthusiasm. John G. Hormel, through whose personal effort the gift of the fountain was obtained, asked for three cheers for the Ensign club which were given lustily. The fountain is a beautiful addition to Austin's public improvements. It bears the following inscription:

1910  
Presented by the  
National Humane Society  
Herman Lee Ensign  
Founder.

## Austin, MN 1910

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Thu, Nov 7, 2019