

NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE OFFICER IN GRAND FORKS ON THE FOUNTAIN MATTER

Lewis Mead Seaver, Secretary and Treasurer of the Alliance, Was Shown About City For Purpose of Selecting a Site For Watering Fountain.

Lewis Mead Seaver, secretary and treasurer of the National Humane alliance, is in Grand Forks today conferring with officers of the Grand Forks Commercial club and members of the city council anent the giving to Grand Forks of the fountain, of which mention has been made in the Evening Times recently. Dr. Engstad took up the matter of securing a fountain for Grand Forks.

The fountains which are given by the National Humane alliance to various cities of the United States, were made possible by the gift of Herman Lee Ensign late of New York.

Mr. Seaver was taken about the city today and had an opportunity of inspecting the various sites offered for the fountain. The site must be selected by the city, and the city must also keep it supplied with water. The fountain is shipped to Grand Forks,

freight prepaid, the only cost to the city being that of having it placed.

While nothing definite was given out, Mr. Seaver stated that it was very probable that Grand Forks would be supplied.

The fountains are of Maine granite, finely polished, and trimmed with bronze. They are in five pieces, and the total weight is five tons. The height is six feet and eight inches, diameter of the large bowl, six feet. Cost complete, including freight to Grand Forks, about \$1,200.

A list of cities to which the National Human alliance has presented fountains is as follows: Albany, Auburn, Binghampton, Buffalo, Burlington, Cleveland, Davenport, Derby, Des Moines, Mexico City, Middletown, Milwaukee, Moline, Newark, Ottumwa, Pasadena, Rochester, Syracuse and Troy.

Grand Forks greets Seaver - 1907-04-24

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PROPOSITION MADE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Anent Fountain Matter—Story
of Life Work of Giver,
Herman Lee Ensign.

A formal proposition has been made to Grand Forks by Lewis Mead Weaver, secretary and treasurer of the National Humane alliance, anent the fountain matter.

Mr. Mead, on behalf of the alliance which he represents, offers to give to the city of Grand Forks a beautiful fountain, carved from Maine granite to be set in the city free of charge. The only cost to Grand Forks will be the setting of it, and keeping it supplied with water.

The location selected by Mr. Mead is at the intersection of Chestnut street and Fifth street. There is a large space there, and the fountain would be in the best location possible to secure.

Mr. Mead stated to the Evening Times reporter that the alliance had made a rule that no fountains would be placed on curbs. The fountain, when so placed, loses part of their value as watering places, it being possible to get to them only from one side.

The fountain is made possible by the gift of the late Herman Lee Ensign. It will be six feet six inches high from the ground to the top. The large bowl for the use of horses will be six feet in diameter and carved from a piece of solid granite, highly polished.

The fountain consists of solid blocks of granite. At the base are four cups or basins to contain drinking water for dogs. The large bowl for horses will be four feet from the ground and in such a position that unchecking of horses will not always be necessary. Above the bowl will be a carved block of granite containing one side the following inscription:

Herman Lee Ensign, Founder, 1905. Presented by the National Humane alliance.

On the other three sides are lions' heads with streams of water flowing from their mouths and falling into the bowl below.

Herman Lee Ensign was born in Carbondale, Pa., June 20, 1849. At an early age he moved with his parents to Sheffield, Ill. When 12 he acquired a knowledge of telegraphing, and became an expert. Soon after he went to Davenport, and later to Denver.

He was reared under religious influences, was a member of the Congregational church, and when 20, decided to become a minister. He entered Phillips academy. His health or finances soon failed and he went to Chicago, where he began business with a bridge company.

A few years later he became the manager of the Alliance, a weekly journal, mildly religious and widely humanitarian. His experience in journalism he turned to practical account by later engaging in the advertising business, following it with marked success, and acquiring a fortune in twenty years.

Fertile in fancy and quick in experiment, he devised a new form of newspaper advertising, known as headline reading advertising. He also invented a stereotype plate with removable base.

In 1882 he moved to Rochester and two years later to New York, where he lived until his death in 1899.

From childhood he was a lover of domestic animals.

To him animals were not merely inferiors or slaves; they were companions and friends, devoting themselves to man and depending 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. He was an ardent disciple of Henry Bergh.

He founded the National Humane alliance to carry out his ideas for the welfare of animals. He intended to give his time and fortune to the work, and the society in administering the trust of Mr. Ensign on the lines of his ideas for humane work, educating children in kindness to animals and other similar work.

The Humane alliance has offices at No. 513 United Charities building, New York City. The officers are Harrison Grey Blake, president; Frederick Boyd Tligham, vice president, and Lewis M. Seaver, secretary and treasurer.

The only thing remaining for Grand Forks to secure the fountain, is the acceptance of the proposition by the city council. The matter will be up at the next meeting, and there is little doubt but what the fountain will be accepted, and the provisions carried.

Grand forks - Ensign's life

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Tue, Sep 24, 2019

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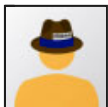
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The council also instructed the city

Grand Forks ND acceptance

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Fri, Nov 8, 2019

COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE FOUNTAIN AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT

ELECTRIC WIRES GO UNDERGROUND

Committee Appointed to Confer With W. J. Murphy on Proposition.

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ment and streets and alleys committees be appointed to take the matter up further and report at the next meeting of the council.

There being no objections made to the new paving proposed to be laid this year in district No. 8, it was decided to advertise for bids for the laying of pavement, such bids to be opened at a meeting of the city council to be held on May 28. Bids for laying the following kinds of pavement will be advertised for: Brick, asphalt guaranteed, asphalt not guaranteed, crossette, granite, Blome, Hassam, bitulithic, sand stone and tar macadam.

Tracy Bangs appeared before the council, representing the Northwestern Telephone company. He stated that the company was willing to comply with the ordinance ordering the laying of all wires within the fire limits of the city underground. However, he stated, that at this time it would be quite inconvenient for the company to take action, but that something would be done before the new pavement was laid. There are only seventeen of the Northwestern Telephone company poles within the fire limits.

An ordinance was read for the first time, which, in substance, prevents the placing of any telegraph, telephone, electric light or other such pole without having first secured the consent of the city council. A penalty of \$5 for violation of the ordinance is provided for.

The council voted, by a 12 to 2 vote, that personal surety bonds be not taken by the city hereafter for sums over \$1,000.

Superintendent Lunseth, of the water works department, reported that during the past month, there has been pumped, 18,064,000 gallons of water, of which 15,024,000 has been accounted for, 3,030,000 gallons being the leakage and the water used at fires, etc. The total earnings of the plant for the month were \$3,087.53.

The report of the streets and alleys committee on the condemning of certain sidewalks was adopted.

Report of City Justice Church was accepted. It showed that during April there were twelve arrests, ten being drunks and two being vagrants. With the exception of one drunk, all paid a fine. The two vagrants were ordered out of the city.

The report of the special assess-

Grand forks accepts fountain 1907-05-07

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LOCATION IS A GOOD ONE

National Humane Alliance Fountain Excellent Recognition of Grand Forks, Says Business Men.

That the fountain, offered to Grand Forks by the National Humane alliance should be accepted, seems to be the general opinion of the business men and other residents of Grand Forks. The location selected by Secretary Seaver—corner Fifth street and Chestnut street—is a good one. It could be placed far from the curbings, in a place where teams drinking from it would not be in the way.

The giving to Grand Forks of such a fountain is a just recognition of the city. A list of those already having such fountains shows that most all of them are much larger than Grand Forks.

The cost to the city, it is pointed out by those interested, would be very small. The place selected for the fountain is to be paved this year, and the concrete foundation could be placed in with very little expense.

Grand Forks likes fountain location - 1907-04-26

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