

A Drinking Fountain.

The proposition of the humane society to place a \$1,000 drinking fountain in a suitable place in the city, was accepted by the council by resolution. The resolution accepting the offer, introduced by Mr. Schroeder, was as follows:

"Whereas, the national humane alliance has made an offer to the humane society of the city of Lincoln that they will deliver at Lincoln without charge, freight prepaid, a fountain of Maine granite, entirely polished and trimmed with bronze, in five pieces, total weight five tons, height six feet, cost about \$1,000, provided that the city authorities shall express a desire on the part of their city to receive such donation and shall offer a fountain site acceptable to the national humane alliance, which must be located where there is a large passing traffic, and so that the fountain can be approached from all sides, and provided further that the city must agree to take fountain from the car, place it on a good foundation, putting in good water connections, and guarantee continuous water supply and proper permanent care, and

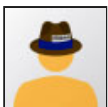
"Whereas, A committee composed of Messrs. C. S. Paine, C. F. Harpham and J. H. Hukill, representing the humane society of Lincoln, have submitted this proposition to the council of the city of Lincoln and recommended its acceptance,

"Therefore, Be it resolved by the council, the mayor approving, that the city of Lincoln accept the above proposition, to install and maintain said fountain."

Council Notes.

Lincoln Council accepts fountain 1907-04-30

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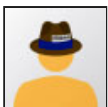
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The humane society, at its last meeting adopted the following whereas, the national humane alliance has tendered to the city of Lincoln, through the Lancaster county humane society, a fountain to be located in the city of Lincoln, under certain conditions, and whereas the city council of the city of Lincoln has, upon behalf of the city, accepted this fountain, and agreed to comply with the conditions precedent to its donation, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Lancaster county humane society, hereby tenders to the officers of the national humane alliance, the grateful thanks of this society, for this splendid monument, and be it further Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lancaster county humane society, and a copy of them transmitted to the officers of the national humane alliance, and to the daily papers of the city of Lincoln.

Lincoln Humane Society thanks NHA - 1907-05-26

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GRANITE DRINKING FOUNTAIN
TO BE PLACED IN LINCOLN BY HU-
MANE ALLIANCE.

Thousand Dollar Structure to Be
Donated to the City—Site
in Question.

Some time ago the city council accepted an offer made through the Lancaster donny humane society, by the national humane alliance, to donate a large granite drinking fountain for horses and dogs, to be placed on some downtown street of the city. The conditions named in connection with the donation were that the city furnish the site and bear the cost of unloading the fountain from the car and setting it. When the council accepted the offer nothing was said about a site, and nothing more was heard from the matter until last Monday night, when a special committee, representing the Lancaster county society, appeared and asked the council to take this matter up at once, so that the fountain might be secured. Not having any plans laid out, the council referred the matter to the water committee and city engineer with power to act. It was suggested that the fountain be placed on Sixteenth street between M and N streets. It was pointed out that this street is a downtown street only a short distance from the main streets, and it could be placed there in the center of the street without interfering in any way with the business traffic, and there the matter stands until the committee disposes of it.

The councilmen and others familiar with the offer are anxious to get the fountain as soon as possible for the reason that it would be a thing of beauty to have in the city besides its practical use and it is probable that the committee will take some action very soon, and thus secure the fountain within a short time.

Only a few of these fountains are in existence. They are furnished from the carriage of a fund set aside for that purpose by the will of the late Herman Lee Ensign, founder of the national humane alliance. Fountains are now located in Albany, Auburn, Birmingham, Buffalo, Middletown, Rochester, Troy and Syracuse, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt.; Cleveland, O.; Davenport and Ottumwa, Ia.; Perth, Conn.; Mexico City, Mex.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Jolimo, Ill.; Pasadena, Cal.; and Newark, N. J. One is also to be placed in Omaha soon.

Following is a short description of the fountain and biography of the founder of the alliance:

It will be six feet eight inches high from the ground to the top. The large bowl for the use of horses is six feet in diameter and curved from a piece of solid granite, highly polished.

The fountain consists of solid blocks of granite. At the base are four steps or basins to contain drinking water for dogs. The large bowl for horses is four feet from the ground and in such a position that unobscuring of horses will not always be necessary.

Above the bowl is a carved block of granite containing on one side the following inscription: "Herman Lee Ensign, founder, 1897. Presented by the National Humane Alliance." On the other sides are three basins with streams of water flowing from their mouths and falling into the basin below.

"Herman Lee Ensign was born in Carbondale, Pa., June 29, 1849. At an early age he moved with his parents to Sheffield, Ill. When fifteen years of age he acquired a knowledge of topography 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 twenty decided to become a minister. He entered Phillips academy. His health and finances soon failed, and he went to Chicago, where he began business with a bridge company.

"A few years later he became 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.

"Perfit in fancy and quick in experiment, he devised a new form of newspaper advertising known as headline reading advertising. He also invented a stereotype with a 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 their relations with lower animals have seldom and 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, but of Mr. Ensign on the lines of his ideas for humane work, educating children in kindness to animals and other similar work.

Lincoln to place fountain 1907-07-21

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DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR LINCOLN.

The above is a picture of one of the National Humane Alliance drinking fountains, similar to the one which will be given by the alliance to the city of Lincoln. The city has accepted it, but no site for it has been definitely decided upon, although Sixteenth street between M and N has been favorably talked of. The fountain is of Maine granite, entirely polished and trimmed with bronze. It is in five pieces, and weighs five tons. The height is 6 feet and 8 inches, and the diameter of the large bowl is 6 feet. The cost is about \$1,000.

Lincoln looks at similar fountains 1907-07-21

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A scheme is being worked out by the local humane society, park board and city officers, to begin the parking of certain streets in the city. The place where it is proposed to begin this parking scheme is on Fifteenth street, between M and N street, immediately in front of the high school. This street is seventy feet wide and paved with brick. Plans have been laid to place the big granite drinking fountain, which the national humane alliance is to give to the city, in the center of the street midway between M and N streets. It is now planned to park the center of this street for a width of twenty or twenty-five feet from the fountain to within ten feet of M and N streets. This would allow a driveway of twenty-five feet on each side of the streets, which is considered more than enough, as Fifteenth street is not a busy street. The park would extend to within about twenty-five feet of the fountain, thus allowing plenty of room for rigs to drive up to the watering basin. The park spaces would be surrounded with high curbs and filled in with earth. Trees would be planted in them, and flower beds and grass would beautify them.

Inasmuch as this street leads directly to the front entrance of the capitol building, is a pretty street, and not used a great deal, it is planned to continue the park scheme, if it is undertaken at all, from O street to the capitol grounds. The park board is behind the scheme, and Mayor Brown says he will do everything he can to help it along.

Lincoln setting street plans for fountain 1907-07-28

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Secretary H. H. Hukill, of the Lincoln Humane society, has received a letter from L. M. Seaver, secretary of the National Humane alliance at New York, stating that the new humane society fountain will be sent to Lincoln some time in April. The fountain is to be erected on Fifteenth street between M and N streets, directly west of the high school grounds.

Lincoln gets delivery notice 1908-03-26

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DISCUSSION OVER FOUNTAIN

**HUTTON OBJECTS TO PLACING GIFT
IN FIFTEENTH STREET.**

WOULD LINE UP SOME WALKS

**Woodward Asks for Lamps on Bi-
cycles After Sundown—Miscel-
laneous Business and
Council Notes.**

Much time was spent by the city council last night in discussing the placing of the fountain for stock watering, the present of the national humane alliance in the middle of Fifteenth street between M and N streets. Councilman Hutton opposed the placing of the fountain there and others were in favor of a delay. Action on the resolution for placing the fountain was postponed until after the legal department should recommend some action. Councilman Woodward introduced an ordinance making compulsory the carrying of lamps by riders of bicycles; the new isolation hospital was recommended insured for at least \$2,000 and the report of the committee on lighting was given regarding the gas tests made recently by the gas inspector which showed the gas to be below the requirement.

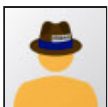
Councilman Woodward introduced a resolution that the city engineer be ordered to place the fountain which the national humane alliance had given to the city in the middle of Fifteenth between M and N streets. Mr. Hutton immediately objected as a representative from the part of town where the fountain was ordered placed and he said the citizens would not be willing to have the ornament placed in that location. Attorney Williams explained that when the work was begun on Fifteenth street last summer Mr. Boggs had enjoined the city from proceeding with the work and that later the supreme court had dissolved the injunction and that the work might be carried on and the fountain put in without interference, but that it might have to be taken out when the equity case in the matter was settled. The chief objection by Mr. Hutton was that there was no need for such a structure in the street and that the city could hardly afford to block Fifteenth street, the only street leading to the front of the state house from the down town side, and the only street suitable for parade purposes.

Mr. Hoppe finally got a vote on his motion to have action in the matter postponed until the case in equity had been decided. Mr. Castle had contended that the fountain should be put in and show good faith toward the alliance which had presented the gift.

Another Wants City Dirt.

Lincoln objections to fountain location - 1909-02-09

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SOUTH OMAHA IS AFTER FOUNTAIN

Citizens of Lincoln Must Select Site or Lose Humane Society Gift

Lewis H. Seaver Is In City to Bring Matters to a Climax

It is up to the city of Lincoln to make a choice today, and decide what it proposes to do with the actual drinking fountain donated to the city by the National Humane Alliance, for which Omaha is cited as the people of the city do not appreciate the gift enough to provide it a location, it will be taken to New York.

Lewis H. Seaver, secretary and treasurer of the National Alliance, is in Lincoln to bring matters to a climax. He came to the city from New York to do it. He came to select some satisfactory open space, through whose previous planning, however the alliance had been led to include the city among those favored by the organization with such donations. This was more than a year ago, and although Lincoln was favored over forty other applicants, the fountain has not yet been located. It has now been brought over at the city.

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At its Monday evening meeting, the committee selected a location, which covers the location of the fountain, which is at the corner of 14th and 15th streets, near the fourth location that had been suggested. Opinions have been raised to all the others by property owners who imagined that the fountain would be a detriment to their business. Some objection has been raised to the fountain, but Mr. Seaver, who has been in the city for some time, is very much interested in having the fountain located there, and it is thought that matter may be arranged satisfactorily. If not, it seems very probable that the fountain will be taken to New York.

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Sixty-eight in Plan.

It is thought that the fountain will be located in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, at the corner of 14th and 15th streets, near the fourth location that had been suggested. Opinions have been raised to all the others by property owners who imagined that the fountain would be a detriment to their business. Some objection has been raised to the fountain, but Mr. Seaver, who has been in the city for some time, is very much interested in having the fountain located there, and it is thought that matter may be arranged satisfactorily. If not, it seems very probable that the fountain will be taken to New York.

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Lincoln could lose fountain to Omaha 1909-05-27

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ANXIOUS
Humane Alliance Wants to Know
How About That Fountain for
Lincoln.

Ten months ago a fine granite drinking fountain for the use of horses, dogs and other animals that traverse the city streets, where water is scarce, was sent to Lincoln by the National Humane Alliance on the understanding that it was to be placed in some available place.

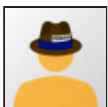
For ten months the local humane society has been trying its best to secure a location that would not be objectionable to anyone. It hasn't yet succeeded. Every time a place was hit upon, somebody objected. It was declared to be a very pretty fountain, the object sought is to be commended, but nobody seems to want it put in front of or adjacent to his place of business, because, as he says, it means a sloppy spot and the trysting place of too many teams. At the last meeting of the council the fountain was located on N street near Ninth, but this is subject to there being no objections to its being placed there. None have yet been filed but it is understood some will be forthcoming. Meanwhile the fountain remains crated over on city hall square.

Today L. M. Seaver, national secretary of the alliance, the donor of the fountain, came to town to see if Lincoln really wants the fountain. If it does not he proposes to take it away with him and give it to some other city that is not so blamed particular. He was in South Omaha yesterday, and when the folks up that way heard about the fountain being down here and the trouble in getting it located, they besought him to send it right up there and they would speedily find a place for it.

Mr. Seaver cannot understand why objections should be made to the reception of so handsome a gift as this fountain. It cost about \$1,000, is a beautiful piece of polished Maine granite and of distinct service. A large number of other cities have gratefully accepted the gift, which is made possible by the philanthropy of Horace Lee Ensign, and Mr. Seaver has a large book of pictures of fountains as located in other cities a confirmation of his claim that its advantages are recognized elsewhere. If speedy action is not taken, the fountain will be sent elsewhere.

Lincoln may lose fountain - 1909-05-27

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DRINKING FOUNTAIN IN USE

**GIFT TO CITY FROM HUMANE AL-
LIANCE WELL PATRONIZED.**

FORMAL DEDICATION SOON

**Exercises to Be Held Some Time
During Week With Ad-
dresses by Prominent
Speakers.**

The formal dedication of the new drinking fountain presented to the city by the humane alliance will be held sometime during the coming week when it is expected that there will be addresses by the mayor and perhaps by the governor. The fountain is now in use and is being well patronized. It is located in the middle of the street on M street between Eighth and Ninth streets. It is of Maine granite with a bowl six feet in diameter, and it is high enough so that horses are able to drink from it without being un-checked, and there are also four different drinking places at the bottom for dogs and smaller animals. The fountain cost \$1,000 exclusive of the cost of setting it up, and was shipped here freight prepaid and presented to the city by the humane alliance, whose head office is located in New York city. The alliance has now presented one of these fountains to every state in the union with the exception of Idaho, and plans are now being carried out for the erection of one at Boise. Up to the present time the alliance has made gifts of sixty-eight of the fountains.

The founder of the National Humane alliance was Herman Lee Ensign. He was born on June 30, 1849 in Carbondale, Pa. When he was fifteen years of age he acquired a knowledge of telegraphing and became an operator. Soon afterward he moved to Davenport, Ia., and later to Denver. He was reared under religious influences, was a member of the Congregational church, and when twenty years old he decided to become a minister. With that object he entered Phillips academy. But his health and finances soon failed and he left school and went to Chicago where he started working for a bridge company.

A few years later he became the manager of a weekly paper called the Alliance, which was mildly religious and widely humanitarian. His experience in Journalism he later turned to practical account by engaging in the advertising business, which he followed with marked success and by twenty years time he had acquired a fortune. In 1882 he removed to Rochester, N. Y., and two years later to New York city, where he lived until his death in 1889. 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 knew that he had other interests and feelings that represented the deeper and more vital side of 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 unkind or cruel in the treatment of animals by those whom he regarded as the natural protector of the animals—man. This sentiment grew until it became a passion which at last dominated his life. To him animals were not mere inferiors or slaves, they were companions and friends, devoting themselves to man and dependent upon him for their lives and happiness. He therefore founded the National Humane alliance to carry out his ideas for the welfare of animals. It was his intention to give his time and fortune to this work, but his death occurred just after the society was started. But he left practically his entire fortune to the work which is now being carried on by the society along the lines desired by Mr. Ensign, for humane work and the educating of children in kindness to animals.

Lincoln fountain in use - 1909-07-04

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The local humane society came into considerable notoriety last year when an Ensing fountain was presented to Lincoln and the society could not find a suitable location. Mr. Ensign, a philanthropic worker of New York, set aside a sum of money previous to his death to be used to place drinking fountains in cities where animals could quench their thirst. But one fountain can go to one location without an exceptional provision, as in the case of Des Moines, which has two, on account of the town being divided.

Want Another.

The much discussed fountain was stored in Lincoln nine months without being placed, when an agent of Mr. Ensign came from New York to ascertain why it was not being used. A location was finally found and the fountain has done such wonderful work that the city is anxious to have another one placed in another part of the city. This time they have the location but not the fountain. A property owner has offered a location in front of his place of business and says if the philanthropic people of the city will secure the money to buy the fountain he will guarantee there will be no injunction suits filed to prevent it being located. The society has not actively made a campaign for funds, but hope to raise \$1,000 for the purpose in the spring and are in hopes some one or a number humanely and philanthropically inclined will put \$250 in the society's Christmas stocking.

An effort was made by the so-

Lincoln wants second fountain 1910-12-25

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