

Mrs. Weinberger reported that the Southern Pacific Company would grant free transportation from New York of the Ensign fountain recently promised to the town by the Humane Alliance.

St. Helena Fountain Gets Free Shipping

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HANDSOME FOUNTAIN.

**Gift of National Humane Alliance
To St. Helena.**

The handsome drinking fountain given to the town of St. Helena, through the Woman's Improvement Club, is now in place, and the water connections have been made. The fountain is at the intersection of Adams street and Oak avenue and is in the most convenient location in town.

It was during August of last year that Horatio F. Stoll, Secretary of the California Grape Growers, and E. C. Prieber, a director of the same organization, were here from San Francisco, and spent an evening at the home of G. W. Schmidt. While the gentlemen were conversing with Mrs. Schmidt about the good work done by the Woman's Improvement Club, Mr. Stoll said that it would be a nice thing if the Club could secure for the town one of the drinking fountains being given communities by the National Humane Alliance. This interested Mrs. Schmidt and she asked for all the information Mr. Stoll could secure for her. Several letters were exchanged regarding the fountain and when the matter had been gotten into tangible shape, Mrs. Schmidt brought it before the Club and turned over all the information in her possession.

The Club was enthusiastically in favor of securing the fountain, if possible, and referred the whole matter to the Improvement Committee, of which Mrs. G. B. Anderson is chairman.

Mrs. Anderson was untiring in her efforts to secure the fountain and carried on a great deal of correspondence with the officers of the National Humane Alliance before success crowned her efforts, the Secretary stating, when agreeing to give the fountain, that St. Helena was the smallest town in which one had been placed.

The next step was to secure transportation from New York to St. Helena, a matter that took some time but was finally arranged and the fountain was landed in St. Helena free of cost.

In connection with this gift, it is interesting to call attention to the founder of the National Humane Alliance, Hermon Lee Ensign.

He was born in Carbondale, Pa., June 30, 1849, and at an early age accompanied his parents to Sheffield, Ill., where he became a telegraph operator, going from there to Davenport, Iowa, and later to Denver.

His life was a busy one. He was engaged in many enterprises, acquiring a fortune. In 1882 he moved to Rochester, New York, where he died in 1899. He had a great love for animals. This led him to found the National Humane Alliance to which he gave his fortune. The work has been carried out along the lines laid down by the founder, one of the principal things being the gift of fountains to communities so that horses and dogs may quench their thirst. There is also, on each fountain, a place where people may drink, but the principal object of the fountain is that there may be no excuse for horses being allowed to go thirsty.

St. Helena, CA Fountain in place - 1910

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History and Landmark Echoes.

The following original poem was written by Mrs. P. F. Powers, of the History and Landmarks Section of the New Century Club, Napa, and recited by her at the "Reciprocity Day" meeting held in St. Helena, March 15th:

I fain would tell, if you would hear,
How clubdom came from far and near,
With generous aid and words of cheer,
To St. Helena Mountain.

For we at last have named a day,
And on the seventh day of May,
Will honor pay in Springtime sun
To Robert Louis Stevenson,
Who dwelt upon the Mountain.

And there in Springtime past and gone,
To Silverado made a song,
And in those other Maytime days,
This tribute to our Mountain pays.

That "There are days in life,"
These words to us were given,
"To climb out of the lowlands thus,
It seems like scaling Heaven."

Let there in good Scotch granite stand,
A tribute to his native land,
A tablet graved that all may see,
A great man bided there a wee,
On St. Helena mountain.

And there we'll leave in twilight gray,
Midst madrone, pine and mountain bay,
A shrine to stand for aye and aye,
And travelers will a tribute pay,
To St. Helena Mountain.

L'ENVOY.

'Twas scarce a score of months ago,
Three women sat in solemn row,
And wondered what they best could do,
For landmark work to them was new;
Then up spoke one who had no fears,
And wisdom quite beyond her years,
"We'll first be broad and emulate
The very best within our State,
For in Napa County all unknown,
Are landmarks that are all our own,"
And plans were made that very day,
You'll see fulfilled up there in May,
On St. Helena Mountain.

The Sierra Club a walk that day,
Will meet us more than half the way,
They'll get there first, and blaze the trail,
But we'll be there without fail,
On St. Helena mountain.
On foot, with horse and aeroplane,
And there are some I ween,
Will be the first to reach the top by burning
gasoline.
And a hearty welcome there awaits,
And of that there is no doubtin'
For clubdom holds the keys that day,
To St. Helena Mountain.

Now to our hostess' honor due,
You have your Ensign fountain,
But come the seventh day of May
With us and climb the Mountain,

St. Helena poem recognizes fountain

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