

Nashville Timeline 1907-03-28

HANDSOME FOUNTAIN

Is Offered to the City by **National Humane Alliance.**

A resolution requesting that one of a number of memorial fountains to be distributed by the National Humane Alliance be presented to Nashville will be introduced in the City Council tonight at the instance of Maj. M. E. Hord, President of the Humane Society of this city, which is a member of the **National Humane Alliance.** The monuments bear inscription commemorative of the character and achievements of Herman Lee Ensign. They are made of polished Maine granite. They are more than eight feet high and the watering basins connected with them are six feet in diameter. It is said that each of them cost nearly \$1,000. According to a communication received by Maj. Hord, one of the fountains would be presented to the city, if a formal request should be made. If secured by the city, it will probably be placed in Centennial Park.

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"Speaking of fountains, Major, what have you done about the handsome fountain donated to the city some time back by the **National Humane Alliance?**"

"Why, the City Council, as soon as the matter was brought before them, took prompt action, accepted the fountain and I sent a copy of the resolutions, with a vote of thanks, to the **National Alliance** for the gift. I then carried the matter before the Board of Public Works, asking for a site for the fountain, and there the matter has stood for the past three or four months."

"What's the matter?" asked the reporter.

"The Chairman of the Board tells me they can give us no room for the fountain. Unless we locate it out where it will be more of an ornament than of utility, we will have to give it up, I suppose, for the **National Alliance** would not give it; neither would our Humane Society accept it simply as an ornament. However, we are going to make one more try for a site before writing to the National Alliance that we cannot accept the gift because we have no place to put it."

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OF POLISHED GRANITE TRIMMED WITH BRONZE

Handsome Stock Fountain
to Be Placed on Hay-
market Is Here.

WEIGHS 10,000 POUNDS

Gift of **National Humane Alliance**—To Be Erected at Once.

The handsome drinking fountain donated to the city by the National Humane Alliance, and which is to be erected on the Hay Market, was received here on yesterday. Of polished granite with bronze trimmings, the fountain will be not only serviceable but ornamental. The foundation for the fountain has already been completed, having been built some months ago, and the fountain will be put up at once.

The fountain is very massive and weighs 10,000 pounds. It is artistically designed and will be an object of admiration, but utility has not been sacrificed to beauty. There is a basin on each of the four sides of it for the use of horses and cattle, and nearer the base of the structure are basins accessible to smaller animals, such as dogs and sheep.

For some years the **National Humane Alliance** has been distributing fountains similar to that donated to this city, many of the principal cities of the country having been recipients of them. Singly the fountains would each cost about \$1,500, but made under a contract for a larger number of them similarly designed, they cost about \$1,000 each. The plan of presenting stock fountains to the principal cities of the country was inaugurated by Herman Lee Ensign, who bequeathed a fund to the alliance for purchase of fountains. Of this fund Lewis M. Seaver, of New York, has charge.

While no arrangements have yet been made for any ceremonies incident to the reception and erection of the fountain, it is expected that the structure will be formally unveiled under the auspices of the Nashville Humane Society, at whose suggestion and request the fountain was presented to the city. The officers of the local society are at present A. S. Williams, president; Rev. M. P. Logan and Gen. G. P. Thruston, vice-presidents, and S. M. Allen, secretary.

Under the terms of the acceptance of the fountain it devolves on the city to pay the cost of erecting it.