

## NEW FOUNTAIN HAS ARRIVED

GIFT OF NATIONAL HUMANE AL-  
LIANCE TO CITY OF OTTUM-  
WA IS HERE

Work of installing it begun today—  
Soon to be in operation—Sketch of  
Hermon Lee Ensign, Founder of the  
Alliance.

Commencing at noon today, work will be begun on the foundation for the new granite drinking fountain presented to the city of Ottumwa by the National Humane Alliance. The fountain has arrived in the city and is being unloaded. It is expected that the work of erecting it will be completed within a week or so.

The fountain is to be placed almost at the center of the intersection of Court and Third streets, in front of the City park. An idea of the size of the gift to the city may be gained when it is known that the weight of the fountain is 5,000 pounds.

**Hermon Lee Ensign.**  
In connection with this gift, it is an opportune time to call attention to the founder of the National Humane Alliance. This man was the late Hermon Lee Ensign.

He was born in Carbondale, Pa., on June 30, 1849. At an early age he moved with his parents to Sheffield, Ill. When fifteen years old he acquired a knowledge of telegraphing, and soon became an expert operator. Soon after that he went to Davenport, Iowa, and later to Denver.

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

**In Chicago Fire.**  
During the great fire of 1871 he rendered important service to this company by saving from the office valuable books.

A few years later he became the manager of a brilliantly written paper, called the Alliance, a weekly journal, mildly religious and widely humanitarian. His experience in journalism he turned to practical account by later 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 paper advertising. He also invented the stereotype plate with movable type.

In 1882 he moved to Rochester and two years later to New York, where he lived until his death in 1889.

**An American Citizen.**

Without advantages of birth or fortune, living the life of a quiet American citizen and dying before he was fifty, he had rounded out a notable life. 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 represented the deeper and more vital side of his nature. He had an eager and imaginative temperament, and 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.

**Animals Were His Friends.**

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. He was an ardent disciple of Henry Bergh, and felt that if he could leave behind him such a record as did Mr. Bergh, he would regard it as the best monument that he could desire.

**Founds Humane Alliance.**

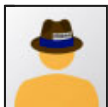
He accordingly founded the National Humane Alliance to carry out his ideas for the welfare of animals. He intended to give his time and fortune to the work. But just as it was started he died. He left his fortune for this work, and the society is administering the trust of Mr. Ensign on the lines of his ideas, for humane work, educating children in kindness to animals and other similar work.

The Humane Alliance has offices at York City. The officers are: Harrison Grey Fiske, president; Frederick B. Tighman, vice president; Lewis M. Seaver, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Seaver was recently in this city No. 419 United Charities building, New to help select a site for the fountain.

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