

SUNDAY MORNING

PUBLIC FOUNTAIN TO BE ERECTED

FIRST BEAUTIFUL DRINKING
ORNAMENT RECEIVED BY
OFFICIALS.

GIFT OF HUMANE ALLIANCE

Procured by W. C. T. U., It Will Be
Placed at Riverside Avenue
and Division Street.

The first beautiful drinking fountain for man and beast to be erected in the city, a gift to the municipality, has arrived and probably will be removed from the Northern Pacific freight depot tomorrow and erected at Riverside avenue and Division street. In addition to being the first elaborate fountain this is absolutely the first in Spokane for equines. Three small sidewalk fountains have been in operation for several years.

This gift, costing \$1000, was secured through the efforts of the local W. C. T. U. Among the well-known women of that organization who have worked to procure it is Mrs. B. D. Beardslee, and in announcing receipt and acceptance Mayor Moore mentioned Mrs. Beardslee yesterday and expressed satisfaction at the success of the women's work.

Following conferences that have

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been held between representatives of the W. C. T. U., Mayor Moore and City Engineer J. C. Ralston the mayor said yesterday:

Mayor Pleased by Gift.

"One of the terms under which the fountain was procured required that it be centrally located. We have practically agreed on the junction of Riverside avenue and Division street. The fountain is primarily for the benefit of horses and an immense volume of street travel passes the point we have selected. The site, at the head of Riverside avenue, commands a view of the avenue as far west as Monroe street.

"The fountain is a beautiful piece of work and reflects credit on the donors and the W. C. T. U., which secured it."

The fountain is the gift of the National Humane alliance, and was purchased out of a fund set aside by Herman Lee Ensign, founder and president of the alliance. A simple inscription on the fountain contains the name of the alliance and Mr. Ensign. Like the Carnegie library fund, these gifts are made to the larger cities throughout the United States and a large number of them have been erected during the last few years.

Gift of Beautiful Design.

The fountain is of Maine granite, beautifully polished and finished in bronze. It is six feet eight inches in height and about the granite base is the drinking bowl, six feet in diameter and fed from bronze pipes.

The conditions of the gift were that it be centrally located, that it be so placed that horses could get to it from all sides, that the city bear the expense of the necessary plumbing, that the city guarantee a permanent water supply for the fountain and maintenance.

City Engineer Ralston was enthusiastic yesterday in speaking of the gift. He was pleased at its beauty and by the humanitarian purpose that inspired the donation.



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