



Indianapolis will erect fountain - 5/22/1909

Clipped By:
johnwalshderby
Sat, May 4, 2024

**New Public Fountain
Ready for Dedication**



THE COMPLETED FOUNTAIN.

The work of erecting the new fountain at Indiana avenue and Vermont street which was presented to the city by the National Humane Alliance of New York city, has been completed and the fountain is now ready for dedication by the Indianapolis Humane Society.

The fountain was erected at a cost of \$1,500, the city bearing the expense of erecting the base and paying for the setting of the superstructure. A large basin which stands about four feet above the ground is supplied with water from spouts that reach out from three lions heads. Besides this place for horses to drink a small basin has been placed where dogs can obtain water.

The fountain is to have an electric light on its top. The city will pay for the light and for the water which is used in the fountain. The fountain was obtained from the National Alliance through the efforts of the Indianapolis Humane Society and Mayor Bookwalter.

Indianapolis - photo 1909

Clipped By:

johnwalshderby

Sat, May 4, 2024

FOUNT BOON TO HORSES

POPULAR AMONG DRIVERS

**DRINKING PLACE MADE POSSIBLE BY
HERMON LEE ENSIGN PROVES TO
HAVE BEEN LOCATED AT
PROPER CORNER.**

The increasing popularity of the drinking fountain erected recently at Senate and Indiana avenues by the National Humane Alliance has proved that no mistake was made in the selection of this site. The intersection of these streets is in the course of much hauling and the fountain is proving a boon to horses which are seldom driven from this portion of the city and have few other watering places.

The erection of the fountain was accomplished after two years of negotiations, beginning when Lewis M. Seaver, secretary of the alliance, wrote to the city authorities to inquire if they would accept the fountain. The proposition was not considered seriously until it was taken up by the Indianapolis Humane Society, which, with Mayor Bookwalter and Blaine H. Miller, city engineer, decided on the location.

Honor Is Due Ensign.

Hermon Lee Ensign, founder of the National Humane Alliance, a wealthy man who left a large estate to be spent in furthering the humane movement, was a native of Carbondale, Pa., who engaged successively in study for the ministry, in business, in newspaper work and later in the advertising business. During his work in this latter business he invented the stereotype plate with removable base. He died in New York in 1899.

He was always deeply interested in animals and in the movement for their better treatment and when he left an estate to be spent according to the wisdom of several of his friends it was decided to use the money in erecting fountains. During his life he had founded the National Humane Alliance, under the direction of which the money is being spent.

Indianapolis 10/24/1909

Clipped By:

johnwalshderby

Sat, May 4, 2024