

CITY GETS FOUNTAIN

GIFT FROM NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE FORMALLY ACCEPTED BY MAYOR HAY.

PRESENTATION BY COL. HUNT

Explains Method of Securing Donation and Gives History of Dallas Humane Society.

The magnificent granite drinking fountain recently erected at the intersection of Commerce, Preston and Jackson streets was formally accepted by the city yesterday afternoon. The speech of presentation was made by Col. P. B. Hunt on behalf of the Dallas Humane Society, while Mayor Hay accepted the gift on behalf of the city. A considerable number of people were present, and when the speeches were through Mrs. T. J. Carr, president of the Dallas Humane Society, turned the key that set the water flowing through the fountain faucets.

The fountain was secured from the National Humane Alliance through the efforts of Mrs. Carr and was given to the city absolutely free of cost, the expense having been paid out of the endowment fund left the National Humane Alliance by Hermon Lee Ensign of Pennsylvania. The structure would be an ornament to any spot, and it is believed that it is the most handsome public drinking fountain in the South.

Whole Structure of Granite.

The whole structure is of highly polished Maine granite and is 6 feet 8 inches high. On the north side is a bronze tablet bearing the following words: "1907. Presented by the National Humane Alliance, Hermon Lee Ensign, Founder." The big basin, which is fed by three streams pouring from granite lions' heads, is a solid boulder of marble and weighs 7,500 pounds. It is 6 feet in diameter. The base of the fountain is also a granite block, on which stands a granite column, from which four jets of water feed small basins for dogs and smaller animals that can not reach the big basin above.

The location of the fountain makes it very convenient of access to all sorts of vehicles, the intersection of three streets giving ample room for them from all sides without danger of blocking the driveways. It has for some time been known familiarly as Five Points, but it was a general opinion yesterday afternoon that the name should be changed to Fountain Square, as a more becoming designation than that which distinguishes a tough section of New York City.

Presentation by Col. Hunt.

E. H. Conibear called the meeting to order yesterday afternoon and introduced Col. Hunt, who spoke as follows:

"Mr. Mayor and Board of Commissioners: There came to the State of Texas in 1839 a woman who possessed a kindly heart and whose tenderest sympathy went out for all helpless creatures. I refer to Mrs. Irene Rood of Chicago, whose mission was to look after some legislation at Austin in regard to humane work. Before she left the State she spent several days in Dallas, and while here organized the Dallas Humane Society, on June 13, 1839. Mrs. T. J. Carr was elected president, and she has been re-elected each successive year since.

"There have stood by Mrs. Carr with their able counsel to aid and push the work as best it could be done such persons as Mrs. E. T. Matson, Mrs. J. A. Cornwell, Mrs. C. F. Welfand, Mrs. J. A. Heatherington, Mrs. M. A. Grambling, Miss Lizzie Baker, Miss Margaret Jalonick, Mrs. E. M. Goode, E. H. Conibear, G. E. Cornwell, J. M. Strong, T. J. Carr, Dr. McKay and others.

Progress of Society.

"The movement was not a popular one at that time, and not many were disposed to say a word of encouragement, and very few were willing to be active workers. Without funds and with but little help and sympathy from the outside, the Dallas Humane Society has struggled on, and with the indomitable will and perseverance of the brave president, assisted by the efficient board of directors and secretary and treasurer, the society has gained ground, and worked its way up to its present standing.

"Today it has an office and telephone, where the efficient agent, Ed Cornwell, can be reached between the hours of 12 and 1 every day. It is his duty to respond to any call, investigate all cases and take steps to prosecute any violator of the law. This law reads as follows: 'If any person shall willfully or wantonly kill, maim, wound, disfigure, poison or cruelly and unmercifully beat or abuse any horse, ass, mule, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, dog or any other domesticated animal, or any domesticated bird, he shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.'

"The objects of the society are to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals in the city of Dallas; to enforce all laws which are now or may hereafter be enacted for the protection of animals, and to secure by lawful means the arrest, conviction and punishment of all persons violating such laws.

Compliments the Donor.

"In carrying out these, their noble purposes, the Dallas Humane Society, as you know, Mr. Mayor, has had much to say about putting up water troughs and small fountains for the dumb brutes in the streets of the city, but, sir, we are here today to speak of a fountain much larger and far more handsome than any one of those it has been their pleasure to have been instrumental in securing for the city heretofore. It was through the noble generosity of the late Hermon Lee Ensign that the society has been enabled to secure this beautiful fountain.

"Permit me to say a few words about this noble man. 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.

"Mr. Ensign was an ardent disciple of Henry Bergh, and he felt that if he could leave behind him such a record as Mr. Bergh left, he would regard it as the best monument that he could desire. Accordingly he founded the National Humane Alliance for the purpose of carrying out his ideas, for the welfare of animals. His purpose was to devote his time and fortune to the great work, but just as the Alliance started he died. He did leave his fortune, however, for the work, and the National Humane Alliance is now 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.

"It was determined by those who managed the estate of Mr. Ensign that a fountain to supply water to the dumb brutes and the weary wayfarer, along the streets, would be donated to any city with 80,000 inhabitants, if the city felt interested enough in humane work to ask for the gift.

Efforts of Mrs. Carr.

"Mrs. Carr opened correspondence with the National Humane Alliance, and the result of her efforts we see here today, in this splendid fountain, this beautiful monument to humane work. Will it not, Mr. Mayor, be an honor to the city of Dallas? And now the Dallas Humane Society wishes, in this formal way, to turn over to you as the official head of Dallas, this splendid gift of the late Hermon Lee Ensign.

"It gives the Dallas Humane Society much pleasure to know that your Commission is in sympathy with such work as this, for your support will influence many who are today indifferent to become not only interested, but will in their work, we hope, be merciful to every living creature."

"May this fountain be a monument to the noble work of the Dallas Humane Society, and while being a blessing to the city of Dallas, may it also be a warning to the cruel horse master and to the cruel parent, for it stands as a friend to the helpless."

"It is with the greatest pleasure that we now place in your care and keeping this fountain."

Acceptance of Mayor Hay.

Mayor Hay, who accepted the fountain on behalf of the city and agreed to carry out that provision that the city shall take good care of the gift, said:

"I am sure you have all been very much interested in the history. Col. Hunt has given you and the work this society has done in your midst. Therefore I shall not

undertake to go over in any sense the struggles they have made for recognition, but will simply say on behalf of the city I desire to accept this splendid piece of work and assure you of our appreciation of it and of what you have done.

"Without detracting anything from the founder of the Humane Alliance, I believe it would be appropriate that somewhere on this fountain we should place a similar tablet with the names of the members of this society? I can promise you that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Nelms will see that the fountain never lacks for water. Again assuring you of our appreciation, we accept this gift and promise that it shall be well taken care of."

"FOUNTAIN SQUARE" APPROVED.

New Name for Old "Five Points" Intersection Receives Sanction of the City Officials.

At the suggestion of the Dallas Humane Society, the space formed by the intersections of Commerce, Jackson and Preston streets has been named Fountain Square. For years it was known as Five Points. When the new fountain donated to the city by the National Humane Alliance was dedicated it was suggested that the place be called Fountain Square, and the suggestion made by the Humane Society has found favor with the city officials.

At the meeting of the directors of the Dallas Humane Society yesterday a committee on legislation composed of J. M. Strong, W. H. Greenburg, P. H. Hunt and Mrs. J. C. Cowan was named to act in conjunction with the legislative committee of the State society.

The following report of cases coming under the notice of the society for January was made: Calls and investigations 47, children involved 9, horses involved 28, cows involved 2, dogs involved 6, cats involved 1, chickens involved 1, cases taken to court 6, cases convicted 3, children under surveillance 12.