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Last of the City’s Downtown Horse Fountains Taken From Pearl Street

Ornamental Trough Is to Be Moved to a New Location.

The combination drinking fountain for horses and people, a relic on Pearl street near Fourth street since 1911, is no more.

Saturday employees of the water department of the city removed the fountain in response to repeated requests by business men in that vicinity, and by the fire department.

Those desiring removal of the fountain claimed that it caused too much congestion of traffic at the place, and that it interfered with movement of the ladder fire truck of the fire department.

The drinking fountain was given to the city in 1911 by the National Humane alliance, founded by Herman Lee Ensign. G. B. Healy, then chairman of the waterworks trustees, accepted the fountain for the city. Mr. Healy now resides at Hollywood, Cal.

The fountain is made of solid granite, and measures about six feet in circumference. A trough for horses and a stream from which persons could obtain cups of water permitted the fountain to serve both humans and horses.

The fountain will be located elsewhere in the city, but the place has not been decided, said Phil Carlin, superintendent of waterworks.

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Cook Park Fountain

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Cook Park Fountain, Cook Park, along West Fourth Street

The fountain at Cook Park has an important-looking plaque on it saying that, in 1911, it was given to the city by the National Humane Alliance.

From this, one might gather that it was intended as a lofty, ceremonial sort of fountain to honor animals. But no.

Originally, the Cook Park fountain was located at Pearl Street and Fourth Street, where it first served as a watering trough for horses. It was moved to Cook Park in 1981.

Today, the fountain is situated near a plaque honoring Dr. John Cook, a Sioux City founding father and the namesake of Cook Park.

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Previously located at 3rd Street and Wesley Way and utilized as an animal watering fountain, this city landmark was moved to Cook Park, a Sioux City park named after the community’s founder. The fountain has four lion
carvings, one on each side of the square center. It is designed so that water spills out from each of the lion mouths and into a large concrete basin. There is a plaque on the side that reads: 1911, Presented by the National Humane Alliance, Hermon Lee Ensign, Founder.

The park can be found on 4th Street between Main and Market Streets, and the fountain is in the southwest corner near the bus stop. The fountain is turned off during the winter months but can be enjoyed the rest of the year.

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