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*Wilson Street, and Humane Society, Drinking Fountain,
Davenport, Ia.*



Business of Humane Society at Meeting Last Evening

The Rock Island County Humane society met in its regular May session last evening at the city hall. Humane Officer Ellman of Davenport, also a member of the local society, was present and offered many suggestions. A committee was appointed to investigate the proposition of obtaining a fountain from the National Humane Alliance and placing it some place in the city. On the committee are Dr. J. W. Stewart, George C. Wenger, Samuel F. Kaufmann and Dr. Joseph DeSilva. The National Humane alliance furnished fountains upon request from humane societies free, the the alliance and left his large fortune. The freight is also prepaid and the expense left to the local association is the erection of a foundation for the fountain. The city has already granted permission to the placing of a fountain here.

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DAVENPORT GETS FINE FOUNTAIN

Beautiful Gift from National Humane Alliance Is Assured.

Middle of Harrison Street Thirty Feet Below Second Selected as the Site.

Davenport is assured the handsome polished granite drinking fountain for horses and dogs offered it by the National Humane Alliance of New York some time ago. L. M. Seaver of New York is in the city and this morning met with members of the Scott County Humane society, M. J. Malloy, chairman of the council street committee, and J. B. Ogden, certainly the great benefits derived from it will more than compensate for the room it takes up in the street. The chairman of the two committees of the council interested both promised their support to the project.

The fountain is to be placed in the center of the street. It is not believed that it will interfere with traffic, and certainly the great benefits derived from it will more than compensate for the room it takes up in the street. The chairman of the two committees of the council interested both promised their support to the project.

The fountain will be of polished granite and will weigh five tons. The full height is 6 feet 8 inches and the rim of the basin is four feet above the ground. The basin proper is six feet in diameter and made out of one solid piece of granite weighing over two tons.

The fountain comes to the city absolutely free of charge and will be the 13th fountain established by the Humane Alliance. The only provision is that the city furnish a good location where horses can reach it from all sides, and maintain it properly.

Memorial to Former Davenport.
The National Humane Alliance was founded some time ago by Hermon Lee Ensign, who lived in Davenport for some time during his early years. Mr. Ensign was greatly interested in humane society work and formed this alliance but did not succeed in getting it into good running order before his death.

Mr. Ensign was a bachelor and, during his life, accumulated a neat fortune. As he had no immediate family to remember, he left all his property to the National Humane alliance, which he founded. It erects as memorials to him these fountain in various parts of the country. Mr. Seaver, who was formerly a business partner of Mr. Ensign, has been looking after the establishing of these fountains.

Davenport was selected for a fountain because it was for a time Mr. Ensign's home. He lived here in his youth, Bayley Cook, desk sergeant at the police station, having been a class mate of his in High school. He was telegraph operator here for a time, starting in as receiver of the news reports and finishing as manager of the local office. After leaving here, he moved East and engaged in the advertising business, in which he accumulated the money left for the fountains.

The alliance, in carrying out the wishes of its founder, insists on erecting these fountains in busy districts where they will do the most good. The dray horses and those which are worked all day, hauling heavy loads, are the ones which Mr. Seaver wants to help. With this in mind, the location selected in this city is ideal and the best that could be found in Davenport.

How is this?

A very fine relief map of Yellowstone National Park done in fifteen colors showing location of all important points in the Park, for thirty-five cents. This beautiful picture, issued by the Northern Pacific Railway, is 48 inches long and 32 inches wide, and will be mailed upon receipt of price.

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NOTICE.

To the Davenport Water and Gas Companies:
We are about to commence grading and paving Eighteenth street, College avenue and Second avenue, within 10 days.

DAV. CONSTRUCTION CO.

STRIKERS ARE BACK AT WORK

Differences at Locomotive Works Adjusted to Satisfaction of the Men.

The striking boilermens at the Davenport Locomotive works returned to work this morning, the company having conceded most of the demands of the men, recognizing their union and fixing a scale of 34 cents an hour.

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The beautiful new fountain, the gift of Herman Lee Ensign, a former Davenport and founder of the National Humane alliance, was unveiled last Saturday afternoon.

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Wed, Nov 6, 2019

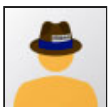
LARGE GLOBE FOR ENSIGN FOUNTAIN

Handsome Top Piece Purchased By
the City Installed on
Fountain Today.

The handsome top piece purchased by the city to cap off the Humane society's fountain on Harrison and Second streets has arrived and is being installed today. It consists of a large electric light globe with a heavy bronze pedestal standing about three feet high, and mounted on the massive granite fountain the globe and its pedestal give a fine appearance. This added touch to the fountain cost the city \$100, but the believers in municipal beauty will believe it was well spent. The fountain, which was secured free to the city through the efforts of Officer Ellman of the Scott County Humane society is proving its worth, as anyone may ascertain who watches it for half an hour.

Davenport Gets a light

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Sun, Nov 10, 2019

Once the City's Pride—Now, Junk!



Back in the good old days when a man could raise a thirst and quench it at almost any corner, scenes such as the one pictured above were not uncommon in Davenport.

Older citizens will remember the Ensign Fountain which was presented the city by the Humane Society. Costing in the neighborhood of \$1,500 it was regarded with a great deal of civic pride.

It stood first in the center of Harrison street, just below the south line of Second, for many years. Later it was moved to the foot of Harrison to make way for increased traffic and when the automobile began making its appearance in ever increasing numbers.

A few years ago, when the union station was built, the fountain was taken up by the city and is now re-

posing in solitary grandeur at the city tool house at the foot of Howell street.

Another fountain, smaller than the Ensign fountain, also given to the city by the Humane Society, is still doing duty at the southwest corner of First street and Western avenue.

While the automobile has come into such general use that it has almost driven the horse from the streets, there are still a number of watering troughs scattered about the city, reminders of a statlier period.

Those who have occasion to observe, however, say that the autoist would be surprised if he knew how many thirsty horses still drink from these troughs. Quite a few firms still use horses in the city, while not all the farmers haul their products into town by automobile.

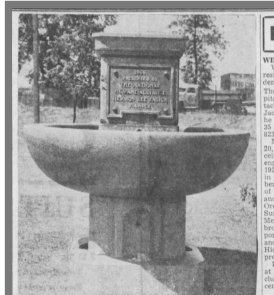
Davenport Fountain now junk 1927-01-07

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Thu, Nov 14, 2019



REMINDER OF BYGONE DAYS—A horse watering trough made of granite was removed from First and Harrison streets many years ago and used for a time at the municipal tool house and then left dismantled in a yard there because when it was presented to the city there was a provision that the city must retain the gift. A reminder of a bygone era, the horse trough, fashioned in three sections, now stands on the lawn in front of the main building at the sewage treatment plant on South Howell street where it is used now only by the birds which bathe in rain water which is collected in the large bowl.

City, Possessing Gift It Can't Sell or Give Away, Utilizing Horse Trough as Decoration

By PAUL CONWAY.

Probably only a few persons in Davenport know that the city has a gift, a granite watering trough for horses, which it is prevented from selling or giving away by special provision of the donor, and that trough is being used as a decoration on the lawn in front of the sewage treatment plant office and laboratory on South Howell street.

The heavy trough, or fountain, carved from granite, rests on a concrete base on the lawn. It is a square, and forms the center of a square plot on each corner of which is a lot of flowers. The trough bears a bronze plaque which reads: "Presented by the National Humane Alliance, Hartman Lee design, founder." The best information available indicated that the organization which made the gift to the city was probably one of the groups consolidated into the American Humane association. Ralph C. Graham, superintendent of construction, said the heavy fountain was removed from First and Harrison streets many years ago and transported to the city tool house on South Howell street. He estimated the trough probably cost \$1,500 to \$2,000 at the time it was placed in the location from which it was removed.

USED BY CITY.

The horse trough was used for several years after it was removed from the city tool house, but it was from the granite fountain that city-owned horses used in various departments were watered. When motor trucks and other motorized equipment finally displaced horses, the old trough was dismantled again and left lying in the yard adjacent to the municipal tool house. Truck drivers noticed many remarks when they drove back into the city trough and someone believed it would be a good idea to get rid of the big bowl shaped marble trough, but there was no way in which this could be done. "I don't remember who it was, maybe it was the city attorney," Graham said, who found that the city couldn't sell or give away the horse trough since that was one of the conditions under which it was accepted.

RECORD NOT CLEAR.

Search of council proceedings from 1908 thru 1907 inclusive fails to reveal therein any resolution of acceptance of the horse trough. In fact, there is no reference to the gift in the proceedings for the years mentioned. There are, however, in the old proceedings many references for installation of horse watering troughs in several sections of the city. Such petitions were always referred to the water committee of the city council and to the board of public works, the predecessor of the present department of public construction. After the record regarding the city to retain the marble horse trough in being, it came into its present position in good condition now as it was when it was first placed in the downtown district.

Five or six years ago when grounds adjacent to the main building at the sewage treatment plant were being landscaped someone remembered the unused granite fountain lying in the tool house yard. Again the three parts were dismantled, a concrete base was constructed and the trough, a remnant of four decades ago, was hoisted into position to become a decoration on the plant lawn.

Of course there are no water connections to the fountain and no horse will probably ever drink again from its deep round bowl. But that fact is only a minor consideration in the case of this old relic, and while the day of the horse in the city has passed, Davenport retains and finds use for a gift that is ever appropriate.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY AIRPORT FACILITY PLAN

CAA Officials Urge Quad-City Study of Area.

Civil aeronautics authority regulations governing airport development in metropolitan districts were outlined by John Hogan, Chicago C. A. A. representative, and Paul Roberts, who represented the Kansas City, Mo. C. A. A. district, at a meeting of city-planning committee of Commerce and city governments from at Rock Island arena, Thursday night.

A general discussion and question and answer session pertaining to the airport situation in general in Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Davenport, was presided over by Colonel C. A. Waldman, commander of Rock Island airport.

In order to study proposals made and investigate some of the ways that may be required, a committee composed of the mayors of the four cities, M. McKay, Rock Island; E. H. Bolser, Moline; E. H. Ryan, East Moline; and A. R. Kropp, Davenport, was appointed. The committee will be organized to eight members after president of the Chamber of Commerce in each city appoints a representative from his chamber to serve. A meeting date for the new committee is expected to be announced soon.

DAVENPORT PLEADS GUILTY TO LARCENY CHARGE

F. R. Miller, 27, Davenport, pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of larceny when arraigned in the Federal court in Puerto Rico, charged with the theft of bank pass and other articles from the Rock Island arena, where he was employed, was released on probation. He was ordered to pay court costs of \$40 within 30 days.

REV. NORTH TO SPEAK SUNDAY AT EDWARDS CHURCH

The Rev. Stanley North, D. D., national secretary of the Congregational-Christian church, will speak at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Edwards, Congregational church, Dr. North, who is in charge of City Work Planning under the national board, is making a study of city situations in the Iowa conference. He will counsel with the Davenport congregation on the post-war problems and strategy. Dr. North will be accompanied by the Rev. Royal J. Montgomery, D. D., superintendent of the Congregational-Christian church of Iowa. Following the morning service there will be a picnic dinner in the dining room of the church, with Mrs. Alma Clouse, president of the women's association, and Mrs. Mary Newton in charge.

Davenport, Iowa fountain 1945

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