

ALMOST ASSURED

That **National Humane Alliance**
Will Place a **Fountain**
in This City.

THE COUNTY SOCIETY MEETS

Sam Kaufman Reports on Negotiations
—Complaints to Organization
Should be Signed.

At the monthly meeting of the Rock Island County **Humane** society held last evening in the city council room, Sam Kauffman announced that he had practically completed negotiations with the **National Humane Alliance** whereby the local organization is to receive one of the large gift **fountains**. A number of years ago a wealthy man left almost his entire fortune to the **humane alliance** to erect gift **fountains** for the different organizations in the United States. The **fountain** is worth about \$1,000 and will be shipped here, all charges prepaid, so that the only cost to the organization will be for its installation. A committee consisting of Dr. J. W. Stewart, Dr. Joseph DeSilva, G. C. Wenger, and Sam Kauffman was authorized by the organization to make arrangements for receiving the gift, and to find a location for it. It is thought at the present time that it will be erected on Market square, but no plans have been made by the committee. The matter of placing the **fountain** has already been referred to the city council.

Humane Officer George Eilman of Davenport was present at the meeting and spoke briefly on the various subjects that came before the meeting.

Accept the Fountain.

The council voted to accept the fountain offered to the city by the National Humane Alliance, referred to in The Argus last evening. The offer was made in a communication from Lewis Mead Seaver, secretary and treasurer of the alliance, who offered the gift through the Rock Island Humane society and particularly Sam Kaufman, its secretary, who was instrumental in bringing the matter to Mr. Seaver's attention. The council on motion of Alderman Smith agreed to the conditions on which the fountain is received, and extended votes of thanks to Mr. Seaver and to Mr. Kaufman. The fountain is given to the city on condition that a site 45 feet from a curb or car line be provided, that the city remove the fountain from the cars and erect it, and that water supply be provided. The fountain is given from a fund left the National Humane Alliance for this purpose by its founder, Hermon Lee Ensign. The fountain is of Maine polished granite, and is 6 feet 8 inches high. A large bowl nearly 6 feet in diameter holds the water, while on the four sides at the bottom are small bowls for dogs and smaller animals. The fountain is equipped with bronze trimmings. It is furnished at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

Rock Island, IL Accepts Fountain 1907-05-14

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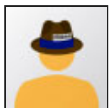
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Thu, Jul 30, 2020

The Ensign memorial fountain recently presented to the city of Rock Island through the Rock Island County Humane society by the National Humane Alliance, is about finished, and the gift presents a very beautiful appearance. The fountain stands in the place of the old one, near the Central fire station on Seventeenth street. A large ornamental light is to be placed on the top of the fountain, and this is expected to arrive from Chicago in a few days.

Rock Island fountain completed 1907

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WATER TURNED ON

Sam Kaufman, Instrumental in
Securing Gift, Starts Flow
in Ensign Fountain.

MAYOR AND OTHERS PRESENT

Charles Thompson's Horse Takes
First Drink—Dogs Quickly Ap-
preciate Its Usefulness.

Sam Kaufman, secretary of the Rock Island County Humane society this morning at 7:30 turned the water on in the Ensign memorial fountain given the city through the society by the National Humane Alliance. Mr. Kaufman went down into the manhole and manipulated the stop cocks of the two pipes. The formality of starting the fountain was witnessed by Mayor Schaffer, Alderman Tuckis, M. H. Sexton, and a few others.

First Horse to Drink.

Charles Thompson's horse was the first to drink from the new fountain. Mr. Thompson waited for some time for the water to be turned on in order that he might allow his horse the first drink. The horse found the water so refreshing that it drank much and long—so long in fact that others about the fountain accused Mr. Thompson of not having given the animal water for a week. He denied the charge however, and the Humane society members will take no action.

Dog Likes It, Too.

It was but a few minutes after the

water had been turned on that a dog learned the advantages of a beautiful fountain from which to secure a drink. It was just an ordinary cur and did not seem to belong to any one in particular. But it was thirsty, and lapped up the water with evident satisfaction.

Is Beautiful Ornament.

The fountain is a beautiful ornament, besides being a most useful institution. It is made of highly polished Maine granite, ornamented with bronze trimmings. A plate inscribed with the National Humane Alliance name, and explaining the character of the gift, appears on one side. The fountain is provided from a fund left the society for this purpose by Hermon Ensign, who at one time lived in the tri-cities. Similar fountains are being placed in many of the larger cities in the country. The fountain was given with the single condition that the city furnish water supply and drainage, and set it in place at least 45 feet from any curbing or car line.

To be Lighted.

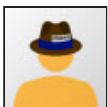
An attractive ornamental light is to be placed on top of the fountain. The lamp and fixture has been ordered in Chicago, and will be placed on the fountain next week. The lamp will be two feet high, a white globe a foot in diameter being mounted on a very beautiful design in bronze.

As has been stated heretofore, it is to be regretted that so fine an ornament could not have been placed on Market square instead of Flatiron square. All who have seen the fountain approve the council's expression of appreciation to the Humane Alliance and to Mr. Kaufman for his services in securing the gift.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5 cents. Many smokers prefer them to 10-cent cigars.

Rock Island turns on water - 1907-07-19

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Thu, Nov 14, 2019

LIGHT IN PLACE

Ensign Memorial Fountain on Flatiron Square is Now Fully Completed.

IT IS A FINE ORNAMENT

Illuminated by White Globed Lamp on Metal Pedestal—Old Trough No Longer Needed.

The Ensign drinking fountain on Seventeenth street is now complete, the ornamental light having been put in place this week. The fountain, which is one of the most handsome ornaments on the city streets, is attracting much attention, and many very complimentary opinions are expressed by those who have seen it.

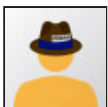
The attractiveness of the fountain, which in itself is a thing of much beauty, is greatly enhanced by the addition of the light on top. The city, in providing for the illumination, did not, as has been done in most cases, arrange to have the lamp placed directly on top of the fountain, but instead provided a highly ornamental brass bracket on which the lamp is placed. The manner in which the city has erected and equipped the fountain is regarded as a mark of appreciation of the gift, and is very gratifying, not only to citizens, but to those interested in securing the fountain for the city.

Other Not Needed.

Now that the new fountain is in place, the old iron trough on Market square should be removed, or at least placed where it will be less in the way and its unsightliness not so apparent. The fountain is located in such a way that horses using it blockadè the path of pedestrians on the avenue. The trough is hardly needed in that portion of the city, and its removal would be an improvement of the streets.

Rock Island gets a light 1907-09-06

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