

PRESENT FOR THE CITY.

National Humane Alliance Proposes to Give St. Joseph a Handsome Polished Marble Fountain.

The National Humane Alliance, with headquarters in the United Charity building, New York City, has submitted a proposition to the St. Joseph Humane Society to erect a public fountain, worth \$1,000, in St. Joseph, providing the city will furnish a site at a location where there is much traffic, defray the expenses of erection and guarantee a constant water supply. The purpose of the fountain is to provide a watering place for horses and pedestrians.

The fountain is of Maine granite, highly polished and trimmed with bronze. It is seven feet high and six feet in diameter. Similar fountains have been placed in nearly all the cities of the East. There are several hundred in New York.

The alliance proposes to forward the gift, freight prepaid, with plans and specifications for erecting, and the expense to the city will be slight. Humane Officer Ziemendorff will lay the matter before the city council.

St. Joseph, MO 1907-04-10 proposal

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FOR MAN AND BEAST.

Handsome Granite Drinking Fountain Probably Will Be Placed Near the Patee Markethouse.

The handsome Maine granite drinking fountain presented to the city by the National Humane Alliance probably will be erected near the new Patee market-house. The gift was formally accepted by the city council Monday night, and



City Clerk Joel E. Gates has so advised the New York office of the alliance.

The fountain weighs five tons and is 6 feet 8 inches high. The diameter of the bowl is 6 feet. Its cost was about \$1,000.

The National Humane Alliance was founded by Herman Lee Ensign, who died in New York City in 1899, leaving a generous bequest for humane purposes. The fountain was secured for St. Joseph through the efforts of Humane Officer W. A. Ziemendorff.

Plans have been made with the board of public works for installing the fountain, as soon as arrangements have been completed with the alliance for the shipment.

It is for use by man and beast.

St. Joseph, MO 1907-04-18 fountain accepted

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Lewis Mead Seaver of New York City, secretary and treasurer of the National Humane alliance, arrived in St. Joseph yesterday with a view to placing one of the large granite drinking fountains, donated by the society, in St. Joseph. He expects to visit City Clerk Gates and Humane Officer Ziemendorff today regarding the matter. All that remains to be done before the fountain will be placed in St. Joseph is to secure a suitable location, satisfactory to both the city and Mr. Seaver. He expects to leave tonight for Kansas City.

St. Joseph, MO 1907-05-09 Seaver visits

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THAT GRANITE FOUNTAIN.

Secretary and Treasurer of National Humane Alliance Arranges for its Installation.

L. M. Seaver of New York, secretary and treasurer of the National Humane Alliance, appeared before the board of public works today and submitted an offer of a handsome granite drinking fountain. The fountain will be donated and the National Humane Alliance will pay the freight charges.

The board decided to accept the offer and the fountain will be forthcoming if a site suitable to Seaver can be found. It is probable that it will be located at Patee market, near Tenth and Lafayette streets. The city must obligate itself to bear the expense of constructing a foundation and installing water. The fountain will bear the inscription:

"Presented by the National Humane Alliance. Herman Lee Ensign Fountain."

Seaver explained that Ensign accumulated a "snug little sum" and retired from business; that he organized the National Humane Alliance and intended to devote his attention to humane work; that he died soon after the organization was launched and that he left his small fortune to the society. The executors decided to use the money in donating drinking fountains to cities throughout the United States. Sixteen were donated last year, principally in New York. This is the first offer made to a Missouri city.

"What will it cost to put in the foundation?" asked President Ryan of the board of public works.

"The fountain weighs five tons, and the cost of foundations varies from \$65 to \$250," replied Seaver. "It varies with the soil, the cost of labor—and sometimes they say graft enters into the cost. I'm not a politician and don't know anything about graft."

"The iron drinking fountains supplied by the city cost from \$175 to \$200 each," said City Engineer Lawlor. "The foundation of this fountain will cost about what one of our fountains costs all told."

St. Joseph, MO 1907-05-09 fountain offer accepted

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GETS FOUNTAIN

**St. Joseph to Be Recipient of National
Humane Alliance Gift Today—
First in Missouri.**

Chiefly through the efforts of Humane Officer Ziemendorff, St. Joseph will receive a handsome granite drinking fountain, which will be placed at the new Patee market, near Tenth and Olive streets. The fountain has been donated to the local humane society by the National Humane alliance, and the society will give it to the city. L. M. Seaver, secretary and treasurer of the alliance, was in St. Joseph yesterday. For a time he appeared disinclined to carry out the offer, but Ziemendorff at last persuaded him to do so.

"The fountain is worth \$1,000," said the humane officer yesterday. "It will be surmounted by a pretty gas lamp, the support of ornate pattern. Sixteen fountains are usually given away by the alliance in a year. Not more than twenty can be donated. St. Joseph is the first Missouri city to receive one."

All that remains to complete the terms of the gift is for the city council to accept the fountain. This is a mere matter of form.

St. Joseph, MO 1907-05-10 gets fountain

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copy. was read and adopted.
8397. Resolution, by Councilman Gilpin, as follows, was read, and, on motion of Councilman Clark, was laid over until the next meeting:
Whereas, the National Humane Alliance of the City of New York has generously donated to the City of St. Joseph an animal drinking fountain, upon certain stated conditions, and
Whereas, the Board of Public Works of the City of St. Joseph has agreed upon the part of the City to comply with the conditions imposed by the donor, viz.: That said fountain will be placed on a good foundation in the center of South Tenth Street between Olive and Lafayette Streets, directly in front of the Patee Market and make all water connections and do all necessary plumbing, and, further, to guarantee that there is a continuous and proper water supply and that said fountain will be permanently cared for, therefore
Be it Resolved, that the said gift from said National Humane Alliance be received and that said agreement of said Board of Public Works be and it is hereby in all respects confirmed and approved and that the thanks of the City of St. Joseph be extended to said National Humane Alliance for its generosity.

St. Joseph, MO 1907-05-15 Council resolution

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FOUNTAINS DO GOOD.

St. Joseph Provides Ample Water for Man and Beast, While Kansas City Is Stingy.

W. A. Ziemendorff, humane officer, received a letter yesterday from Dr. Robert H. Riggs, veterinarian for the humane society in Kansas City, asking for information about the public drinking fountains in St. Joseph. Ziemendorff replied that St. Joseph has thirty-four public drinking fountains for man and beast, including the \$1,000 fountain installed by the humane society at Patee Market. He gave the cost of maintaining the fountains as \$50 each annually, or \$1,700 per annum for all.

The public fountains of Kansas City have been shut off on account of the drouth, and teamsters are forced to carry buckets and water their horses at wells and cisterns. The heat prostrations and deaths from heat of horses have been remarkably low in St. Joseph this summer, which Ziemendorff attributes largely to the free use of the public fountains.

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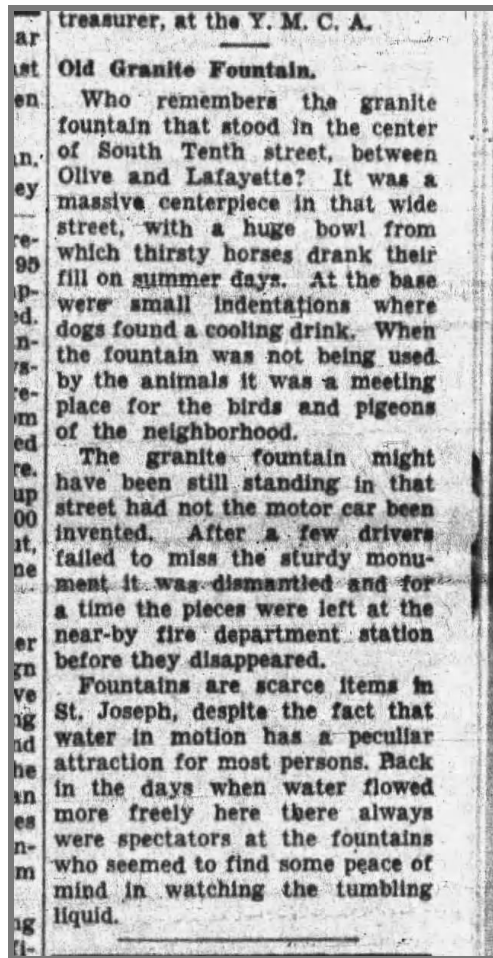
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