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A letter was read from the National Humane Alliance offering to donate a \$1,000 drinking fountain to the city, and B. H. Chadwick offered a resolution, which was passed, to appoint a committee of three to ask the city for a suitable site for the erection of the fountain. Appointed on this committee were Frank E. Wood, B. H. Chadwick and Frank E. Chase.
Asburygate Dogs

Jacksonville offered fountain 1907-05-15

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FOUNTAIN ACCEPTED BY BOARD FOR CITY

**Handsome Drinking Fountain to Be
Donated By National Humane
Alliance.**

MYRTLE AVENUE SUBWAY.

**Special Committee to Inspect Before
It Will Be Accepted—Many
Other Matters.**

Jacksonville is to have a large and handsome drinking fountain donated by the National Humane Alliance through the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and it is to be located at the intersection of Bay and Madison streets, about half way the length of the immense freight warehouse of the Atlantic and East Coast Terminal Company.

At the meeting of the board of public works yesterday afternoon President Max Myerson of the Jacksonville S. P. C. A., appeared and submitted the offer of the National Humane Alliance to donate the fountain on certain conditions. These conditions were that upon arrival of the fountain, freight prepaid, the city authorities are to unload it from the car and transport it to the site agreed upon. This site must be centrally located, where teams and pedestrians frequently pass, and it must be set in such position that it is accessible from all directions. It is to be connected with the city water supply and mounted upon a base as shown in the plans accompanying it, and then maintained by the city for the benefit of the public.

The fountain is a very handsome one and stands six feet in height. It has a large circular bowl for animals to drink from and a constant stream of fresh water is provided, with a hydrant for humans and a drinking bowl for dogs. The fountains cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000 and are furnished to various cities free of all charge by the National Humane Alliance through the local Humane Societies or Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Jacksonville May accept fountain
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HANDSOME FOUNTAIN TO SOON BE ERECTED

LOCATION NEAR NEW FREIGHT
TERMINAL WAREHOUSES.

Will Cost \$1,000, and Promises to
Prove Ornamental as Well
as Useful.

Some time during the next few months a handsome \$1,000 fountain donated by the National Humane Society will grace a spot on Bay street where Madison formerly interested, in close proximity with the big warehouses of the Atlantic and East Coast Terminal Company, and where the army of dumb animals in the city can conveniently quench their thirst daily.

The National Humane Society made the offer to the local Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals some months ago, but not until recently has it been possible to select a suitable location for the fountain, a provision of the offer being that the fountain should be located at the junction of streets and in line with the heaviest traffic.

The selection of a location of the fountain near the big freight terminal warehouses is a most appropriate one, and will be convenient and useful as well as ornamental.

Secretary Lewis M. Seaver of the National Humane Alliance writes from New York stating that it will be impossible to ship the fountain at this time on account of the fact that the alliance was entirely out of fountains and would not order more until fall.

He further states in the letter that from the sketch sent him he considers the selection of a location for the fountain an admirable one.

Jacksonville offered fountain 1908-08-11

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LOCATION OF FOUNTAIN.

The Gift Will Be Placed on Bay, Between Jefferson and Davis.

It has been decided to place the public drinking and watering fountain that the National Humane Alliance has agreed to present to the city of Jacksonville on West Bay street, midway between Jefferson and Davis streets.

Mr. E. A. Esche, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for this city, sent to the National Humane Alliance a plat of the streets showing just where it is proposed to erect the fountain. Mr. Lewis E. Seaver of the Humane Alliance replied, and asked more questions. These were answered and another map was forwarded. It is presumed that in a short while the fountain will arrive in the city and will be placed in commission.

Jacksonville selects site for fountain
1908-08-25

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WANTS VIADUCT OVER ENTERPRISE STREET

Petition Received By Board to Re-
quire Atlantic Coast Line to
Abolish Grade Crossing.

BOARD HAS MORNING SESSION.

National Humane Alliance Tenders
Drinking Fountain to City—Other
Matters Considered.

At the regular weekly meeting of the board of public works held at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning, a petition was received from Robert Gamble, president and manager of the Florida Ice Manufacturing Company, and S. J. Meison, asking that the board consider the proposition of requiring a viaduct to be constructed over the Atlantic Coast Line crossing at Enterprise street.

The gentlemen stated that they were of the opinion that the matter was of sufficient importance to justify the city to have the railroad company provide a suitable viaduct, as there is considerable traffic over the tracks at this point, and passage is dangerous because of the number of trains constantly being shifted back and forth. Other reasons assigned was the wretched condition of the present grade crossing, and the fact that the section affected was being rapidly settled, and adequate protection should be given to life and property. The proposition was referred to Commissioner Aird and City Engineer Frieleau.

LAURA STREET GRADE.

Communications were received from E. H. Paxon, P. J. Saunders and F. L. White, calling attention to the grade of Laura street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. It is claimed that the top of the curbing is considerably higher than the sidewalk, which will cause water to drain off the pavement onto the walk, or into the space between the sidewalk and curbing, causing the formation of mud holes unless the defect is remedied. This was also referred to Mr. Aird and the city engineer.

IN DANGER OF FALLING.

A letter from J. H. Hulse, of the Burbridge Real Estate agency, stated that a dangerous condition existed at the corner of Church street and Myrtle avenue, caused by workmen, who are laying curbing at this point, preparatory to paving, cutting off the roots of two large oak trees on the west side, and thereby raising the danger of having the trees fall on buildings in the vicinity. This was referred to Mr. Aird and the engineer, as was also a letter from A. R. Warrock, in reference to the grade of the sidewalk on Main street, in front of Dignan park, as being lower than the curbing.

A bill of the Southern Clay Manufacturing Company for paving Clay street, between Ashley and Forsyth streets, in the sum of \$5,000.94 was approved and ordered paid.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN TENDERED.

A letter was also received from Lewis M. Seaver, secretary and treasurer of the National Humane Alliance, enclosing a prepared freight bill for a drinking fountain donated the city by the alliance, also plans and specifications for setting the same in position. The fountain was shipped from Rockland, Me., on September 11, 1909.

The fountain was tendered the city through Max Myerson, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, at a meeting of the board on July 28, 1909, and was accepted by resolution, as will be seen from the following extract of the minutes of the meeting held on that date:

"Mr. Max Myerson, president of and representing the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, presented the following letter:

The National Humane Alliance, New York, Feb. 28, 1907. Dear Sir: The attached refers to a fountain such as the National Humane Alliance donates to certain cities, directly or through the auspices of local humane societies, civic clubs and leagues.

The fountains are of Maine granite, entirely polished and trimmed with bronze. They are in five pieces, total weight five tons, height 6 feet 8 inches, diameter of base bowl 4 feet, costs about \$1,000.

DELIVERED WITHOUT CHARGE.

They are delivered without charge, freight prepaid, under the following requirements from cities receiving them. viz: That city authorities shall request a desire on the part of their city to receive such donation and shall offer a fountain site acceptable to the National Humane Alliance, which must be located where there is a large passing traffic, and so that the fountain can be approached on all sides. The city must agree to take fountain from the car, place it on a good foundation, putting good water connections (plumbing), and guarantee continuous water supply, and proper permanent care. A setting plan goes with each fountain, giving foundation and other measurements. LEWIS MEAD SEAVER, Secretary.

On conclusion of the reading of the above letter from the National Humane Alliance Society, Commissioner Aird offered the following motion: Moved, that the proposition of the National Humane Alliance Society be accepted on the conditions named in the foregoing letter.

The resolution on roll call was unanimously adopted.

No further action was taken in this matter, as Mr. Acosta and Mr. Aird were of the opinion that it would be best to wait the return of Chairman Wambolt before a location was determined upon for the fountain.

Owing to the fact that the fountain Valuables d your own carelessness. SIT BOXES Atlantic National Bank give very desirable size box only three t a day. Others up to \$20.	by the committee that the magnificent story of Elijah be handled by the society. This will be given by the full chorus, principals and orchestra, under the baton of Walter Damrosch. On account of this being carnival week the society will not hold the usual weekly rehearsal tonight. The next rehearsal will be held in the board of trade auditorium Monday evening, November 29. donated to the city by the National Humane Alliance will not be in place by Tuesday. Col. Max Myerson, who has charge, states that the unveiling ceremonies will have to be postponed. Date to be announced later.
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Jacksonville unveiling postponed
1909-11-22

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Staff Photo by G. C. Henley.

Amid the hub-bub of a busy city in an era of streamlining, the above conveyance is reminiscent of a by-gone age.

Nevertheless, Jacksonville has become accustomed to seeing in its busy midst the old-fashioned buggy drawn by King George, an equine veteran of 11 or 12 years.

King George and his buggy are very much a part of the City Highway Department. They furnish the means by which E. L. Crosby, inspector of horse drinking fountains gets about the city to look after the dwindling number of fountains and keep them clean.

For years the highway department has maintained this type of conveyance for the use of its inspector of horse fountains. Crosby has been an inspector for about six years.

Because of his attachment for the

horse, Crosby wanted to give him the most regal sounding name possible and therefore he became King George, who, though he represents an institution that is all but extinct, is proud of his official position as witness the pose he strikes for this picture.

There was a time when Jacksonville had plenty of water troughs or fountains for horses. Today the number has dwindled to only a few. There are just four in the downtown area, one at the foot of Main Street, a second at the foot of Hogan Street, a third at Bay and Johnson, and the fourth at Bay and Madison Streets. The above picture shows the one at Bay and Madison.

With horse fountains rapidly disappearing, Crosby's duties ought to be considerably lightened. But it isn't that way. Public drinking fountains are being placed every-

where by the city, and with their inauguration, the job of inspecting them has been delegated to Crosby.

Public fountains are found all the way from Trout River to Willow Branch Creek. Crosby looks after all of them, in addition to the few remaining horse fountains.

While he has been on his present job for only six years, Crosby has lived in Jacksonville for years, since 1882, to be exact.

He has seen the city grow from a bustling little town to a fast developing city. And while he loves life in this fast stepping age, he yearns now and then for the good old days, the days of horse drawn vehicles and places for the animals to drink.

Since that cannot be, he finds comfort and understanding in King George, who seems to know, somehow.

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