

City Drinking Fountain, Carbondale, Pa.



CARBONDALE MAY SECURE A HANDSOME DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Through the Munificence of One of Its Native Sons, Lately Deceased—Philanthropic Work Inaugu- rated by Hermon Lee Ensign.

R. W. D. Bryan, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, on his recent visit here brought to the attention of several Carbondallians a munificent work begun by a native of this city, and which is still carried on by the National Humane alliance, which he founded. There seemed to be possibilities of this city benefiting by the philanthropy of the gentleman in question, who is now deceased, but will be pleasantly remembered by our older residents. He was Hermon Lee Ensign, who in later years amassed considerable wealth. He devoted much of this to alleviating the condition of the dumb animals of the cities and his aims and objects are still being promoted through the Humane alliance by means of gifts of public drinking fountains. These have been erected in a majority of the larger cities and are highly ornamental as well as beneficial. They are of Maine granite, entirely polished and artistically trimmed with bronze. Each has a total weight of five tons, height 6 ft. 8 in., diameter of bowl, 6 ft., and costs \$1,000.

Carbondale's Prospect.

It will be noted from the above brief description that they are most substantial. Those who have seen them praise them highly. They are intended to be placed where there is a large passing traffic and where they can be approached from all sides, as the bowl is circular. T. R. Durfee, who is one of those who became

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acquainted with the generous bequest in the will of the late Mr. Ensign, entered into correspondence with the Humane alliance, which has headquarters in New York city. His object was to obtain one of these fountains for Carbondale as a memorial to the philanthropy of one of its esteemed native sons. Letters received from Lewis M. Seaver, secretary of the alliance, show his interest in the project, but also state that there are no fountains at present ready and that those now under contract will not be completed till April, when there is a waiting list sufficient to meet the supply. However, the hope is held out that in the near future Carbondale may be recognized in the bequest of Mr. Ensign and his name become perpetuated in the place of his birth.

A little pamphlet, issued by the National Humane alliance, contains a sketch of the life of Hermon Lee Ensign that will be read with interest by Carbondallians. He married Miss Esther Watrous, of this city. The biography is as follows:

Biographical Sketch.

Hermon Lee Ensign was born in Carbondale, Pa., June 30, 1849, (in the house that is now No. 30 Terrace street.) At an early age he moved with his parents to Sheffield, Ill. When 15 he acquired a knowledge of telegraphing, and became an expert. Soon after he went to Davenport, and later to Denver.

He was reared under religious influences, was a member of the Congregational church, and when 20 decided to become a minister. He entered Phillips academy. His health or finances soon failed and he went to Chicago, where he began business with a bridge company.

A few years later he became the manager of the Alliance, a weekly journal, mildly religious and widely humanitarian. His experience in journalism he turned to practical account by later engaging in the advertising business, following it with marked success, and acquiring a fortune in twenty years.

Fertile in fancy and quick in experiment, he devised a new form of newspaper advertising, known as headline reading advertising. He also invented a stereotype plate with removable base.

In 1882 he moved to Rochester and two years later to New York, where he lived until his death in 1899.

From childhood he was a lover of domestic animals.

He founded the National Humane alliance to carry out his ideas for the welfare of animals. He intended to give his time and fortune to the work, and the society is administering the trust of Mr. Ensign on the lines of his ideas of humane work, educating children in kindness to animals and other similar work.

Carbondale, PA 1907-12-21 May secure fountain

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ENSIGN MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN TO BE ERECTED IN THIS CITY

Thomas R. Durfee Has Succeeded in Having Humane Alliance Present a Fountain to Carbondale—Councils Will Accept It.

At the joint meeting of councils last evening Thomas R. Durfee presented a proposition to that body for their approval whereby this city will come into the possession of one of the handsome drinking fountains which are being erected in many of the large cities of the country by the National Humane Alliance whose headquarters are in New York city. For several years Mr. Durfee has been actively interested in securing one of these handsome fountains for this city and he has finally succeeded. The proposition presented by Mr. Durfee to the councils, met with their unanimous approval and the councilmen extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Durfee for his efforts.

The fountains are erected by the Humane Alliance from a fund left by Herman Lee Ensign, the founder of the present society and who was for many years a resident of this city. The fountain to be erected here is one of the largest granted by the society. It is made of Maine granite entirely finished and trimmed with bronze consisting of five pieces of a total weight of five tons. The height of the fountain will be six feet eight inches and the diameter six feet.

It is valued at \$1,000. It will be especially designed for horses, but it is equipped with four small bowls at its base for dogs and other small animals. One of the most recent Ensign Memorial fountains erected by the Humane Alliance is at Kansas City, Mo.

Some of the conditions incumbent upon the acceptance of the fountain are: The site provided by the city must be where there is a large passing traffic and where the fountain can be approached from all sides. The city must take the fountain from the car, place it upon a substantial base, put in first class water connection, and plumbing and guarantee water supply

and permanent care. Harrisburg is the only city in the state outside of Carbondale having a similar fountain.

The resolution offered by A. Madison, which passed councils provides for its erection at the intersection of Lincoln avenue and North Main street.

Among the cities throughout the entire country who have received fountains from the Humane Alliance, Carbondale is undoubtedly the smallest, but the fact that Herman Lee Ensign, the founder of the society, was a native of Carbondale proved of sufficient influence with the society and will result in one of his monuments being located here. Mr. Durfee received word from the society that if the city councils would signify their willingness at once, which has been done, that it would be but a short time before one of these magnificent monuments would be on its way here.

DUNDAFF COUPLE QUIETLY MARRIED

Ceremony Performed at Home of Groom's Uncle in This City on Sunday.

A very quiet wedding ceremony was celebrated Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of E. E. Wells, on Laurel street, when his nephew, L. J. Wells, of Dundaff, and Miss Grace Willard were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. Percival H. Lynch, of the Berean Baptist church, officiated. The couple were unattended. After a short wedding trip to several of the large cities they will take up their residence at Dundaff.

Carbondale, PA 1909-10-05 To accept fountain

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The water was yesterday turned on in the beautiful Ensign memorial fountain at the intersection of Lincoln avenue and Main street. The fountain is a credit to the city and is worth a trip from any section of the city to see it. It was secured through the efforts of Thomas R. Duffes. It is a memorial of the noble work of the National Humane Alliance, founded by a Carbondale man. Or at least a man whose native place was Carbondale. A short sketch of Mr. Ensign would not be out of place at this time and though it has been published before it will interest a great many to again read it.

Hermon Lee Ensign was born in this city on June 30, 1849. At an early age he moved with his parents to Sheffield, Ill. When fifteen years old he acquired a knowledge of telegraphing, and soon became an expert operator. Soon after that he went to Davenport, Iowa, and later to Deaver. He was reared under religious influences, was a member of the Congregational church, and when twenty years old decided to become a minister. With that object, he entered Phillips academy. His health or finances soon failed, and he left school and went to Chicago, where he began business with a bridge company. During the great fire of 1871 he rendered important service to this company by saving from the office valuable books.

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Without advantages of birth or fortune, living the life of a quiet American citizen and dying before he was fifty, he had rounded out a notable life. To his business and general friends he was known as a genial and companionable man, successful in his affairs, light-hearted and satisfied with life. His more intimate friends know that he had other interests and feelings, which represented the deeper and more vital side of his nature. He had an eager and imaginative temperament, an instinctive love of what is good and true and a hatred of what is wrong. From childhood he was a lover of domestic animals. This love made him detest all that was cruel or unkind in the treatment of animals by their natural protector—man. It became more than a sentiment—it became a passion, growing upon him and at last dominating his life.

He accordingly founded the National Humane Alliance to carry out his ideas for the welfare of animals. He intended to give his time and fortune to the work. But just as it was started he died. He left his fortune for this work, and the society is administering the trust of Mr. Ensign on the lines of his ideas, for humane work, educating children in kindness to animals and other similar work.

Carbondale, PA 1910-05-04 Water turned on

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The beautiful Ensign fountain has been very busy within the past month transmuting molecules of water into gold and silver molecules which in turn flows in a jingling stream into the coffers of the liege lord of Lackawanna, Baron W. W. Scranton, of the water baronies of Scranton, Carbondale, Olyphant, etc. Baron Scranton, it is said, is about to increase meter rates down the valley. His object in putting on the meters was to save the water and at the same time to still get as much or more income than he had been getting. One of his most faithful little meters is the one on the Ensign fountain, where the thirsty horses and dogs of the community were allowed by the charity of the people to slake their thirst. But to Mr. Scranton it is only a matter of cold business, and the needs of suffering public is nothing but cash to him.

The time is coming though when this right of Mr. Scranton or any other water lord to bottle up the only supply of water in a community will be either controlled or taken away entirely and this will make Uncle Bill awfully mad. A move in this direction will be made on Wednesday when the State Democrat convention meets in Allentown. A plank will be proposed as a result of the protest of the people of seventy-three towns in Delaware and Chester counties over an attempted action of a water company to arbitrarily increase rates. The text of the plank is as follows:

"We hold that public service corporations are but trustees of the franchises granted them by the commonwealth and that their powers should be deemed in trust for the people. That the cost of such service must not exceed a moderate profit upon the actual invested capital and maintenance.

"We denounce the appalling tendency of these corporations to increase their rates, creating an oppressive burden on our citizens.

"We deny the right of any such corporation, whether water, light or transportation, to arbitrarily increase its charges.

Carbondale, PA 1910-06-10 Water bill could lead to regulation

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A tempest in a teapot took place in common council at their meeting over the water bill for the water used at the Ensign fountain. Some of the regular general objectors found fault with whoever it was who turned on the water in the first place without having consulted the councilmen first as to whether they would allow it or not. Not remembering that this branch has not been meeting to any extent during the period of select's prolonged sleep. Mr. Barrett insisted on the mayor being called into the meeting to explain or be eaten alive. The mayor came and the opposing gentlemen took water for the majority practically endorsed the mayor's action in what he had done in having it turned on when he saw the bill was excessive. He stated that since the first bill had been rendered the water company had sent in a revised bill with the statement that the meter had been read incorrectly and there was a reduction of about ten or twelve dollars. The mayor also stated that he proposed having the water turned on again, but would first have a small delivery pipe arranged so as to lessen the flow and also would instruct the patrolman on the block to turn the water off at eight or half past each night until 6 o'clock in the morning, which would probably bring the cost down to about \$12 per month. This had the tacit consent of all except Messrs. Barrett and Golden, who withdrew when a resolution was being put through authorizing such action by the mayor.

Carbondale, PA 1910-06-14 Objections to water bill

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