

MAIN STREET. MINOT. N. D.



Water Fountain Saga Part 2

I have come into the possession of copies of the original letters and newspaper clippings about the fountain in downtown Minot ... its history and how it came to Minot.

Part 2 – Mr Lewis Seaver and the National Humane Alliance of New York decided to send the Fountain to Minot provided certain conditions were met by the city . 1. The City of Minot had to unload the fountain from the rail car – freight was pre-paid. 2. The City of Minot had to transport and locate the fountain on the designated site. 3. The City of Minot had to provide a good, continuous water supply to the fountain and 4. The City of Minot had to provide permanent, proper care and maintenance for the fountain. Minot was the smallest city in the United States to receive a fountain. Because of the rapid growth the city was experiencing at the time, Minot received a fountain.



Fine Fountain for Minot

Mrs. Alex Scarlet, who is a member of the National Humane Society, has put in an application for a fountain for Minot for the use of man and animals, and has received a letter from the secretary favorable to her application.

The donation of these fountains to certain cities was made possible thru the establishing and endowing of the National Humane Alliance by the late Herman Lee Ensign of New York City.

The fountains are of Maine granite, entirely polished and trimmed with bronze. They are in five pieces, total weight five tons. Height six feet eight inches; diameter of large bowl, six feet. A setting plan comes with each fountain, showing foundation and other measurements.

The conditions on which these fountains are granted are few and simple:

1st. That a fountain site shall be granted that is acceptable to the National Humane Alliance.

2nd. Such site must be where there is a large passing traffic and where the fountain can be approached from all sides.

3rd. The city must take the fountain from the car (freight is prepaid) place it on a good foundation, put in first class connections (plumbing, etc.) and guarantee ample and continuous water supply and proper permanent care.

Although the fountains are substantial and of handsome proportions, they are not placed primarily for ornamental purposes but to relieve animal thirst.

Minot, ND to get Fountain

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GET A FOUNTAIN.
Minot, N. D., April 9.—Minot will soon have one of the H. L. Ensign fountains for the benet of dumb animals. This is a fountain similar to that recently presented the city of Grand Forks.

Minot will get fountain

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The magnificent new water fountain, which was presented to Minot by the National Humane Alliance of New York, was shipped from New York city on Sept. 29, and is expected to arrive here within a few days. When the fountain is installed, it is expected that it will be done so with appropriate ceremonies.

Minot fountain shipped 1910-10-06

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BIG FOUNTAIN TO BE HERE SOON

Sketch of Man Whose Work Made It Possible

Herman Lee Ensign, Founder of National Hygiene Alliance, Will Lay Fortune to Help Better Conditions of His Friends, Dumb Animals

It is expected that within two or three days the pipe connections will be completed so that the water can be turned into the bathhouse now under construction recently presented to the city by the National Hygiene Alliance and which will be placed in an accessible spot at the intersection of Main and Third streets.

In connection with this gift, it is an expensive one to all citizens of the city.

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NEW RIVER TOWN BEING STARTED

Scholar, N. D., Supt. Minot Water City is the name of a new town being built in the north end of the county by Prof. E. Scholten, an old time agricultural capitalist, who has a homestead in this locality. The site selected for the new town is on the north bank of the Missouri river, opposite Minot, and about twenty miles north of Scholten. A large stone bridge has been erected and three or four buildings have been erected. The object of the new town is for the purpose of doing business with the railroad by means of the new town. The new town will be built on the site of the old town, and will be built on the site of the old town. The new town will be built on the site of the old town, and will be built on the site of the old town.

GUN STOLEN

While in Towson Sunday Evening of the 25th, a valuable Parson's rifle was stolen from the parsonage. The rifle and contents have been notified of the theft, and a reward is being offered. Mr. Parson offers a reward of \$25 for the apprehension of the party who took the rifle.

THE BROTHERS

This town made its debut all that year and was the first of its kind in the state. It was the first of its kind in the state, and was the first of its kind in the state. It was the first of its kind in the state, and was the first of its kind in the state. It was the first of its kind in the state, and was the first of its kind in the state.



vested the stereotype plate with the name of the man. In 1883 he moved to Rochester and two years later to New York, where he died on the 10th of June, 1890. He was the first of his kind in the state, and was the first of his kind in the state. He was the first of his kind in the state, and was the first of his kind in the state. He was the first of his kind in the state, and was the first of his kind in the state.

Minot getting ready to turn on water 1910-10-06

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CAPT. SCARLETT'S MESSAGE TO THE BOYS.

Editor Independent:

Will you kindly allow me, as President and officer of the Humane Society in this city, to warn the young sports who frequent our streets in the small hours of the morning, to leave the water fountain on Main street, strictly alone.

On Friday night, or early Saturday morning last, a few of these young bloods took it into their heads that it would be a great joke to stop up the overflow of the pipe causing the water in the bowl to overflow, coursing down the hill turning into Second street, east. When they were alarmed by the police, they got away, into various hiding places; but in their getaway they forgot to remove their handkerchiefs. This was done by the police, and on examination, were found the names of young men who would like to be called respectable, but the English language has another name applicable to them.

Now in order to put a stop to any pranks on this fountain in the future (which was the free gift to the city of Minot by the Humane Alliance of New York, with which my wife and myself are closely connected) on behalf of this society, I am instructed to offer a reward of \$5.00 for every conviction or for such information as will lead to the conviction of any party or parties who may in the future, interfere or obstruct the flow of water to or from the fountain.

It was well the police arrived in time to remove the handkerchiefs for had such got into the body of the fountain, the entire structure would have had to be taken down to remove the obstruction.

The names on the handkerchiefs proclaim who the young men are, and the police know who they are by other exploits that might; but the Humane Society for the sake of the families will not prosecute in the present case, but trust it will be a warning for the future.

ALEX SCARLETT.

Mino offers reward for vandalism information

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RESPONSIBLE FOR MINOT'S FOUNTAIN

This is a picture of the Minot woman who is responsible for the erection of the memorial fountain opposite the Elks Home in the City of Minot.

L. D. McGahan editor of the Democrat, and Peter Vandenoever, one of the county commissioners, then members of the City council in the Arthur LeSueur administration, proposed and seconded that the site selected by the National Humane Society be given for the erection of this memorial fountain and that the thanks of the entire citizens be given to the generous donors of this memorial fountain; and Mr. R. H. Emerson, then street commissioner, was instructed to sign and convey the present site where the fountain stands to Mr. Seaver, secretary of the National Humane Alliance, who paid Minot a personal visit to select the site and present the donation.

This is a matter of record on the



MRS. ALEX. SCARLETT.

minutes both of the Minot Board of City Commissioners and the records of the National Humane Alliance of New York.

The President of the Ward County Humane Society says that on the day Mr. Seaver visited Minot he was met by the then City Commissioners and other citizens, who rode around in a motor car kindly put at their disposal by Mr. Roy McKnight, and all thought the present site was the proper place to meet the wants of the farmers and draymen who handle dumb animals, and, said the Colonel warmly, "I consider the watering and care of the dumb animals of more vital importance than the care of the best auto car in the city of Minot."

Minot woman responsible for fountain 1915-05-13

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<p style="text-align: center;">FOR SHERIFF OF WARD COUNTY.</p> <p>I hereby announce my candidacy for sheriff of Ward county on the democratic ticket. I was born on a farm in Iowa and have been a resident of Ward county for the past ten years. Served two years on the Minot police force and was then deputy sheriff of Ward county for four years during the Kelley administration. Have filled the position of chief of police of Minot for the past two years. If you consider that my experience qualifies me for the position which I seek, I will appreciate your support.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DAN DOUGHERTY.</p> <p>Pol. Advt.</p>	<p>years, has found a new location. Street Commissioner Strommen has completed its installation at the side of the paved street just east of the Stone-Ordean-Wells building. The location is one of the best that could be found in the city. The fountain was installed a number of years ago thru the efforts of the late Colonel Scarlett and his good wife by the National Humane Alliance of New York City.</p>
<p>New Location for Scarlett Fountain. At last the beautiful fountain that adorned Main street for a number of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VETERAN ENGINEER HAS RETIRED—43 YEAR AT THROTTLE</p> <p>Fred Almy, Engineer for 43 Years, is Retired on Account of Age Limit—Receives Pension for Life.</p> <p>After thirty years continuous engine service with the Great Northern, Fred Almy, the veteran engineer was retired on account of the age limit Sept. 16. Altho Mr. Almy will never be able to pull the throttle on a railway engine again, he is still consider-</p>

Minot Fountain relocated - 1916-10-05

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