

Bristol to get fountain - 1907



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BELATED FOUNTAIN AT LAST ARRIVES

GIFT OF NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE TO CITY OF BRISTOL WILL BE ERECTED AT LEE AND WATER STREET. DEDICATION IS PLANNED.

Along with the many things for which Bristol had to return thanks yesterday, were the tidings, telephoned to Mayor Rice from the Bristol freight depot. The news came to him early in the day that the handsome granite drinking fountain for the city, a gift from the National Humane Alliance of New York City, had arrived here.

The shipment came by way of Washington, D. C., and thence by the Southern through Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. The fountain arrives in a special car. Chief of Police Keller expects to put his street force at work today, to unload and haul the fountain to the intersection of Lee and Water streets, where it is to be erected.

Weights 10,000 Pounds.

The total weight of the fountain, as shown upon the bill of shipment, is 10,000 pounds. The granite bowl alone weighs one-half of this. The shipment is delivered to the city freight yard. The National Humane Alliance bears every expense, except the cost of unloading and placing the fountain in position.

This fountain comes as a gift to Bristol as a result of the will of the late Herman Lee Ensign, a wealthy New York business man, who left his entire fortune to be devoted to humane purposes under the direction of the National Humane Alliance, to whose hands his fortune was entrusted. Lewis M. Seaver, secretary of the alliance, who was a close personal friend of Mr. Ensign and also his business partner, came to Bristol a week ago, and decided upon his own responsibility that Bristol should be favored with one of the fountains which the alliance is placing in different cities throughout the country.

Bristol Specially Honored.

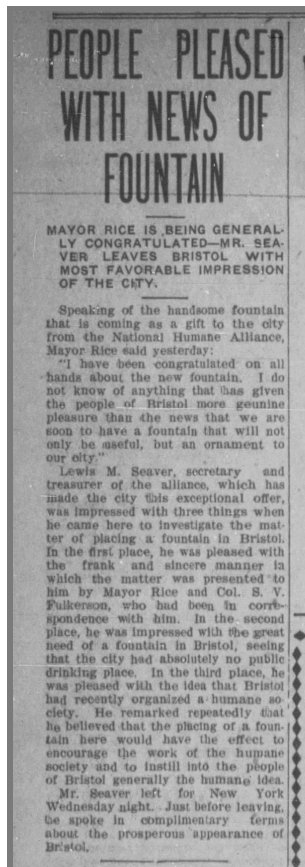
Of the forty and odd fountains erected to date, Bristol is the smallest city in point of population yet receiving one.

It will probably be a few days yet before the date for the dedication exercises will be determined. It is the purpose of Mayor Rice to have the fountain placed in position, and connected with the water supply as soon as possible.

Bristol fountain arrives - 11/29/07



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Bristol pleased with notice of fountain - 10/04/07



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HANDSOME GRANITE FOUNTAIN BOON TO MAN AND BEAST

BRISTOL, VA. BEHALF OF ITS BEQUEST EDUCATION WHICH OCCASIONED THE DONATION OF THIS CITY WATER COMPANY.

THE HANDSOME GRANITE FOUNTAIN WHICH WAS DONATED BY MR. THOMAS DONALDSON, A BRISTOL RESIDENT, TO THE CITY WATER COMPANY, IS NOW BEING SET UP IN THE CITY PARK. THE FOUNTAIN IS A BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN OF GRANITE WORKMANSHIP, AND IS WELL ADAPTED TO THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED. IT IS A BOON TO MAN AND BEAST, AND WILL BE A GREAT ORNAMENT TO THE CITY PARK.

The handsome granite fountain, which was donated by Mr. Thomas Donaldson, a Bristol resident, to the city water company, is now being set up in the city park. The fountain is a beautiful specimen of granite workmanship, and is well adapted to the purposes for which it was designed. It is a boon to man and beast, and will be a great ornament to the city park.

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BRISTOL'S NEW PUBLIC FOUNTAIN AND MAN WHO DONATED IT

Bristol getting a fountain 1/26/1908



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THE PUBLIC FOUNTAIN.

The long agitation for a public drinking fountain in this city has at last borne fruit, and there now stands at the interesection of Lee and Water streets a handsome granite fountain at which man and beast may slake their thirst. It is the gift of the National Humane Alliance, of New York, which was founded by the late Hermon Lee Ensign, Mr. Ensign, who rose from humble circumstances and obscure station to be a man of wealth and influence, was a friend and lover of domestic animals. He founded the National Humane Alliance to promote his plans for the amelioration of the hard conditions existing in the dumb animal world. It was his purpose to give his time and money to this cause, but just as it was well started, he died. He left his fortune to the work, however, and the society is now carrying it forward as he had planned.

The establishment of this fountain in Bristol is greeted with pleasure by the people of the city and of the country for miles around. It supplies a need that has been keenly felt for years, and that has often been urged by the newspapers and by public-spirited citizens.

Bristol fountain working 1/26/1908



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