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## Gift to Highland Park

*Mr. W. B. White Presents a  
Splendid Fountain to High-  
land Park.*

NO PROPHET OF OLD ever struck a more welcome note than the cry to the people of Eastern lands: "Holla every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters."

Substantially this same note, answering to a physical need, has inspired those citizens who so generously responded to our appeal for suitable drinking fountains in the city of Highland Park.

Hitherto horses have been driven hot and thirsty through our streets. Travellers, driving from other places looked in vain for the common hospitality of water for their thirsty steeds or for themselves.

The dogs and even the squirrels and birds were parched for lack of a supply and the children were compelled to beg for a drink of water or go thirsty in our streets.

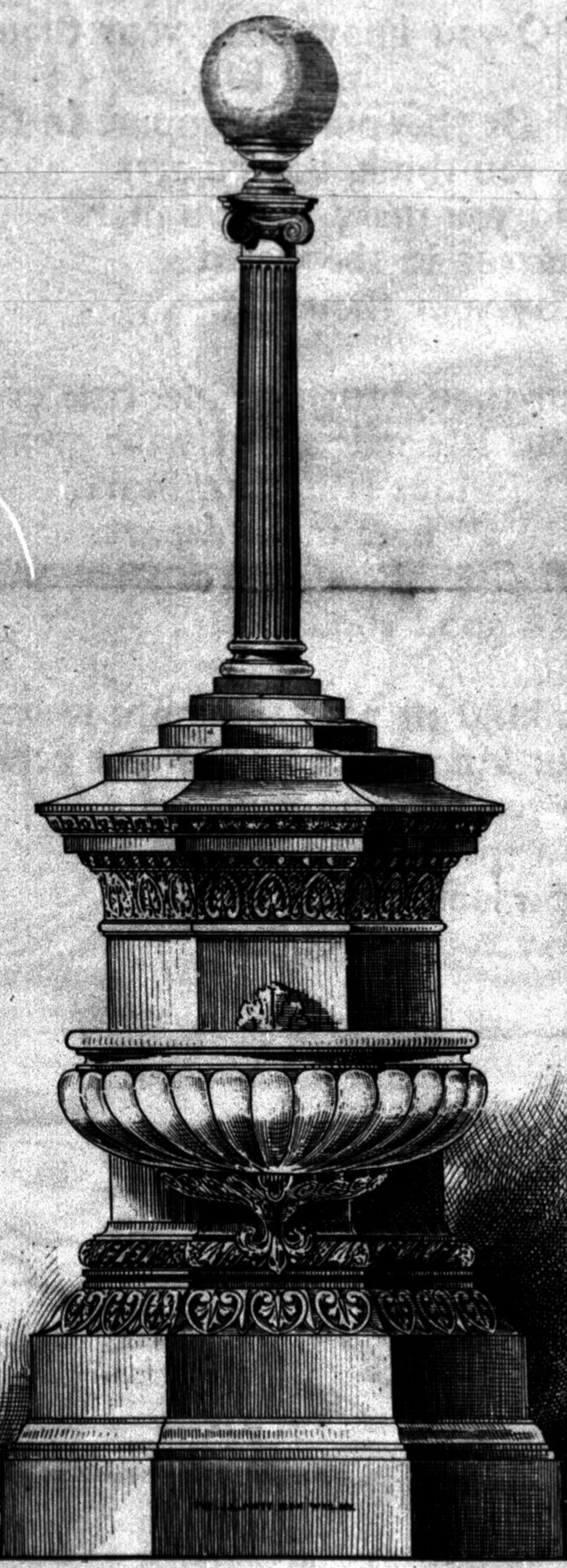
And all this,—not because nature has in the least failed us—but in spite of the fact that we live upon the very edge of the noblest fresh water sea in the world.

THE NORTH SHORE NEWS-LETTER therefore undertook to conduct a campaign of agitation with the purpose and avowal not to cease until the cries for water should be heard. Happily it had not to wait long for response. Already one of the Humane Society's fountains has been stationed in front of the City Hall for the comfort and convenience of persons on the west side. This has been done through the energy and service of Miss Ruth Ewing and her band of young people constituting the Young People's Humane Society.

It is our pleasure and privilege to present here a view of a very handsome as well as an eminently useful fountain to be placed, in due time, at a central point on the east side of the railroad track.

The spot selected is at the western point of the mid-street park-way on East Central avenue, although it is possible that this may be reconsidered in favor of a location even more central and convenient.

The value of such an ornamental structure and its claims to a conspicuous site are considerations that must not be left out of thought.



Our illustration as furnished us by the Barbee Company will give to our readers some idea of the beauty of this fountain. We take from the official description of it the following:

Drinking Fountain with Pillar and Lamp  
For Man, Horse and Dog.

Height to bottom of lamp 13 feet.

Base 4 feet 6 inches across the squares.

Height to top of main trough 4 feet 2 inches.

Height to top of horse trough 4 feet 3 inches.

Horse trough 3 feet 10 inches long and 2 feet 5 inches projection; 11 inches deep.

The fountain is a fine piece of art work in iron casting decorated in bronze.

Barbee & Company, who are furnishing it have their wire and iron works at Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. George K. Rix, of Chicago, is the secretary and treasurer of the company.

The story of this gift to the city calls for, at least, a brief historic notice. Our citizen, Mr. W. B. White and his estimable wife, have long talked of the need of such fountains, and more than once have hinted at their willingness to furnish one.

When THE NEWS-LETTER took the matter up and urged it by repeated appeal Mr. White made known the fact that he stood ready to donate a fountain to the city. It was therefore formally laid before the City Council and they accepted the gift, together with the Humane Society's gift, on behalf of the city and referred the matter to the Street and Alleys Committee with power to act. This committee consisted of Mr. H. Denzel, J. F. Lewis and John Hart, who at once met and conferred with Mr. White on the subject, and also took immediate action to install the Humane Society's fountain.

It is characteristic of Mr. White that what he does will be done well. Accordingly he put himself in touch with the Barbee Wire and Iron Works of 44 and 46 Dearborn street, who have contracted to place this fountain in hand so that it can be in use early in the spring of 1908.

There is a healthful contagion in such acts of generous benevolence. Already Mrs. White has suggested that it will be her pleasure to place another drinking fountain on the lake front park, where children and birds and squirrels greatly need it.

Others may look around and see other needs for the public weal. Let the good work go on.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN WITH ELECTRIC LIGHT  
Furnished by the Barbee Iron Works, Chicago