

## NEW S. P. C. A. HEAD.

*Colonel Alfred Wagstaff to Fill  
Vacancy Left by J. P. Haines.*

Colonel Alfred Wagstaff was yesterday elected president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, by the board of managers of the society. Colonel Wagstaff, who was the senior vice-president, was chosen as president ad interim on the retirement last April of John P. Haines from that office.

With the selection of Colonel Wagstaff as head of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals there is completed the reorganization of the permanent management of the society that had its real beginning when the general members rose in protest last winter against the administration of John P. Haines.

The members, who had for years been denied by the latter all rights of participation in the affairs of the society, last January took things into their own hands and, led by Leonard E. Opdyke, re-





who succeeds J. P. Haines as head of the S. P. C. A.

belled against the Haines administration. Several stormy meetings were held, at which many charges of mismanagement and irregularities were made.

The members were determined that reforms must be made, and, as Mr. Haines opposed the reformers instead of lending them aid, his resignation became imperative if the society was to be saved from disintegration. Mr. Haines resigned. In his letter of resignation he defended his administration and criticised bitterly some of the persons responsible for his downfall.

On the retirement of Mr. Haines Colonel Wagstaff, as senior vice-president, succeeded temporarily to his office. A committee was appointed from the board of managers to nominate a new president. Several names had been mentioned for the place, among them General Adna R. Chaffee. The office pays \$5,000 a year.

Colonel Wagstaff has for several years been chief clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Early in the Civil War, when he was only nineteen years old, he was elected colonel of the 16th Regiment, after seeing considerable service with the regiment in the draft riots. Later Colonel Wagstaff entered the regular army as a first lieutenant, and before the close of the war had been promoted a major. After the war Colonel Wagstaff entered Columbia College to study law, being graduated in 1866, when he entered the legal profession. He also went into politics, and served several terms in the Assembly and Senate.

The new Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals president is a member of several clubs, among them being the St. Nicholas Society, University Club, Manhattan Club and South Side Sportsmen's Club.

H. Van Buren Magonigle, architect, of No. 7 West 28th street, received the prize of \$500 yesterday, offered by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, through one of its members, for the best design for a public drinking fountain for both men and animals, to be erected by the society. The committee of judges consisted of Colonel Wagstaff, Robert W. De Forest, president of the Municipal Art Commission; C. R. Lamb, president of the Municipal Art Society, and Professor A. D. F. Hamlin, of Columbia University, under whose direction the competition was held. The committee had seventy-seven entries to pass judgment on—fifty-one designs and twenty-six models. The cost of the bronze fountains to be put up is limited to \$250 each, and some of the designs could not be executed for that sum, but the designs submitted are reported to be of high merit, and ten were especially commended. They were submitted by H. L. Gray, Edith B. Stevens, Augustus Lukeman, John S.

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