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SALT LAKE FOR CONVENTIONS.

We may not claim, as yet, any great distinction for Salt Lake as a convention city, although it has helped to entertain very numerous and multitudinous gatherings of those assembled. The most important conventions are in regular form, and not only from the character and prominence of those who bring them in but also from the importance of the topics with which they have to deal. The Women's conventions now are the first time that of the week, meaning a very few more days, not only in Utah but throughout the nation. On Wednesday the Silver convention will deliberate upon a still more absorbing topic, as far as present conditions are concerned, and one which is of greater immediate importance to the West in the necessity for its careful, prompt and vigorous action.

The holding of such conventions here is advantageous, not only to the city, but to the whole Territory, which should receive benefit and distinction thereby. As to how many, or how frequent, gatherings of this kind will be held, depends somewhat on the time the city may endeavor for its hospitality. We have abundant attractions for the recreation of visitors after their labors in convention are ended, all of which may be made conducive to bringing such assemblages to this point. The wonderful climate, the grand mountains, the beautiful valleys, the magnificent lake, the medicinal waters and hot springs, with scores of other features of special character that might be named, all go to make of Salt Lake City a place unequaled in the Great West for the holding of these conventions, which have attained a dignity of national importance. As time goes on we may fully recognize the advantages presented here, and it is well to grasp in advance the thought that by a proper degree of hospitality and excellent business energy we may have cities in every harmonious sense of our own, country towns look upon Utah and her capital as a delightful Mecca for great conventions of national leaders in thought and action.

UTAH SMALL FARMS.

The May 4th issue of the [illegible] Evening News, of Burlington, Iowa—which calls itself the "home of the great middle class of the section of the valley, and takes up for the very prize of the very poor"—contains a compact two-column article on the advantages of the small farm and the personal experiments with irrigation carried on in the arid West since the new land law passed by the late session of Congress. The article, designed for Middle with complacency for the people of Utah, their agricultural system, the quantity of their wealth and the pleasure generally and in small part, say it has led to a conversion of Freeman. Wholesale acts have happened with our little area of land to hold water for them. Money has not so lightly have been wisely expended in the public of Idaho, legislation was based, and provision for work for employed years. A [illegible] work [illegible] way longer [illegible] and [illegible] the engineers of the Snake River, and commencing the division of Thousand Y [illegible] and the two [illegible] and good work of the people who have increased from scattered valleys and some time to [illegible] and which [illegible] assisting to show that the [illegible] the Mormon people are not [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]