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THE SALT PALACE.

The Salt Palace opening is announced for tonight. The programme of that enterprise are outlined in great detail for the energy, determination and good management they have displayed in the work from the commencement. Failing in obtaining the ground which in first appeared to them most suitable, they set about securing the next best thing, and have succeeded in getting a place which in our opinion is correct, while in every way is thus favorably selected. The situation is better, in a way at present it is suitable for the purpose; it is ample in extent, and the ground to be the scene of the fun of the year, and success has attended it from the moment it was decided upon. The work of preparation, enclosure and building has progressed rapidly. The grim ground and ruins have proved no insurmountable difficulties. The palace will be a genuine affair. It will draw people into the city from afar. The company will be well repaid for their outlay, and business interests will be promoted while the promoters of amusements will dominate gather a good harvest. The people for the most part can exercise in interesting and attractive, and "if the weather permits" will be enjoyed by an immense throng. The Deseret News congratulates the management on the start, ability and good judgment exhibited in this enterprise, and hopes and expects that they will reap therefrom a rich reward.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THEM

The volunteers who have returned to Utah, covered with glory and crowned with victory, will soon settle down to the business of ordinary civil life. After the loud ovations in their honor in the towns where they reside, and the excitement and praise and greetings are over, "the boys" will experience a tale of mind and rest of body which may prove too much for their continued happiness. This will surely be the result if they find themselves without profitable employment.

Some of them will probably return to the positions which they occupied before stepping forward at the call of their country, to be enrolled among its defenders. But many others will need a friendly hand to help them into places where they can profitably employ their liberal by honest toil. It will be a sad finale to so bright a career, for any of them to be left in idleness and to want.

The suggestion that special efforts be made to open the way for them to lucrative work, suited to their individual and different capacities, many of whom every thoughtful person as eminently proper. The Deseret News supports the proposition and urges it upon general attention.

Salt Lake City will feel the greater number of these upon its bonds. There are now many young men out of employment. But in the greatest reverses of business and the prosperity which is gradually advancing, something profitable ought to be found for the gallant soldiers who have represented Utah so bravely in the battle's front. Each country place will doubtless take care of its own. This is expected, of any case. Now let all who can, make a place for our Salt Lake heroes, so that they may have a chance to labor for a living. Now is the time to do something practical to this direction.

WASTE LANDS.

The reclamation of waste lands is a work to be commended. It should receive every encouragement. There are many fertile areas in this Territory, and in this country, which are now considered worthless, either through lack of water for irrigation or from excess of mineral substances therein that are deemed to be injurious. It appears that analysis of "alkali" and "sour Jordan" shows it is capable of cultivation, and that alfalfa can be raised after it has been demonstrated by experiment, it is said.

All this may be true, and if so it will doubtless stimulate the owners or occupants of these tracts to renewed exertions. We hope they will prove successful. But we know that some of that same kind have tried to carry out plans, and spent much time and a good crop of hay. And could be raised after the first and second years, the rising of an alkaline nature to the surface prevented by application of water, could have ceased to prevail and caused the hopes of the experimenter to fail.

An analysis of top soil will not be what the poisons is the subsoil. The amount of a crop of hay is not conclusive enough to warrant success. Therefore it will be as well to be somewhat careful in take about the matter suggested. In the wider view the theory of the soil leaves much room for doubt. While it is stated by the promoters of the scheme that "The most prominent of the alkali are sulphate of soda and sulphate of magnesia," and that "Sulphate of soda is the most common alkali," it cannot be said definitely what the "sour Jordan" is. Is it the same as the "Sour Jordan" of the Bear River people," and such a comparison? Is the taste of the water from the reservoir on the street Salt Lake county, to be the same water, either from the bottom of the reservoir or from the surface? Is it the same as the water in the Jordan? Is it the same as the water in the Jordan? Is it the same as the water in the Jordan