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Al-Tro Island Park in readiness for the public

Troy people have read and heard much within the past fortnight of Al-Tro Park, the new pleasure resort built on Al-Tro Island, midway between this city and Albany, but few have an adequate idea of the magnitude of the enterprise. The announcement is made that the big park with its numberless amusement features and its great board walk will be ready Monday, although the formal opening will not take place until the morning of Memorial day, next



Thursday.

By special invitation, newspaper men went to the park. The journey was made via the Albany and Troy boat line, and

the charming sail down the river, supplemented as it was by the agreeable surprise following a first look at Lagoon Island transformed into Al-Tro and fairyland, will be the portion of all who may in the days and weeks to come make the same journey in quest of recreation and enjoyment. At the outset it may be said that Manager Rosen, who has superintended the expenditure of \$100,000 at the park, declares that he has, with the natural advantages enjoyed, eclipsed

Coney Island. The great has been accomplished in three months with a force of 400 workmen, all experts.

Along the Board Walk

The board walk stretches the length of the island. Nine hundred feet in length and forty feet in width, it is built to accommodate thousands of persons, and the strength of it can not be questioned, the large posts having been set in four feet of cement on a rock foundation. On each side of the walk are amusements. The

great colonnade, with its thousands of dazzling electric lights from end to end of the walk, has been handsomely decorated by the painters to make it compare with the other gorgeous pictures.

The amphitheater is located about the middle of the walk and the entrance is under an elaborate arch, illuminated with hundreds of variegated incandescent lights. The theater is one of the largest in the state, and providing seats for

four thousand. It is an extensive structure.

The Banda Roma, an organization of forty musicians, will render a pleasing concert afternoon and evening of each day. The band made a tremendous hit in the New York Hippodrome, during the past winter, and at a big expense has been engaged for service at Al-Tro Park.

Other Big Features

The dance hall is the largest

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in this section of the state. Likewise it is the prettiest. Manager Rosen, in having this building designed, had in mind the popularity of the great American amusement. The floor is of white maple as smooth as glass. An orchestra of several pieces will be in attendance regularly and the best order will prevail. The roller skating rink is another of the immense buildings, it being a duplicate as to size of the dance hall. The exterior arrangement differs from the other buildings, yet harmonizes nicely with them. This building is near the north court of honor. The gorgeousness of the innumerable concessions which will line the walk from end to end will include the handsome

concert hall and roller skating rink — each a wonderful institution in itself — and a hundred or more, elaborate attractions. One of the principal ones will be the tremendous roller coaster or scenic railway, built by the Hudson River View Company, which takes up the greater portion of the park on the west end. The flying airships will come in for a goodly share of the patronage of the visitors. The Tours of the World, the Park Vaudeville theater with the following bill for the opening week: The Seven Florene Troupe of acrobats, the Break-a-Way Barlows, the Five Waltha Troupe, expert bicyclists; Holman Brothers, comedy tripe bar artists; Mlle. Foustina, Novelty Acrobat, and Professor

Wormwood's celebrated baboon and monkey circus; the Incubator, a fully equipped hospital with two separate corps of nurses and attending physicians, working in three shifts of eight hours each, devoted exclusively to the saving of infants; the miniature railway; the carousel or merry-go-round; the pony track, the German village, the Japanese center, and a hundred others.

The Police System

A platoon of fifteen uniformed men, under the personal direction of Chief Detective Humphrey of the New York Central force, and superintended by A.W.S. Neef, the superintendent of the park, will be on duty at all times protect patrons.