

SOUTH RICHMOND IS PROSPEROUS, AND IS BOOMING

Improvements During the Past Year, the Panic Period, Amounted to About \$150,000—Mostly Residences.

OUTLOOK THIS YEAR JUST AS PROMISING

President Blickwedel Invites Every Citizen to Move to The South Side and Many Are Accepting.

"Come to Beallview to locate for me but if this is too far south, locate just North of Beallview, south of Main street." Is the invitation of President Blickwedel of the South Side Improvement association to all those who intend to build this year. It is with much pride that the South sider defends his neighborhood as a most desirable place to locate. To them it is like flaunting a red rag in front of a bull to speak disparagingly of South Richmond.

Invitation Bearing Fruit.
The invitation seems to be bearing fruit for during the past year it is doubtful if any part of the city has grown as fast as has the south end. It is believed by those acquainted with this neighborhood—the part which is constantly growing up and spreading, or that part south of South street and from Twelfth street to the river—that at least \$150,000 was spent in erecting, remodeling and improving property the past year. Considerable more than this was spent, if public improvements are taken in consideration.

Prospects Not Dimmed.
Prospects for the present year are not, dimmed by this somewhat marvelous record. It is probable that as many new residences and as good ones will be built. It is understood that several large and important plots of land on South Eighth and Ninth streets will be opened this spring for public invasion. While there are no prospects for erecting a new church—St. John's Lutheran church having been erected at Seventh and South at a cost of \$40,000 during the past year—it is probable that a large factory or two will be located in the Beallview addition. Mr. Blickwedel named off the possibilities last evening and said that he was sure the association would secure at least two of them. From his understanding of the factory propositions, buildings to the value of from \$25,000 to \$40,000 will be erected. He says the two factories are "bumdingers." With such splendid prospects it is a common belief that the value of improvements during the present year will equal if not surpass that of the past year.

Piano Plant May Enlarge.
There is also a prospect that the Starr Piano company will enlarge its plant as it has plans and specifications for a three story factory building under consideration. Last July the matter was considered but deferred until the regular meeting in January. The matter is still under consideration. The probable cost of this building is not known but it would be large because of the size of the building.

The Richmond Abattoir company is also contemplating enlarging its plant. At the annual board meeting this month, the matter was considered very favorably but no definite action taken.

A large prospectus could easily be written if it enumerated all the persons who intend to build residences during the present year. In some of the south end public places, when talk starts on this subject, it can be carried on the entire evening.

It is a matter of note that the South sider always builds a very comfortable, neat appearing house which is a credit to the community.

Beallview Improvements.
In the Beallview addition there were two business buildings erected last year. One was by the Indian Repeating company, and the other by the Caldwell and Mobley contracting firm. Neither were very expensive ones. Residences constructed in this plot of ground were somewhat few but as a general thing very attractive and as expensive as the ordinary home owned by the working man.

In the other parts of the south end there were between 30 and 40 residences erected. Some cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500 to \$4,000. It is said that none cost under \$1,200. These houses were in nearly every instance erected as a home and not for the purpose of rent. The most modern appliances were installed. The houses as a rule are very attractive both exteriors and interiors. Cement walks, and evenly sodded lawns are included in the improvements.

"How's the soil?" asked the prospective purchaser.
"To be candid with you," answered the owner, "you'll have to do something to tone it down. The potatoes I raise, for instance, are too large for commerce. They only run about three to the peck."—Washington Herald.

"What is the size of your large men's handkerchiefs?" asks the shopper.
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QUAKE VICTIMS NOT WELCOMED IN GOTHAM TOWN

New York Will Receive Fugitive Italians Kindly, But Will Encourage Them to Move to Westward.

"LITTLE ITALY" NOW TOO POPULATED.

Italian Not Regarded as Desirable Immigrant by New Yorkers, But Thousands Are Locating There.

By Ford L. Thorpe.
New York, Jan. 23.—What to do with the hordes of the incoming survivors of the recent earthquake is a serious problem which the municipal authorities of Gotham town will soon be called upon to settle. New York wants to give those sons and daughters of Italy just as warm a welcome as she does to newcomers from other climes in fact, because of their bereavement, they will receive a little more consideration; but the Manhattan authorities are hoping the open air of country life will prove a greater lure than the crowded tenements of this big city by the Hudson. How to encourage them to be satisfied with merely taking in the sights of the metropolis for a few weeks, getting acquainted with the residents of "Little Italy" and then begin a general movement elsewhere, it matters not where so long as they don't tarry permanently, is the problem in a nutshell.

Little Italy's Population.
The fact is "Little Italy" is already or 40,000 to its population, which is now estimated at more than 300,000 souls, or more than many so-called American big cities. Ten years ago according to the United States census there were living in New York city 218,918 Italian born persons, almost as many as there were residents in the national capital at that time. This influx of Italians into New York has continued steadily during ten years, until today witnesses the sight of these swarthy "modern" Romans, as they are sometimes facetiously called, crowded into a district in lower Manhattan that was never intended to give homes to one-tenth the present number. Do you wonder, then, that those entrusted with the municipal upkeep of this big burg sat up and rubbed their eyes when the "mayor" and his councillors of "Little Italy" sent that cable message to the survivors at Messina, Catania and Reggio to "leave that stricken land and come make your homes with us here." Sentimentally that cable was nothing more than a sweet, soothing message from a well brother to an ill brother, but municipally, and that's all New York cares about just now, its significance was patently different. Now, if those same 30,000 or 40,000 sons and daughters of Italy, not counting those arrived since the earthquake, accept that invitation to "come and make your home with us here," it will plainly mean that this municipality will have to shoulder the burden of so many more public charges. Remember, good folks in less crowded communities these same subjects of King Victor Emmanuel were bereft in the recent calamity, of their worldly goods and chattels as well as their relatives and friends.

Italian Not Desirable.
Without intending to give your Italian immigrant a bad name, it might truthfully be said that he is not desirable from the standpoint of American ideals. As we see him in this busy metropolis, he is not a sanitary person, not being used to the luxury of the bath in his native health and cares not whether his home circle musters by nightfall two or twenty-two in a room. The latter figure, in fact, comes nearer representing the true condition in "Little Italy" than the former. Again, he is never overfastidious as concerns his person, and his diet on the whole is not what the average American, however humble, would consider as within the category of things wholesome. His sole aim is to gather a little horde of American gold, that he may some day return to his sunny Italy. These facts, delicately set down, would seem to make that hyphenated and commonly used term "Italian-American" a misnomer. It is obvious, therefore, why the metropolitan municipal managers particularly the health and police departments, would rather that these newcomers not linger here for any long period. The times are too full of stress for the weak to survive, the current of East Side life, especially as it moves through the sordid composition of Hester, Baxter, East Houston streets, is too swift for many of these Italian homeseekers not to be swept down into the dregs. No, it would not do for them to settle and swell the boundaries of "Little Italy." They would add to the menace and hardships imposed under the Gotham municipal system; and, what is more, would increase by many thousands the sum of the ever-increasing poverty of America's chief city.

A Limit to Patience.
Now, your New Yorker is a patient given to tolerance toward confidence workers, games of chance, Tom Lawsons and other things that try the soul, but the time has arrived to shuffle the cards for a new deal when Keir Hardie M. P., and general handy-man around parliament for the socialists, looks in on this old town and begins to roast the landscape and the busy workers hereabouts right off the bat.

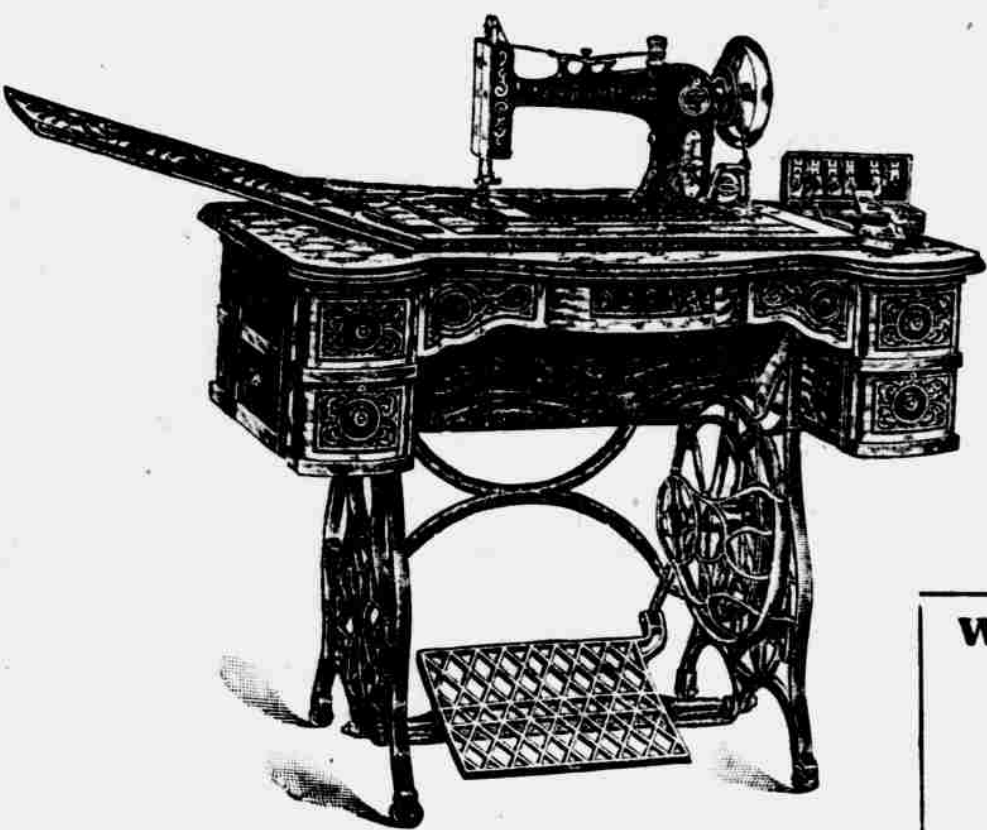
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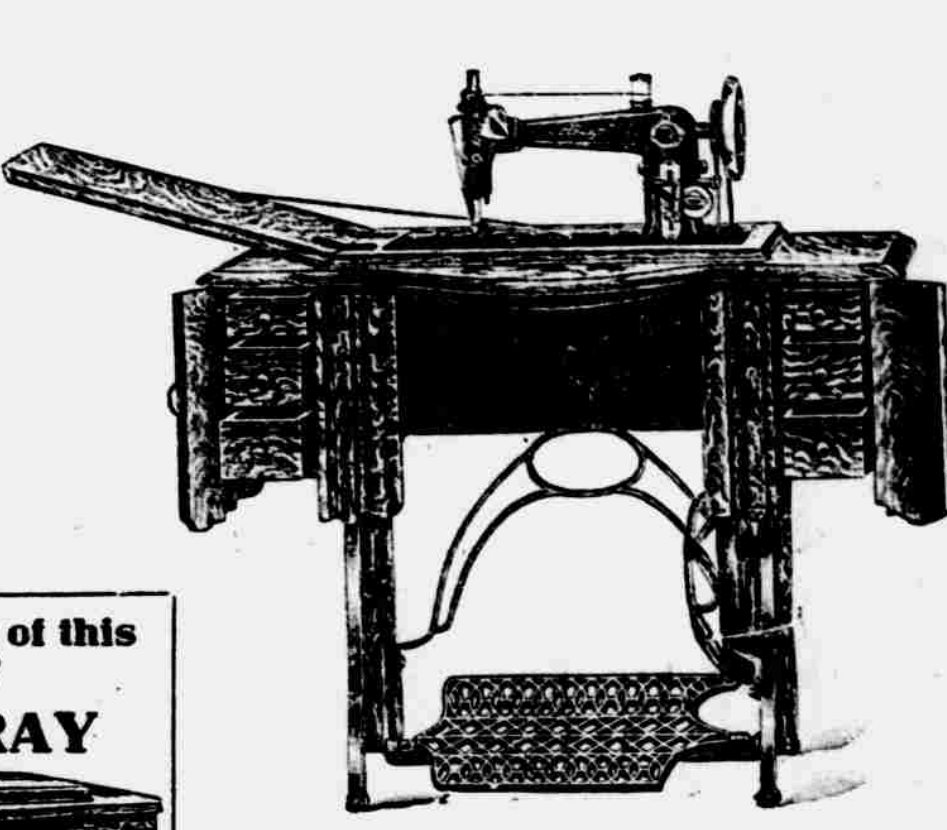
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The fact that Keir, (you've read about him in the funny supplement of the record of parliament), is a horny handed son of toll and has made speeches telling about the "downtrodden worker or being the salt of the earth" helps some, but he should cut out the invidious comments reflecting on the biggest city in the land of the free when so newly arrived.

No sooner had he stepped down from the gangplank of a Cunarder the other day than he began, to a bunch of honest, cleanhanded newsgatherers assembled there, to talk about our "bloomin' skyscrapers," (referring to the Singer building), and our "nervetracking pace," referring to our quiet ways of making money. Instead of imposing old age pensions on our beneficent government at Washington.

Well, Keir climbed into a taxicab, grip, plaid suit and the other accoutrements that go to make up a British statesman and was breezed up Broadway and disappeared into a polite hotel, where he conversed confidentially to a waiting bell boy about our "blawstin' custom of spoiling the servant class by giving big tips."

Keir's stay on this side won't be for long. He's going to make some talks to folks here who believe in the "uplift," but don't worry, friends, he's not going to advocate bomb throwing, or anything of that sort, to bring this uplift about. His talks may be will be sweet little sermons directed to cure "certain existing social evils." Then he's going back to dear old London to make some speeches and things to mass meetings around Trafalgar Square.

Queered With Mrs. Potter.
Mrs. Brown Potter, not Mrs. James Brown, mind you, is another "English person," by adoption, of course, who doesn't like us any more. She's here to recite for our edification "Little Boy Blue" and other "Gene Field's" poems, and incidentally to gather in a few American dollars at so much per week. But she's not going to remain long. Soon as this dollar-making is over, Mrs. Brown Potter is going back to dear London where folks appreciate artistic merit.

Mrs. Brown Potter, who is really a gifted person, also is going to look in on the "400" before she departs. Now, the "400" doesn't hold anything against Mrs. Brown Potter, particularly as her sweet little daughter, who was Fifi Potter, is now Mrs. "Jimmie" Stillman, and Papa Stillman, he who has just resigned the custodianship of the National City (Standard Oil) Bank, has released. It is worth noting, then, that there will be social things doing in Mrs. Brown Potter's honor up at the Plaza and at some of the homes of New York's elect before this charming lady, who really can act some, returns to take up her life in Britain.

**HARRIS SECURES
500 PICTURES OF
THE EMANCIPATOR**
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the date of Lincoln's birth, death and the centenary.
Fine Lincoln Pictures.
Ed Harris, secretary of the Young Men's Business club has returned from a trip to Cincinnati, where he contracted with a lithographing firm for pictures of Lincoln. There are the finest reproductions of the face and head of the famous president which could be found in Cincinnati. They are superior to any other lithograph now on the market. Mr. Harris secured the only copy in an art store. He learned where the picture was produced and upon visiting the factory was able to close a contract.

Arrangements were made whereby the Young Men's Business club secures the exclusive right to these pictures. They will be placed on sale here. The probable price will be \$1. To secure the pictures so they can be retailed at this figure it is necessary for the club to contract for 500. From the money secured by sales of the pictures, a fund will be obtained on the "400" before she departs. Now, the "400" doesn't hold anything against Mrs. Brown Potter, particularly as her sweet little daughter, who was Fifi Potter, is now Mrs. "Jimmie" Stillman, and Papa Stillman, he who has just resigned the custodianship of the National City (Standard Oil) Bank, has released. It is worth noting, then, that there will be social things doing in Mrs. Brown Potter's honor up at the Plaza and at some of the homes of New York's elect before this charming lady, who really can act some, returns to take up her life in Britain.

best interests of the people of Indiana, to forego any contest of the election of 1908, so that the present General Assembly may not only have time to consider and pass much needed legislation in the interest of the people of this state, but also with a firm reliance on the members of that General Assembly are so imbued with the theory that none except legal voters ought ever be permitted to cast their ballots in Indiana, that they will, without regard to party, immediately take up and pass such legislation as will hereafter prevent the casting of illegal ballots in Indiana; provide for speedy and immediate returns from all election precincts so that all candidates for office may know at once the result of an election, and fix and determine a speedy method of contest of all offices in the future in such way regardless of the political complexion of the persons charged with the settlement of such a contest.

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IN STATEMENT
MADE BY JACKSON**
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