THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE: JANUARY 19, 1908.

MRS. POTTER PALMER WINS Triumph of Chicago's Social Queen Over Waldorf Astor.

FRIMA DONNA SINGS FOR HER

Mr. and Mrs. Astor Entertain Royalty-Affair Slow Because of Death of King

Oscar.

LONDON, Jan. 18.-(Special.)-Mrs. Polter Palmer has scored over William Walforf Aster. The wealthy Chicago widow, who spends only half her time in England, has triumphed over the expatriated Amerisan plutocrat, who has sworn that he will never revisit his native land again.

And this is how it comes about. For some years past Mr. Astor has been in the habit of giving two or three private concerts during the London season at his town residence in Carlton House Terrace. His aim has always been to make his private concerts superior to any other that takes place in England. And he generally succeeds by virtue of his great wealth. which enables him to engage the best pro-(essional talent procurable, regardless of the fees demanded.

It was natural, therefore, that after Tetrassini had made such a tremendous hit at Covent Garden, he should seek to engage her for one or more of his own forthcoming private musical functions. Possibly he might have succeeded, as he never haggies over terms, but for the fact, so the story goes, he wanted the diva to agree that she would not sing at any other private concert during the scatook umbrage at this. She is a highapirited woman and declared that she would not submit to any restrictions as ter how big the fee that might be offered

her. Steals March on Astor.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, who is now in America, may have heard something of this. She has friends in London who keep her posted on what is going on in the social world here while she is filling her winter tole of Chicago's social queen. Anyhow. she conceived the notion of getting Tetrazsini to sing for her at two private concerts, which she intends giving at her London residence, Hampden House, this summer. She cabled over to the Florenline nightingale, so I am told, and the arrangement was made. Tetrazzini will sing twice for Mrs. Palmer and will not sing at all for William Waldorf Astor.

Just now Hampden House is being made spick and span in readiness for the honeymoon couple, the hostess's son and his bride-to-be, Miss Kohlsaat of Chicago. Rumor has it that Mr. Potter Palmer means to have a London house "of his own." but I cannot say if this is true. Hampden House is such a big mansionthough externally a hideously plain onethat his mother would have no difficulty in providing accommodation for both him and his wife whenever they want to take

a fling in London. The party that assembled at Clieveden at the invitation of Mr. Astor, Jr., and his wife "to meet" the duke and duchess of Connaught was distinguished, but I am told that for sheer unmitigated dullness the affair was a record one. Of course this was in consequence of the death of the late king of Sweden. At first it was intimated to the Astors that the Connaughts could not go. Mrs. Astor, however, wrote and said it would be a very quiet gathering id that if the duchess wished there would

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Standard Times of the Moon's Rising Meridian Passage and Setting at Omaha During 1908

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The artificial manufacture of precious mes is another matter to which he is doting much attention. It has been disvered that when the mineral corondum, hich is a coloriess crystal off exactly the me nature as the topas, amethyst, ruby d suppliere, is placed close to radium for period of about two months, it changes the color of one of these gems. Two ecimens at Blythewood, which have been ider the influence of a speck of radium several weeks, are already of a beautitopaz color. The permanency of the or has not yet been proven, but under ery possible test these stones are instinguishable from the gems they repre-

Lord Blythswood is 71 years old, hale and arty, with little about him save his snowhite hair and heard to suggest the typical evant, which may be accounted for by in fact that he has other interests betes science. He is a keen sportsman and rticularly fond of fishing. He goes in tively for politics and is one of the bularks of the conservative party in the est of Scotland, Before a poerage was onferred upon him in 1892 he was for

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regarded her private engagements, no mat- before witnesses that the man that wrote minutes sooner for my eastern friend. that almanac knew his business as poorly

a better one himself, and soforth. Such sweeping condemnations must, of it may be, and, let us say it magnani- always seen to rise on schedule time. To course, be followed by remorse, as soon as mously, probably is, surely is correct for the west the hills are about two lunar quiet reflection has smoothed down the the place for which it was computed As is, diameters above the horizon, so that as ruffies or declamatory disappointment. or ought always be, the case in a recon-After all, reason will whisper to us, every ciliation, when one party is generous and and moonset occur always about six minplace on earth cannot see the sure and moon noble in yielding up what it considers its utes too soon. rise and set at the same time. The earth sure right, the other party will not peris a sphere, not a plane: Half the earth mit itself to be outdone. With this idea does not rise at all. What becomes of it? does not see the sun at all, and for the in view, we present herewith a table giv- Well, there is nothing to be alarmed at; other half the sun is in all possible positions ing the times of moonrise and moonset for everything goes on in its usual way. Let in the sky. This argument ought to be Omaha for the year 1908. It has entailed a the reader look at the first column, which sufficiently convincing to make anybody large amount of computation, but the cause gives the time of rising for January. He disclaim ever having said anything at all was worth it. against an almanac.

THE reader has ever picked * We are not done, however. We all know | newed misunderstanding, a few precautions | I say "on an average" because this in- | printed in the table. They may be found out from it the times of the exactly the same time to the second, as, table is computed for the city of Omaha. rising and setting of the sun for example, the whole Mississippi valley For every fifteen miles east or west of and moon, he has surely found uses what is known as nineteenth meridian. Omaha the difference will be one minute, these times to diverge so widely or central time. Now, it is evident that sooner for the east, later for the west. son. In other words he wanted to make from those actually observed by him, that when I see the sun set behind a hill, a For every twelve miles north or south a "corner" in Tetrazzini. The prima donna it needed but a few trials of this sort to friend of mine, living some miles to the the difference will be one minute or fraction convince him that the almanac he had was west of me, surely does not see the sun thereof, sooner or later, wherever the of no use to him whatever, and he may setting at the same moment; his day will moon happens to be. More accurate terms have been tempted to declare openly and close a little later, while it has closed some cannot be used here, since they would prove

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uninteresting and technical, We will, therefore, without calling in Secondly, all hills are supposed to be reas the weather man, and that the whole expensive experts for consultation, con- moved, and, of course, the houses on the

we have in hand is not correct for Omaha, the horizon line, and the sun and moon are

Thirdly. About once a month the me will notice that, as an average, moon-Now, to prevent the possibility of a re- rise occurs about an hour later every day.

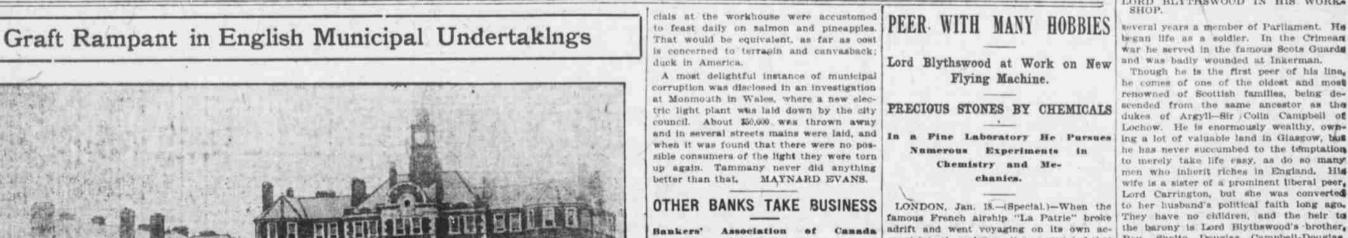
Computed at the Creighton University Observatory.

up an almanac in order to find that vast sections of the same country use must be premised. The first is that this terval is variable; it may be as small as with an accuracy sufficient for ordinary twenty minutes or as large as an hour and purposes in this way: We know that wher twenty minutes. Thus, on January 19 the the moon is full it crosses the meridian at moon rises at 6:33 p. m., the presence of midnight. Running down the column m. p. the dot between the hour and the minutes (meridian passage) until we come to the denoting p. m., its absence a. m. The next midnight hour-that is, the line where n day the time is 7:32; that is, not one hour time is given-we can at sight find the later, but one day and one hour later, or date of the full moon. Thus, in January it after an interval of twenty-five hours. is on the 17th. In reality it is on the 18th at 7:37 a. m., but our method is sufficiently Coming down to January 34, the moonrise occurs at 11:33 p. m., and, as the next accurate for all except experts.

In the same way the new moon crosses one must be about twenty-five hours later, it surely cannot be on the 25th, but in the the metidian at noon, the first quarter early hours of the 36th, 12:35 a. m.; that is, near 6 p. m. and the last quarter near t a. m. Hence, from the table the new mo the moon does not rise at all on January 25, which was in he proved. For the same happens on January 3, (3, 3:43 p. m.), first reason, the moon does not cross the meridquarter on the 10 (10, 7:53 a. m.) and last ian or "south" once a month, nor does it set quarter on the 26 (26, 9:91 a. m.) When once a month. It is surely reasonable to say "near midnight," "near 6 p. m.," always mean "twenty-four minutes later," allow her one offday a month. Fourthly. On January 21 moonrise hapbecause central time, which we use it pens at 8:32 p. m., the meridian passage at Omaha, is that much fast of local time.

2:41 a. m. This is clearly not the meridian In this way we shall always get the exact date of the moon's phase. nassage following the moonrise of 8:32 p. m. of the same day, but the one of the pre-Sixthly and lastly. The times in the tabl ceding day. So that the moon that rises apply to the moon's center and have been corrected for refraction and parallax. on January 21 at \$:32 p. m., crosses the If the reader will kindly observe these meridian at 3:25 a. m. and sets at 10:10 on January 22, the next day. six precautions the man in the moon prom-

Finhly. In order not to give too much ises on his part to be always on time to at once, the phases of the moon are not the minute. WILLIAM F. RIGGE, S. J.



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LORD BLYTHSWOOD IN HIS WORKS

toveral years a member of Parliament. He began life as a soldier. In the Crimean war he served in the famous Scots Guards and was badly wounded at Inkerman.

Though he is the first peer of his line, he comes of one of the oldest and most renowned of Scottish familles, being descended from the same ancestor as the dukes of Argyll-Sir Colin Campbell of Lochow. He is enormously wealthy, owning a lot of valuable land in Glasgow, but he has never succumbed to the temptation to merely take life easy, as do so many men who inherit riches in England. His wife is a sister of a prominent liberal peer, Lord Carrington, but she was converted count into the unknown it was reported that Rev. Sholto Douglas Campbell-Douglas, it had been seen sailing over Clydebank, in who assumed the last surname on succeedcotland. It subsequently turned out that ing to the Douglas support estate in

be neither music nor bridge. So they went. As my friend explained to me, "One was made to feel all the time that the Connaughts were doing something very wrong and were afraid of being found out." The result was that all the rest of the guests felt it incumbent on them to assume an air of dignified gravity and the host and hostess must have been thankful when the day for departure arrived and they saw their royal friends off the premises. As a rule the Connaught family are a breezy crowd and they love Americans because of their liveliness and unconventionality. Mrs. Astor's Jewels.

One pleasure at least Mrs. Astor had. She was enabled to exhibit her amazing jewels. which showed up all the more gloriously and dishonesty in American municipal life ing out of deference to the fact that the are singing very small just now. Even the Connaughts were in mourning.

for him to abuse America on this score is Since the elder Astor gave Clieveden to als son as a wedding gift the magnificent dangerously like the pot calling the ketile manuton, which occupies the finest site to

. It has always been the boast of Englishbe found along the whole length of the men that all departments of their govern-Thames, has undergone extensive alterament were free from corruption and to a tions. Outwardly it remains much as it was when it was the residence of the old great extent this has been the case. Lately, however, there has been a rude awakening. duke of Westminster, but the living apart-Investigation after investigation into the ments have been completely transformed. workings of various Boards of Guardians They are now arranged in suites, somewhat and other local government authorities after the style of fashionable flats, and for each bedroom there is a sumptuous have disclosed a state of affairs which path room. In the royal suite the baths would put to shame the greatest grafters are of the finest Cararra marble and when that Tammany Hall or the Philadelphia occupied a fountain of perfumed water may ring ever produced. It is true that the amounts of money involved in the English be turned on, and music, too, by merely disclosures were smaller than those that touching a switch.

Lady Paget's Bodice,

At her royal dinner party the other night Lady Paget's bodice, which was practically sed of diamonds, aroused more in terest than the king himself. Even her shoulder straps were of diamonds, with just a softening of white tulle. She wore no tiara, only a single crimson rose in her hair. She was the observed of all as she went in to dinner on the king's arm. Though still lame, it is hoped she will not be so always. But I think she looks younger than before her accident. She makes no secret of the fact that she is delighted to have her daughter settled down and off her hands. Daughters are an affliction to a really smart mother and the office of chaperone is a most trying

The duchess of Roxburghe was one of the guests at the dinner. She wore a spray of wild robes in diamonds which reached across her bodice from shoulder to shoulder. It was a gift from her mother, Mrs. Ogden Goelet. Its effect, however, was nothing like so sensational as that produced by the diamonds of the American hostess.

The king has never cared for flowers on the dinner table, considering them a nuisance, as they interfore with his vision. Before all things he likes to have a good view of everyone sitting at his table. This having come to the knowledge of Mrs. Lulu Harcourt, she decided to revive an old notion for the king's deloctation. The cinner table of the American hostess when she last entertained the king was entirely boreft of blossoms. Instead there was a uperb display of exquisite old cut giass, he dinner service being of old Sevres. A old conterpiece of the kind in vogue among

the French aristocracy about a century and a half ago was used. LADY MARY.

POLICE CAPTURE TERRORIST Parisian Officers Take Woman Believed to Have Assisted Band at Tiffis.

PARIS, Jan. 18.-The police of this city for its semnolence. have captured a woman named Rosalia Empasiask, who is believed to have

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MONUMENT TO BRITISH GRAFT AND WASTEFULNESS.

The palatial Harnmersmith work house, which cost \$1,675 for each of the paupers it was designed to house. It is equipped with baths, that cost \$75 each and a system of electric lighting King Edward thought too expensive for Buckingham Palace

complained so loudly that it was evi-

dent that something was wrong. *

LONDON, Jan. 18 .- (Special.) -- Englishmen | thickly populated districts of London. | bought the same houses for \$1,000 each. who vojoyed talking about the corruption and its legitimate expenditure for the re- Needless to say, it was testified that a evening until early this morning meetings a few departments he is in the front rank. lief of the poor must always be very good deal of the difference went into the were held in all the banks to discuss the At Blythswood, his magnificent country large. The local inxation, however, rose pockets of certain guardians, at an alarming rate and the rate-payers

Market Price Doubled.

This was not the end of the graft in con-The investigation disclosed the state of nection with the scattered homes. When affairs that is so familiar to Americans the houses were bought it was discovered who have followed the course of munici- that they were badly in need of repairs and pal government in their own country. experts testified that the repair work was There was no appointment in the gift done by the only contractor who could seof the guardians that was not put up cure work from the board and was charged for at just twice the market price. Some of it was charged for and was not done at all. In three years the guardians spent more than the original value of these houses on them in repairs, and one member of the board who was asked why this

> The investigation of the Camberwell Board of Guardians has just begun. So far it has been brought out that the offi- today from 71g to 7 per cent.

Aerial navigation is one of the subjects

seventy-six branches throughout Canada derelict. That has called attention to the and was ordained in 1896. called at the Sovereign Bank of Canada, scientific hobbies and achievements of this they found other banks in possession as a remarkable peer. If there were many more men with the brains and ability of Lord result of a transferance of all business of the Sovereign bank to the Bankers' Asso- Blythswood in the House of Lords little ciation of Canada, consequent upon the de- would be heard of the popular clamor for cision of the Sovereign bank to go into the abolition of that venerable institution. liquidation. There will be no interruption As it is, he is one of the exceptions, which so far as the Sovereign bank's customers proves the rule that mediocrity is the menare concerned. Other banks will take care tal characteristic of most of the hereditary

of the bank's business. Difficulty may be legislators. created, however, in the case of the borrow-There is hardly a branch of science of ers of the Sovereign bank. From early last which he does not know something and in situation created by the liquidation. The seat near Glasgow, he has built himself a officials of the banks interested in the big laboratory filled with machinery and financing of the various branches of the the latest scientific instruments for pursu-Sovereign bank were engaged in making ing investigations in chemistry, optics, elecarrangements to obviate any panic followtricity and mechanics. There may be seen ing today's announcement. what is said to be the largest static elec-

The heaviest shareholder is the Drestrical machine in the world. It was deden bank of Berlin, Germany, \$790,000. signed and constructed by his own work-MONTREAL, Ont., Jan. 18.-It is an- men under his superintendence. In striknunced in connection with the liquidation ing contrast to this noisy, lightning-producof the Sovereign bank that the Montreal ing monster is another machine of Lord and men. The second event is the appearuptown branch and its business has been Blythswood's devising which is his particutaken over by the Bank of Toronto and lar pet. He describes it as a "disiding enthat the main office in Montreal has been gine for ruling diffraction gratings." With taken over by the Bank of British North | a diamond splinter it will make 1,400 lines for spectrum work.

Russian Discount Lowered

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18 .- The rate

of discount of the state bank was lowered

it was a huge box kite with which Lord Lanarkshire some forty years ago. He TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 18 .- When cur- Blythswood had been experimenting that was intended for the army, but early abanomers of the head office in Toronto and had been mistaken for the French aerial doned a military career for the churche

Some three years ago Lord Blythswood had an exciting chase after burglars, who had broken into his mansion. Springing out of bed, he pursued them along the corridors into the drawing room, where they leaped through a window, slid down a ladder and were soon lost to view. They left several thousand dollars' worth of plate untouched.

MASTERS AND MEN WILL ACT

Commercial Parliament Convenes in Paris to Resist Encroachments of Revolutionists.

PARIS, Jan. 18 .- The significant events marking the growing determination of the conservative classes to resist the encroachments of revolutionary socialism were observed here today. The first is the initial meeting of the "commercial parliament." The chief aim of this parliament is to meet the socialists on their own ground by promoting joint action between masters ance in Paris today of a weekly paper called Opinion, on the model of the London Spectator. The purpose of the publication is to marshal conservative republican opinion of all shades against the Americs. The depositors will be paid in full. to the inch on a metal plate. It is used demands of collectivism, such as premature aspirations for disarmament, etc. The prime movers in this movement are Paul

which Lord Blythswood has taken up with Doumer, former president of the Chamber great enthusiasm and at present he is hard of Deputies, ex-Premier Ribot and Alexanat work on a new flying machine. The der Miller, former minfater of commerce.



most patriotic Briton is apt to feel that

Ex-labor leader, who, as president of the local government board, has taken the lead in exposing municipal graft in England. JOHN BURNS,

we are accustomed to hear about from America, but the only reason that this was so was that the amounts that could be stolen were smaller. Working on the percentage basis, the British grafter has far eclipsed his American cousin

Credit Due John Burns.

The one man to whom the credit for all this house-cleaning is due is John Burns. the ex-labor leader and socialist, who is now a member of the Cabinet as president. of the Local Government Board. This board has jurisdiction over the work of all the local elected bodies and is expected to watch them and exercise a check on their expenditures. Until the advent of John Burns, however, it was chiefly conspicuous

Mr. Burns' first investigation after he teek office was in connection with the years ago wanted half a dozen more houses been a member of the Russian terrorists' administration of the poor law by the for their scattered homes. Six houses were stand that in July last year secured \$200,000 West Ham Board of Guardians. West for their scattered homes. Six houses were as Tillia.

been wasted on this lighting system alone. The total cost of this paupers' palace was nearly \$1,500,000, and it was stated that it could have been built for iltile more than \$1,000,000 and that a building which would have been in every way as serviceable could have been so cured for \$500,000. The investigation into the affairs of the

Mile End Board of Guardians, which is now in progress, has shown an equally amazing state of affairs. The guardians there had a system of maintaining the pauper children in what are known as scattered homes, which means that a dozen or more children in charge of a matron and superintendent are installed in an ordinary dwelling house and form a sort of poor law family. The Mile End Guardians a few

for sale to the highest bidder. The master of the workhouse paid \$500 for his job, the medical officer paid \$5,000, and relieving officers, who earn about \$12 a week, paid \$100 each for their appointments. The contractor who supplied coal to the workhouse was allowed to supply a quality inferior to that he contracted was so, gravely explained that pauper for and to charge for twice the quantity children were very hard on houses. he actually supplied. Other contractors

were treated in the same way and every contractor paid money regularly to members of the Board of Guardians and officials. The favored contractors were alowed to examine their rivals' blds before they were formally opened and adjust their own bids so as to make the granting of the contract to them a certainty. The result of this investigation was that five guardians and the coal contractor went to Jail.

Political Workhouse.

that checks for \$125 had passed

At Greenwich an investigation showed

tween contractors and guardians and that there was irregularity of much the same

sort as that proved at West Ham. At Hammersmith, where a palatial work-house, superior in many respects to the

king's palace, has been built, the grossest extravagance was shown, and officials

whose duty it was to watch the work

of contractors admitted that they had

received presents from them. It was

shown that the building and equipment of this workhouse cost \$1,675 for each

of the paupers it was designed to house

Baths which cost \$75 each were fitted, and a system of electric lighting and

wiring was installed which had actually

been rejected by the king when it was

proposed for Buckingham palace, be-

cause he considered it altogether too ex-

pensive. Experts swore that \$5,000 had

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