



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 1887.

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The year which has now opened may be a marked one in the history of American politics...

The first Democratic Administration which our country has had for a quarter of a century...

As dwellers in a land in which men of Irish or German parentage have long played a worthy and influential part...

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LANE because he has denied the rumor of an agreement to cut down his estimate by \$40,000,000...

The dual empire of the Habsburgs will remain in a position of perpetuity and danger so long as the German Kaiser's affection for the Czar prevails...

The attitude of Turkey, like that of Austria, is sure to be materially affected by the course of the Berlin Congress...

The difficulty of foretelling the course which Russia will pursue during the coming year, is complicated by the strangely capricious character of the reigning Czar...

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eral party, which obeys the guidance of the present Premier, Darraux. But upon the death of Darraux, which, in view of his advanced age, cannot be distant, power is likely to pass for a long period into the hands of the Radicals...

However grievous may be the position of the Vatican while Darraux is president over King Humbert's Government, it must needs be altered for the worse with the advent of the Radicals to office...

The humiliating failure of the Athens Government's endeavor to obtain an equivalent in Epirus and northern Thessaly for Bulgaria's expansion, marks apparently the limit of Hellenic development...

Lastly, we may reasonably count upon drawing considerably nearer to a satisfactory settlement of our fisheries dispute with the Canadian Dominion before the new-born year has closed...

The Egyptian situation may be materially changed should a new election in Great Britain result in Mr. Gladstone's resumption of office...

The thirteen statistical tables which Mr. Edward Atkinson presents in the Century Magazine give an impressive idea of the material progress accomplished by this country during the first century of its national existence...

Its population for the year 1887 he computes at 59,993,000, with an increase for that amount last year earlier...

Then, as to transportation, the 33,908 miles of railway in operation in 1885 have grown to 129,967 miles in 1886...

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special acts, and railways to be constructed to prevent monopoly in transportation. (7) That habit of popular government which invariably induces the people of each newly formed community to choose its moderator or mayor, its selectmen, assessors of taxes, school committee, and constable...

This is the third year with Mr. Cleveland. This is the last chance. He has had two years of trial. The third year counts. He began in 1885; he was inaugurated in 1886. What does he mean to do in this present and most interesting year?

Will this year be a Mugwump or a Democratic year with him? For the passing time, he holds the Democratic party in his hands. Will he keep it Democratic, or will he choose to try and make it personal?

His personal political fortunes depend upon the answer. For the Democratic party the answer will be interesting, too. But there is a difference. The Democracy depends upon principles, and it outlives every disaster.

We wish the Hon. JACOB SHARP as happy a new year as he deserves. We take the more pleasure in doing so because his continued residence in this town is necessarily a matter of doubt.

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FOR PRESIDENT—1888. Ideas of an Experienced Statesman. To the Editor of the Sun:—The President-elect has recommended an amendment of the Constitution extending the term of the Presidency to six years and prohibiting a reelection. Already in his time there was too much electioneering for the office; no sooner was one nominated and elected, than he or others were maneuvering for the succession, thus perturbing the people and disturbing their private public and domestic life.

The Republican party is so determinedly set upon the renomination of James G. Blaine that his candidacy is a foregone conclusion. He is a Republican, and he has many strong supporters. His election was literally thrown away in 1884, through blunders and overconfidence. These mistakes, it may be said, will not be repeated again.

Whom can the Democratic party nominate to win and be satisfied with, next time? Gen. Phil Sheridan has scarcely been named, or perhaps thought of, in this relation. His political history is such that it is quite probable that he would be Republican-Democratic.

His Excellency OLIVER AMES of Massachusetts may prove one of the most interesting characters of the year. The main duty of the Governor of the Bay State is to make speeches; and Ames can't make 'em.

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WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOCIETY. The old year went out, for the majority of New York people, in storm, cloud, and darkness, which interlarded even with peripatetic small boys and their trumpets, and gave a dull, far-away sound to the chiming of church bells and the screeching of steam whistles. To the society world and those whose pleasure is their business, it made its farewell bow in midnight parties in town, in a blaze of electric light, fireworks, and a grand illumination and Tuxedo, in sounds of revelry among dancers and fiddlers at Pelham, and in noisy merriment at many suburban mansions.

Fairland in winter has been represented at Tuxedo during the week, and what seemed to be impossibilities have been brought to pass for the first time in that column and that society world. The toboggan slide alone was a triumph of mind over matter, and when Mr. Burnett Baldwin made the first descent on Tuesday afternoon, spectators held their breath in anticipation. It was a feat of anything so rapidly accomplished should result disastrously. Mrs. James L. Brees was the first lady to make the trip, but Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., Mrs. Grenville Kane, and Miss Brees soon followed her example.

Mrs. and Mrs. Brees are most enthusiastic Tuxedoites; they spend their mornings skimming over the lake in their column and their afternoons and evenings on the toboggan chute. Mr. Phillips Thonix, the owner of the Erskine, the fastest boat on the lake, can scarcely be induced to leave her, except to enjoy the savory repasts which the club's chef prepares for its members. But in spite of the success of the winter season, the club has the best boats on Tuxedo Lake, the sport is one that does not bear transatlantic. On the Hudson River, and under the supervision of Mr. Irving Gringale and other gentlemen residing in the neighborhood of Rhinebeck and Hyde Park, who have been familiar with its dangers and its pleasures, the club has been very successful and exciting amusement, but one to be severely laid alone by those who lack knowledge and experience in the steering and management of the unconvex art. The accident that befell Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pieren at Tuxedo abundantly proves this. Happily neither of them was hurt, but the unfortunate lady's clothes were literally frozen on her, and it took several hours of active treatment to restore her circulation.

Like every other novelty imported into this country, tobogganing has taken on a tasteless and luxuriousness of method here unknown in the original country. The toboggan suits, which were formerly constructed of heavy woolen material, are now made of a soft, downy material, and which need only a team of reindeer in the foreground to give their wearers the exact appearance of the typical Laplander, are now made with an elegance and becomingness more suggestive of the Beau Brummage in winter than of the rugged region of the mountains. The sleds are dyed a delicate pink or rich cardinal red, to suit the complexion of the purchaser, and the ulster is trimmed with costly sable or other fur, of which also the peaked cap or hood is made. The garment is thus in the highest degree ornamental and becoming to both man and woman. The costumes are worn on sleighing parties, and the tassels of the sleighs and ornaments of the horses' heads are made to correspond in color with the suits.

But fascinating and attractive as Tuxedo has been, and still is, it has by no means had a monopoly of country parties. The Fawn Club in the city had a very successful winter season, and Mr. Waterbury's dance on New Year's eve was an assemblage of beauty and fashion such as Tuxedo could hardly boast. All the belles were there, including Miss Brady, Miss Bullock, Miss Emily Hoekscher, Miss Lawrence, and many others, each with her attendant "best friend" and a host of admirers. The dancing was kept up until midnight, and the party was a very successful one.

There were New Year parties, too, and very happy ones, at Mr. Pierpont Morgan's, on the Hudson; at Mr. George B. Post's, at Bernardsville; at Mr. Hamilton Fish's, at Garrison's; at Mr. J. P. Morgan's, at the Metropolitan Club; and at many other places. The parties were all very successful, and the winter season was a very successful one.

Two engagements were announced during the last week of the year. That of Miss Rosina Emmet and Mr. Arthur Sherwood has a well-known name, and the other, that of Miss Emily Hoekscher and Mr. J. P. Morgan, is a very successful one. The parties were all very successful, and the winter season was a very successful one.

The reopening of the Opera House to-morrow night will be a welcome event to the stay-at-homes, and may have the effect of reconciling tobogganers and arctic mariners to the tamer pleasures of metropolitan life. The audience in the boxes on Wednesday will, however, be somewhat depleted by the absence of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt at her princely residence in the Fifth avenue, which has been closed to the gay world since the famous costume ball of five years ago. During their long absence in Europe Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have added extensively to the furniture and decorations of their house, which is said to contain a collection of cabinets, carvings, and bric-a-brac that is the envy of the museum of rare and costly art. They purchased largely at the sale of the Empress Eugenie's effects, which took place recently in Paris, securing, among other things, the celebrated necklace of Oriental pearls which, after winding several times round the throat, is long enough to reach the floor.

Private theatricals, as they are ironically called, have suffered no check by the departure of the "Queen of the amateur stage." Indeed, her mantle seems to have fallen upon, and to be worn most gracefully by, Miss Elsie DeWolf, who won her first laurels at Tuxedo on Monday night in the character of Julia in Sheridan Knowles's play, "The Hunchback." The part has been such a success that it has given occasion to feeling about it that it is hardly a fair test of a young actress's method and knowledge; but Miss De Wolf did it gracefully, and with considerable dramatic power.

It is impossible, almost to keep pace with the theatrical representations that are going on almost every night in the city. On Friday evening next the Columbia College Dramatic Club will give "The Two Buzards" and "My Taro Next" in the concert hall of the Metropolitan for the benefit of the University crew. The performance is almost certain to be an amusing one, as the female parts are all taken by the rising stars, and there was never a collection of without some talent, and last night's theatricals among its members. Among the names of the performers are James W. Gerard, Jr., John C. Wilmersing, Jr., Meredith Howland, 24, Valentine G. Hall, and Richard Tiche Wainwright—"all likely to be good men and true," as their fathers were.

We are sorry that the report is so entirely erroneous which recently appeared in Mrs. Van Buren's paper, bringing to the opera of a pet squirrel and pet tortoise. Nothing of the sort occurred, and we regret the appearance of the error in this column.

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