FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 1883. ME HEWITT AND THE PRESI-DENCY.

Senator Pugh, of Alabama, regards the Hon. A. S. Hewitt, of New York, as a man who might easily be brought forward as a candidate for President. He thinks that Mr. Hewitt's conservative views, consistently adhered to through years of service in Congress, have won for him many admirers, who prefer a practical man to the mere accidentally prominent men who have merely a local record to give them a claim upon the Democratic party. Recently Mr. Hewitt's name has been favorably mentioned in the same connection in other quarters.—Baltimore Sun.

Several months ago, and not long

after Mr. Hewitt's speech on the tariff question, we declared our readiness to support him for the Presidency, and we would still gladly give him our cordial support if the Democratic Convention should nominate him. Mr. Hewitt comes nearer the standard of statesmanship recognized in Europe than almost any of our public men—that is to say, he combines in larger measure liberal culture with vast practical knowledge of affairs, both general and in detail, than nine hundred and ninetynine out of any thousand of American legislators. His opinions upon questions of revenue and taxation are derived more from a long practical experience in the management of great manufacturing industries than from books—although he is familiar with the works of writers of every school of political economy—and, being charac-terized by entire freedom from even the suspicion of self-interest, they ought to carry unusual weight. His speech on the tariff was an exhaustive and masterly one, and of a higher type than any delivered in the House of

Representatives. We do not know that Mr. Hewitt aspires to the Presidency-if possessed of his wealth, and with no stronger physique than he has, we are very sure we would not-but if he does and should be nominated, he would be elected, and would fill the duties of that exalted station like a statesman and a man of

FLAMMARION'S THEORY. That most remarkable of the modern scientists, Camille Flammarion, has been giving a theory of the origin of serolites, which, although not perhaps entirely new, is attracting attention. Every one of these prolites, or uranolites as they are also called, contains the same chemical constituents as the earth, but, while this is true, these constituents have never been found in exactly

the same arrangement as the stratified earths on the exterior surface of our planet. There is no siliceous rock in an erolite while the larger part of the earth's crust is composed of it. This led to the conclusion that if these bodies came from another planet that planet was not a dead one like the moon, but a young volcanic one, like the earth before its shell was formed. Flammarion suggests that these serolites were once a part of our earth-"perhaps" as the New Orleans Times Democrat puts it "at that epoch when order had begun to crystalize within the chaos of fire; and the first thin crust was being up-heaved by tremendous volcanic action, parhaps even at a more recent period. The American volcanoes, now enfee-bled or extinct, might once have possessed force enough to fling masses far beyond the attraction of the earth. Such projectiles, unless caught by the sun or other bodies, might in obedience to trrefragible law, play comet parts for a time, describing enormous parabolss, and returning at each long revo-lution to cross the terrestrial orbit. Unless it should happen to meet the earth on its first return, the scrolite might travel for millions of years before being finally arrested; and a uran-olite discharged into space during the upheaval of the Andes, might fall back

THE SUGAR TARIFF -- MR. ROB-

upon the world in 1883."

The new tariff, excepting the sugar schedule, goes into effect July 1st. The sugar schedule goes into effect to-day, but will not affect the price of that commodity, as merchants have long since regulated their dealings in it in anticipation of the change. Heretofere in collecting the duty on sugar of all grades the Dutch standard of color was used to ascertain the saccharine strength and dutiable value. The Tressury Department has altered the regulations on this subject, and hereafter the polari-scope will be used to test the lower grades, the Dutch standard being re-tained for importations above No. 18, which includes the refined or semi-re-fined grades. The polariscepe is a wonwith perfect accuracy the saccharine strength of sugars without regard to

We allude to this subject not because the change in the law will make sugar much elicaper to the people, but because it compute as that the best and most interesting speech on the use of the polariscope test which has ever been made in Congress was delivered by the Herious Fun for a Party of Students.

Hos. Wm. M. Bobbins, of this State, in There is great excitement among the students of the Methodist College in The dath Congress, when the committee of Ways and Means, of which he was a member, made their report on the subject. We heard that speech with the member, made their report on the subject. We heard that speech with the greatest pleasure, and never saw the House of Representatives more attentive to the discussion of a question of taxation than it was while Mr. Robbins had the floor. It was an exceedingly instructive and entertaining discourse, and established the speaker's reputation as a man of ability, and a careful student of economic questions.

Delivate Morris from Columbus, where the proposes to arrest a number of student and prosecute them to the fullest extends the law. Some days ago a party of the private room of President Payne the college building, and locked it. When the president returned he four his room a scene of confusion and rullers and carpets were damaged or districted to arrest and prosecute them to the fullest extends the private room of President Payne the college building, and locked it. When the president returned he four his room a scene of confusion and rullers and carpets were damaged or districted to arrest and prosecute them to the fullest extends and prosecute them to the fullest extends the law. Some days ago a party of the

mardered a men near Nevada Mo., for his money. When arraigned in court

ASTRAW.

At the Presbyterian General Assembly at Saratoga, last Tuesday, the temperance committee made its report, and an amendment, offered by the Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson, "declaring against prohibition as a distinctive measure, but bailing with joy and thanksgiving the efforts to check intemperance and the sale of intoxicating beverages by the power of the christian conscience, of public opinion, and the strong arm of the law," was adopted by a two thirds

It is very evident that prohibitory legislation is no longer regarded, even by the religious denominations, as the proper remedy, or indeed as any remedy, for intemperance. It is about as effective for that purpose as the rack and the thumbscrew are for the suppression of science. The great evil can be remedied by wise legislation, but not by sweeping acts of prohibition. Why not try the JOURNAL OBSERVER'S plan of high license, with severe penalties and damages for selling to minors or habitual drunkards? That will do as much for temperance as legislation can do.

While some boys, were hunting for lost base balls among some debris of a brick wall in Philadelphia, last Saturday, one of them kicked out a wallet wrapped in a newspaper which contained \$50,000 in notes, bonds, &c. It had been stolen five years ago, and a reward of \$30 was offered for it, which the boy received.

In addition to the navy yard at Norfolk, Va., Mr Dezendorf wants to have the post office investigated. He charges in a letter to the Postmaster General that it has been prostituted in the in-terest of Mahone, and the Postmaster General replies that if be will make specific charges a thorough invest gation will be made.

Additional details of the Philadelphia Almshouse peculation come to light every now and then. Comptroller Page has just discovered that for seven years Major Phipps stole semething over\$1,-000 a year out of the money paid for the board of patients.

Joe Nall, the defaulting assistant postmaster at Atlanta, attempted suicide last Monday by taking twenty grains of morphine. It was discovered in time and the stomach pump saved him. He had been drinking heavily for some time previous.

Republican methods seem to have taken some hold in Greece. It appears that a number of the officers of the government who were poor a few years ago have become rich by peculating the public fund.

Senator Hampton is winning some reputation as a bear hunter. He has killed nine, since the adjournment of Congress, on his Mississippi plantation, and "oodles" of other game. There is a building boom in Green

ville, S. C., and the News asserts that there are more buildings being erected there than at any other point in the U. S. Marshal Strobach, who is under indictment in Alabama, was a delegate

to the Chicago convention as a Grant man and a proprietor of one of the 306 An angry dispute is now going on in

London between certain titled gentle-men as to whether ladies should be permitted to be present at public din-

A shower of sulphur fell upon Chicago the other day. A premonition of what is in store for the denizens of that burg when they arrive in the other

At the coronation of the Czar the American minister was sandwiched between the Chinese and Japanese representatives.

About the time that Proctor Knott was nominated for Governor of Kentucky, Duluth discovered a gold mine within her city limits.

The dominions of the Czar of Russia cover 8,400,000 square miles, and his sub jects number 90,000,000.

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The high license system for salcon licenses continue to attract attention, and many cities are adopting it. Where it has been on trial for some time the results give extreme satisfaction. The St. Louis Republican relates that the high license plan has been put in operation at Fulton in that State, the rate being \$1,500 a year, besides the State and county taxes. The place has a population of \$,000, and there are four salcons paying the above amount. Under the new license is \$550 to \$1,200, rates which many persons believed it would be impossible to pay, but Fulton and other towns both in Missouri and Illineis show to the contrary. Under the usual system Fulton would have twelve to fifteen salcons. Cape Girardeau, which is but little larger than Fulton, has twenty-three. Where the business is so divided up, some of the dealers get but a meager living, and many of the salcons are disreputable places. Four salcons supplies Fulton very well, and they are orderly, well kept establishments. The best proof of the success of the change is that the people like it; those who attend the salcons express themselves satisfied with the change, while the people generally are delighted with it, as the foul groggeries are swept away and drunkenness and disorder are diminished. High Lacence Spreading.

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