

Topics of the Week.

The most important political event of the week is the re-election of Wm. H. Seward to the United States Senate, by the legislature of New York. This event seals the fate of the old Silvers Gray faction of the whig party, which, for a brief hour, has shown a little life under the guise of Know Nothingism.

Another attempt was made on Saturday night, before the Supreme Court, by the Cleveland and Erie road, to obtain a special injunction against the city of Erie. We annex the action of the Court:

Wm. H. Seward, Esq. produced a certified copy of the record of the Court of Common Pleas of Erie county of a discontinuance of the proceedings between the Erie and the Cleveland and Erie roads for a special injunction in this Court.

George Griscom, Esq. appeared for the defendants, and resisted the motion, stating his readiness to show, on various grounds, that it ought not to be granted.

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Section 1 rescinds, revokes and utterly and forever annuls the rights and privileges heretofore granted to the Erie and North East Railroad Company, by the act of April 12, 1842.

Section 2 directs the Governor of the State to take possession of the road.

Section 3 makes it the duty of sheriff and all good citizens, whether or not required by the Governor, to aid and assist in carrying out this law.

Section 4 requires the Governor, after taking possession of the road, to give notice of the same to the President of the company, personally, or by copy left at the office of the company, that the company may be restored to the possession of the road on these conditions, which, on accepting, they shall enter upon their books, as conditions of the renewal of every grant of charter, and in consideration of the company shall by a proper divergence east of the limits of the city of Erie, extend their road to the harbor of Erie on such level and in such manner as to permit sailing, or tracking of vessels, and to be suitably altered for the transportation of merchandise and freight to and from vessels and steamboats.

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A Fight in High Life.

When a couple of Arakanese, Irishmen or Know Nothings, take a "beat," responsibility falls upon them, and they are held to account for every step they take. It is not so with a "fight in high life," where the "beat" is taken by the "high life" themselves, and the responsibility is thrown upon the "low life" who witness it.

To my mind this "fight in high life," is one of the legitimate fruits of the laissez-faire of Walker in permitting his fellow citizens for their difference of opinion with him to railroad matters, it is to my mind, the most unjust thing that has ever happened in this city.

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