

Notice to our Patrons. The Twenty-fifth Volume of the Observer will close on the 12th of May next.

Topics of the Week. "Will Thompson's bill pass the Senate?" has been the local inquiry this week.

The Correspondent of the Pittsburgh Enquirer, writing from Harrisburg under date of the 19th, says that in the House when the free soil resolutions came up, Judge Thompson, of Erie, made a most elegant speech on the subject.

The papers in the interest of the New York Herald and "Sam" have been unusually busy of late in manufacturing rumors about "Cabinet differences," "disagreements" and "troubles."

Among the papers of the House during the past week is a report from the Main Line of Erie, published in the Erie Standard, eight miles below the head of Lake Erie.

A terrible explosion on the propeller Oregon occurred above Detroit a few days since. The total number of persons on board was 25.

That Know Nothingism is a great "institution" is now a self-evident fact—that is, in that splendid coup de etat makes a thing self-evident.

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Thompson's Bill Passed the Senate, 20 to 12. To the Mayor and Councils. Harrisburg, April 26. Thompson's Bill passed the Senate 20 to 12.

Relative to Lighting the City of Erie with Gas. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:

Section 2. That the Mayor and Councils shall have honor to the Legislature of our glorious Old Commonwealth! All honor to the untiring energy of those tried, true and faithful representatives of Erie, THOMPSON, SKINNER and BALL!

Section 3. That if the said street light tax shall not be paid by the owner of the premises, the Mayor and Councils may cause the same to be collected by the collector of taxes.

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