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**CITY NOTES**  
 VACCINATIONS.—Eighty children were vaccinated at the Lackawanna hospital yesterday. Sixty-seven were vaccinated Tuesday.  
 AN OYSTER SUPPER.—The ladies of the Penn. Ave. Baptist church will serve an oyster supper on Thursday night, January 24.  
 SALE OPENS TOMORROW.—The sale of seats for the Broadway entertainment course will open at the box office tomorrow at 9 o'clock.  
 ANNUAL REORGANIZATION.—The annual reorganization of the directors of the First National bank will take place Saturday morning next at 10 o'clock.  
 DISCHARGED THE CASE.—James O'Boyle, of River street, was discharged by Alderman Miller last night on the charge of assault and battery and threats to kill.  
 GREENBERGER DISCHARGED.—Benjamin Greenberger, the 34-year-old boy, who was arrested Tuesday night for the larceny of a sled, was discharged by the mayor yesterday.  
 CARDEN FINED.—Patrick Carden, who was arrested by Patrolman Duggan for creating a disturbance at Simrell's carriage store yesterday, was fined \$5 by the mayor yesterday.  
 STRUCK BY CRANE.—Mike Stavitz, of Seventh street, was struck by one of the moving cranes in the foundry of the Dickinson works yesterday and painfully injured on the back. He was taken to the Lackawanna hospital.  
 OMITTED HIS NAME.—In The Tribune's account of the Seventeenth ward caucus yesterday the name of John E. Hove was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Hove was elected the Republican candidate for alderman of the Seventeenth ward to succeed himself.  
 LUNCH AND TEA.—A committee consisting of Mrs. Preston Robinson, Miss Jennie Reynolds and Miss Martha Dimmock will serve lunch and tea today at 215 Wyoming avenue for the benefit of the grounds committee of the Home for the Friendless.

**ACIDENT TO TUMBLER**—Tracy Roberts, a 16-year-old boy, broke two bones in his left forearm last night while tumbling at an entertainment given by the Boys' Industrial Association at the St. Luke's parish house. He was removed to the Lackawanna hospital.  
**ANNUAL MEETING**—The annual meeting of the Home for the Friendless will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Young Women's Christian association rooms. All the male and female members are privileged to vote at the election of officers. The public is requested to be present.  
**PAY-DAYS**—The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Baltimore No. 2 and Baltimore Tunnel mines, at Wilkes-Barre, and the White Oak mines at Archbald. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company completed their pay for December yesterday, when the employees of Luzerne county were paid.  
**OBTAINED MONEY BY FRAUD**—Peter Snyder, of Banker Hill, was held under \$500 bail by Alderman Miller yesterday for obtaining money under false pretenses. The prosecutor, Frank Ship, claims that Snyder borrowed \$25 from him at odd times upon a box of mine tools. When they were returned Snyder refused to pay.

**Y. W. C. A. NOTES**—The new cooking classes are beginning work. Now is the time to register for a second factory course. The girls' industrial club is taking a most practical course, that of table setting and waiting. Girls up to 30 years of age are eligible to this club. The hour of meeting is Friday at 4 p. m.  
**GOLLY IN TROUBLE**—Joseph Goley, of Mott's avenue, was arrested before Alderman Miller yesterday on the charge of assault and battery, non-support and threats to kill, received by his wife. He was discharged on the assault and battery charge and held under \$300 bail for desertion and non-support and threats.  
**WILL BE TAKEN HOME**—C. D. Decker, of 225 Garfield avenue, who was taken to the Lackawanna hospital in December suffering with a remittent fever, sustained this morning, his discharge from the hospital and will be taken home by his mother.  
**FROZEN ORE AGAIN**—Frank Koslosky, of 503 First street, Dolgeton, was investigating some ore which had frozen on the top of one of the chimneys at the blast furnace yesterday. The ore broke off and struck him on the left leg, painfully bruising him but fortunately not breaking any bones. He was taken to the Moses Taylor hospital.  
**CLOT OF BLOOD REMOVED**—S. M. Corson, agent at the Providence station of the Delaware and Hudson company, who was struck by an engine last week and rendered unconscious, is reported much improved at the Hahnemann hospital. The clot of blood which formed on the brain has been removed and Mr. Corson's speedy recovery is expected.  
**EXCELSIOR CLUB'S OFFICERS**—The following officers were elected last night by the members of the Excelsior Social club to serve for the coming year: President, Isadore Goodman; vice president, Levi Kramer; treasurer, Benjamin Smoller; secretary, Isaac Brown; trustees, Arthur Long, Andrew Kroski, William Moses, H. E. Reis and Joseph Levy.  
**WILLIAM COOK INJURED**—William Cook, a young man employed as elevator runner by the Lackawanna mine, was slightly injured early yesterday morning. He was at the ground floor when an elevator came down, striking him on the head against the sharp edge of the door, cutting a deep gash. He was taken to his home in West Scranton, where his injuries were dressed by a physician.

**THE TRADERS NATIONAL BANK**  
 January 8, 1901.  
**ASSETS.**  
 Loans and investments.....\$1,295,396.79  
 United States Bonds with premiums.. 254,000.00  
 Cash in vault and banks..... 61,927.36  
 Bank building..... 140,000.00  
**\$2,351,324.15**  
**LIABILITIES.**  
 Capital stock.....\$ 850,000.00  
 Surplus..... 100,000.00  
 Undivided profits..... 17,749.98  
 Dividends unpaid..... 3,580.00  
 Circulation..... 226,000.00  
 Deposits..... 1,655,927.67  
**\$2,293,257.65**  
**OFFICERS.**  
 JOHN T. PORTER, President.  
 W. W. WATSON, Vice-President.  
 FRANK L. PHILLIPS, Cashier.

**Removal Sale.**  
 Attend Nettleton's Removal Sale, Shoes at one-fourth price. Washington avenue.

**PURCHASE OF THE CENTRAL GIVES READING PROMINENCE IN COAL TRADE.**  
**J. Pierpont Morgan Closed a \$50,000,000 Deal in Four Minutes and Outwitted the Slower Baltimore and Ohio Negotiators—Reading Will Take Full Advantage of the Opportunities Its New Position Gives It—Reported Real Object of the Consolidation of Interests.**

The Philadelphia Press had this yesterday from its New York correspondent:  
 The great coup of Mr. Morgan in getting control of the Jersey Central for the Reading company is still the topic of interest in Wall street, and President Harris, who came over from Philadelphia to talk over the details with Mr. Morgan, was much sought after, but when found the newspaper men could not secure any information from him.  
 Constable Cole entered the house and found six cases of empty bottles and two cases of bottles containing beer. The bottles were examined and two were selected as belonging to Lukan. Cole was leaving the house when the defendant and his wife tried to prevent his passage.  
 Mocco became angry and rushed out into the yard. Cole followed and Mocco picked up the axe and threatened to split the officer's head. McDonald intervened between the two and arrested Mocco.  
 Yesterday afternoon, Constable Cole, accompanied by Deputy Constable McDonald, armed with a search warrant to recover bottles owned by John Lukan, a bottler of Capouse avenue, went to Mocco's house, on Smith street. Mocco was chopping wood with an axe in the yard when the officers arrived.  
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**TO SAVE OLD ACTS FROM AN ATTACK.**  
**Amendment to the Constitution Suggested by Judge R. W. Archbald in an Act He Has Drawn.**

As a means of checking the attacks, made so often for mere purposes of delay on the part of the general assembly, President Judge Archbald proposes an amendment to the constitution making all laws immune from the allegations of defective title or special legislation, after they have been in force for one year.  
 The draft of the bill incorporating the amendment reads as follows:  
 JOINT RESOLUTION.  
 Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution.  
 Be it enacted, etc., that the following be proposed as an amendment to the constitution, to be designated as the XIX article thereof, viz: ARTICLE XIX.  
 No act of the general assembly, after ten years from the date of its passage, shall be held unconstitutional by reason of any defect or insufficiency in the title, or on the ground that it is a local or special law relating to any of the subjects prohibited by the constitution, except such act, within that period, shall have been adjudged by the courts of this state or of the United States, having jurisdiction, and the general assembly, at its next session, shall provide for the ascertainment and promulgation of such decisions.  
 The bill will be offered at the coming session of the legislature. To become operative the amendment must be approved by two consecutive assemblies.

**THEIR FIRST KNOWLEDGE.**  
 As this was the first knowledge they had of a competitor they were astonished, and in thinking the matter over, have been more impressed with the change of their position than they were. Their feelings have not been improved by the appearance of short slips to "insulted" language suggesting that the Baltimore and Ohio cut gas from the Pennsylvania, or if worst come to worst, use their own State Island property, getting there the best way possible. The truth is the Baltimore and Ohio is short of fuel, and its traffic to the metropolis is safeguarded only by a traffic contract. This may be sufficient, but it is not what might have been.  
 As to the effect on the Pennsylvania road, there are already stories here that Mr. Cassatt does not fully like the prominence that facilities on the North river give the Reading and that he demands a fifty cent ton to the cent on the gas and water, which the Reading Central purchase will be divided up in some way among the high contracting trunk line companies.  
 This report is perfectly correct, on the contrary, the Reading company will use its new metropolitan position to increase its anthracite coal, bituminous coal and western freight traffic. It has been frequently pointed out that the Reading's bituminous coal traffic has in the last few years reached a point at which it is important. Every means will be taken to develop it and to use the same as a factor in the soft coal trade.  
 Looking at the matter on all sides, it may be said that the Reading is in a position to take advantage of the combination between the Jersey Central acquisition with something like his barren interest, while the Pennsylvania-Baltimore and Ohio end does not seem anything funny in it at all.

**SELLING AGENCY.**  
 The New York Evening Post has this to say about the sale:  
 The real object of consolidation is said to be the establishment of a single selling agency in this city, after the fashion of the Standard Oil company, and by doing this the great coal trust resultant would be able to dispense with many highly-salaried officials, and ultimately to offer competition to the gas and water companies by reducing the price of anthracite coal.  
 The idea of a single agency is not favorably viewed by a number of officers in the leading anthracite companies. The president of one of the Morgan property-said today that this far no such scheme had been proposed, current talk having no foundation in anything done. He added that it was manifestly a New York affair and to have an opinion as to the feasibility of a single coal selling agency until some definite plan had been formulated. Personally, he thought that there were commercial considerations which would have to be allowed for, even with the roads under a single control.

**COMPANY MUST VACATE.**  
**John Gibbons Says the Trolley People Are Trespassers.**  
 School Controller John Gibbons is up in arms against the Scranton Railway company and threatens to block their line running to Atmooka and Pittston. His daughter, he says, owns some property on Cedar avenue, near Ripple street, over which the company runs its lines, and he proposes to compel it to vacate.  
 The property belonged to Mr. Gibbons' father, John A. Gibbons, who had sold it to the old Scranton Passenger Railway company and bought it back again when the franchise of that company was taken up by the present Scranton Railway company. The deal, he says, contained no clause giving the company any right of way over the land. He deeded the lot to his daughter some time ago.  
 The Traders National Bank held their annual meeting of shareholders for the election of directors for the ensuing year, January 8th, at the office of The Traders National Bank.  
 The judges of the election were Geo. W. Finn, Willard Matthews, and H. W. Rowley. At the close of the polls the judges reported the following gentlemen duly elected to serve as directors for the ensuing year:  
 John T. Porter, Joe. J. Jeramy,  
 Class. Schlager, E. J. Robinson,  
 Chas. P. Matthews, M. S. Koshlitz,  
 C. E. Childtens, W. L. Connell,  
 E. S. Jones, L. A. Finch,  
 E. W. Morse, W. W. Watson.

**GRIP IS VERY PREVALENT.**  
**Large Number of Cases Now in the City.**  
 There is an epidemic of grip and pneumonia prevalent in nearly every section of the city, and the physicians are kept constantly on the move to attend their patients. One well-known practitioner remarked last evening that the present grip infections are rapidly developing into pneumonia, and that there will soon be extra work for the undertakers if the dreaded disease continues.  
 Extraordinary care should be taken to avoid draughts and exposure. The wretched condition of many of the streets, where the overflow of surface water has become stagnated, is undoubtedly one of the principal sources of sickness, but physicians generally attribute the grip to climatic conditions.

**UNKNOWN MAN WITH GUN.**  
**He Held Up James Smith, of Mulberry Street.**  
 An unknown man said to be a special police officer of Dunmore, attempted to hold up James Smith, of 416 Mulberry street, just before 12 o'clock last night. Mr. Smith was walking through Center street, between Penn and Franklin avenues, when a man stepped out in front of him with a revolver in his hand. The man with the gun demanded where he was going. Smith demanded of Patrolman Karis and Lieutenant Davis responded. The unknown was arrested and taken to the Center street station house, where he refused to reveal his identity.

**MT. PLEASANT STRIKE SETTLED.**  
**The Colliery Resumed Operations Yesterday Morning.**  
 The strike at the Mt. Pleasant colliery of the Elk Hill Coal and Iron company, has been settled and the men resumed work yesterday morning. The men went out about a week ago because they alleged, that a boy employed at the mine had not been paid what had been promised him.  
 District President Nichols called on Superintendent Bryden and arranged the settlement. The boy has been given a similar position at another colliery at a wage satisfactory to the miners.

**KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.**  
**Timothy Shea Fatally Injured by Explosion in Pine Brook Mine.**  
 Timothy Shea, of the corner of Monroe avenue and Grove street, was fatally injured by an explosion in the Pine Brook mine yesterday morning. Shea's leg was literally blown to pieces, nothing but a shapeless mass of bone from the hip downward remaining to mark that extremity. The right arm from the elbow down was likewise shattered. There was also a gash over the eye, another in the back of the head and minor bruises about the body.  
 Shea was taken to the Lackawanna hospital at 10 o'clock in the morning and lived until 7:30 last night. Two fuses had failed to ignite a charge of powder and Shea prepared a third. He lighted the squib and waited, as he thought, a sufficient time for the fire to reach the charge. While returning to investigate, the explosion occurred, hurling the rock and coal in all directions and inflicting the above injuries to Shea. Undertaker Cusick took charge of the remains.

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It is understood that Judge Archbald will today send for the grand jury and give its members detailed instructions as to their powers in making an investigation of the alleged crookedness among aldermen and justices of the peace, in collecting fees on fictitious cases.  
 When the jury retires, District Attorney W. R. Lewis will have ready for its consideration a number of bills of indictment founded on information furnished by County Solicitor Herbert L. Taylor, and secured by him through the activities of ex-County Detective Thomas E. Reynolds, as told of at length in yesterday's Tribune.  
 There is a possibility that the thing will go over for another term, as the commissioners believe the defective has not rounded up all the offenders, and that he should be given more time, that he may make the job complete. The chances are, though, that the district attorney will proceed with such cases as are ready and deal with the others as they are brought in.  
 The county commissioners say they do not want to have the affair made subject to criticism by any seeming partiality. They gave orders to the county solicitor to investigate and break up this evil. Further than that they have no concern in the matter.  
 The disclosure of the names of the accused magistrates will occasion surprise, it is said. Some, who from current report, would be the first to be included among them, are found to have been wholly free from any act which would make them liable to prosecution, while others who would be among the last to be suspected, are reported by the detective to be the worst offenders.  
**Lukan Goes to Jail.**  
 John Lukan, the Capouse avenue bottler, who was convicted at the last term of court of selling liquor without a license, yesterday presented himself for sentence and was fined \$300 and sent to the county jail for six months by Judge Archbald.  
 Lukan had a bottler's license but sold at retail price a bar. The men's union charged him with selling without a license and he was convicted of this charge. His attorney, Joseph O'Brien, contended the Lukan could not be sentenced for selling without a license, as he had a license, and that only the penalty of a fine could be imposed on him was that prescribed for violating the provisions of his bottler's license, which is much milder than that imposed for selling without a license.  
 Judge Archbald held in an opinion rendered last Saturday, that Lukan was charged with and convicted of selling without a license and that it remained for the court to sentence him accordingly.  
 The case will not be appealed.  
**Grand Jury Return Today.**  
 The grand jury will make its first return today. It will also hear the Taylor borough annexation case and, as told above, listen to instructions from Judge Archbald, on the proposed Lexow of the aldermen and justices of the peace.

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**COURT HOUSE NEWS NOTES.**  
 Attorney W. A. Wilcox was yesterday appointed master to distribute the liens, etc., in the case of Deen against Brown.  
 The returns of the elections in the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth wards were received yesterday at Probationary Copeland's office and will be counted today by court.  
 A writ was yesterday granted to strike off judgment in the case of the Commonwealth to the use of Lackawanna county against John Yonkous and others. It is returnable next Saturday.  
 The will of William C. Beaumont, late of Scranton, was yesterday admitted to probate. Bertha Elizabeth Beaumont and John B. Beaumont, daughter and son, respectively, are heirs and executors.  
 January 21, at 4:30 p. m., was yesterday filed by Judge Archbald as the time for hearing testimony in the divorce case of Lemuz Connor against Michael Connor and Margaret McGowan against John J. McGowan.  
 Constable Samuel Rowdy, of the First ward of Archbald, yesterday appointed John McGinn as his deputy. T. J. Price was appointed deputy to Constable Charles W. Noack, of the Thirteenth ward. Court approved the appointments.  
 The two separate cases of kidnapping sustained by Mrs. Edda, against the Scranton Railway company, was yesterday reported settled. The company paid the plaintiffs \$2,500. They sued for \$20,000 damages for injuries sustained by Mrs. Davis in the Rendham collision of last summer. Welles & Torrey represented the plaintiffs.  
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