...and About ...The City

An Automobile Run.

The Scranton Automobile club will conduct a club run this afternoon, leaving Morey & Brooks' store at 2:30 o'clock. About twenty-five carriages and cars will be in line.

Asks for a Divorce.

Mrs. Jennie Evans yesterday brought action in divorce against her husband, Caradoc Evans. The couple were married on August 1, 1897, and separated October 15 of the same year. Mrs. Evans alleges cruel and barbarous treatment and indignity to her person as grounds for her action.

Taken to Wilkes-Barre.

Bessie Ray, the colored woman, who was arrested in this city on the charge of larceny, was taken to Wilkes-Barre yesterday, to answer the charge of stealing a sum of money from a house in Parsons.

Scranton vs. Carbondale.

The Carbondale Indians and an All-Scranton foot ball team will meet at Athletic park on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 5. Both teams are considered very formidable, and a lively contest is anticipated. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

Socialist Labor Party.

John Burschell, J. H. Dreher, Henry Jenkins, Peter Burschell and Arthur Jenkins yesterday filed an affidavit with the prothonotary, claiming for themselves, as members of the Socialist Labor party, the right to use that title in the county elections in 1903.

EVIDENCE ALL IN

Arguments in Thornton Insurance Case and Charge to the Jury Will Be Made Wednesday.

All the evidence in the Thornton insurance case which has been occupying the attention of the United States court for the past wek was in yesterday afternoon at adjournment. The lawyers on both sides will sum up and Judge Archbald will deliver his charge to the jury next Wednesday. Adjournment was taken until that time in order to give the jurymen an opportunity to return to their homes and vote on election day.

The defense called Frank Puckley, a Wilkes-Barre book dealer, to the stand yesterday morning to testify as to the value of the books of the plaintiff. Mr. Puckley had examined the books before insurance was placed on them and he testified that their value was about $1,000. The damage done to them by the fire was about $600, he said. Thornton claims their value to have been about $3,000.

H. P. Geddes, assistant manager of Isaac Long's store, testified as to the value of the ladies' wearing apparel burned in the fire and gave figures considerably below those named by Thornton. Mrs. Lyman Agnew, an acquaintance of the Thornton's, testified as to the value of certain of the furnishings in the Thornton home.

The plaintiff's called a number of witnesses in rebuttal. Among these were Frank Golden, who was formerly a newspaper reporter in Wilkes-Barre. He testified to having visited the Thornton home at Kingston on the night of the fire just after they had moved in. He remained in the house for some time and came back to Wilkes-Barre with both Mr. and Mrs. Thornton separating from them at the public square. They went on toward their former home, he said, after announcing their intention of remaining there over night. He couldn't remember whether or not the gas was put out before they left the Kingston house.

Mrs. Andrews, who moved out of the house in Kingston into which the Thornton's moved, testified that she at their request had lighted a fire in the furnace on the morning of the day on which their furniture was moved in. She went away about noon leaving this fire lit, she said.

Mr. Thornton was called and denied certain statements which had been made regarding certain furniture which he was alleged to have turned over to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Campbell. The latter corroborated his testimony along this line.

Scranton People Interested in a Big Oil Company.

The Cleveland Scranton Oil company, which is now organizing, has already met with wonderful success. They have purchased 513 acres of the best oil grounds in Hancock county, Ohio, and have twenty-seven producing wells, with a production of 250 barrels daily, with opportunities of placing seventy-five more wells. One new well, which was shot last Monday, is producing 150 barrels daily. This property is all proven oil territory. The Standard Oil company has all the necessary pipes to pump the oil to their main pipe line. The company has been successful in securing Mr. Charles H. Marr to take the position of field superintendent. Mr. Marr is one of the veteran oil men in the business, having been a producer and refiner all his life. To Mr. Marr belongs the credit of having opened up the Colorado oil field, particularly at Florence, Col., where he brought to the front the oil production and refining of the Rocky Mountain Oil company, becoming so active a competitor of the Standard Oil company that it was induced to purchase the stock of the Rocky Mountain Oil company at a large profit to its stockholders. Mr. Marr was also associated with the Backus Oil company, of Cleveland, during the early days of the oil business, and later on was associated with Clark Bros. & Co., another one of the early and successful oil companies. During the last ten years he has been associated with several prominent companies, notably the Columbia Refinery company, of New York, and the Wilson-Clark Co., of Cleveland, Ohio.

The company will be organized under the laws of New Jersey, and will have a capitalization of $500,000,000, with 5,000 shares of stock, par value $100 per share. Twenty new wells will be drilled at once on the properties and these will undoubtedly bring up the daily settled production to at least 400 barrels. With its present production as it is today, the company will be in a position to pay 12 per cent. on its capital stock. A limited number of shares of the company are being sold at the present time at $50 per share. This stock on the present basis would net the holders 24 per cent. per annum. With the additional wells to be put down, no limit can be placed as to the company's earnings and ability to pay dividends.

The following gives a list of the few of the more prominent stockholders of the company: Messrs. Elmer H. Latwall, D. M. Reynolds, John Reynolds, H. C. Robinson, E. J. Lewis and M. J. Fawst, of Scranton, Pa., and Walter S. Bowler, James H. Clark, jr., A. G. Clark, Harry A. Manchester, James A. Manchester, Frank M. Kirk, Charles H. Wellman, William B. White and Harry Jones, of Cleveland, O., and Dr. Casselberry, of Hazleton, Pa. **

New Eye Glass Frame.

Dr. B. A. Baer, eye specialist, 331 Washington avenue, has just brought out a new idea in eye-glass frames. It consists of a special curled tip on the temples of the frames. While holding the spectacles firmly on the nose this device does away with the old hook which often hurt the ear.

Another novelty is an eye-glass cleaner which will be appreciated by all eye-glass wearers. **

HEMBERGER IS HONORED

LOCAL MUSICIAN'S STANDING IN PRIZE CONTEST.

Entered the Competition for a Prize for the Best Musical Composition Setting to Music a German Poem and the Adjudicators Decide That His Selection Possesses More Artistic Worth Than Any of the 397 Others Submitted by Musicians in All Parts of the World.

Sometime ago the Saengerfest society of Baltimore, Md., offered a prize for the best musical composition setting to music a poem entitled "Das Deutsche Volkslied." The contest was world-wide in its scope and composers from nearly every country in Continental Europe and from all over the United States entered.

The adjudicators selected the music written by Louis V. Saar as being the best qualified of the 387 compositions offered and awarded him the prize. They also formulated an honorable list of twenty-one others with the explanation that the compositions submitted by the first three on this list far surpass the prize winning composition in artistic worth but lack one requisite, namely, a popular style. The first name appearing on this list is that of Theodore Hemberger, of this city, whose abilities as a musician are so well known. Mr. Hemberger can therefore lay claim to having produced the most artistic composition submitted in the contest.

The Translation.

The following Baltimore despatch translated from the New York Staats Zeitung gives the official announcement of the officers of the saengerfest society:

At a session held by the officers of the Saengerfest society, it was decided by the judges of the prize song competition to give an official statement. The statement is of particular interest to musical circles of the whole civilized world, as twenty-one of the prize song compositions receive therein honorable montion. The list was accompanied by the following letter:

To Mr. L. H. Wieman, President of the Saengerfest society—

Dear Sir: We, the undersigned, members of the committee of adjudication for the best musical composition to the poem, "Das Deutsche Volkslied," by Pastor Hildebrandt, of Constableville, N. Y., have, in our last meeting, unanimously decided that of the 397 compositions received, the one under the motto "Heil Deutschem Leid und Sang," by Louis V. Saar, the most qualified for the purpose, and therefore entitled to the prize. In our following meeting, after possessing a full list of the names of competitors, we have also decided to make public the announcement of twenty-one names worthy of honorable mention. We herewith kindly request you to publish, in rotation the names on the accompanying list. The letter was signed by the adjudicators for prize song competition—O. B. Boise, D. Melamet and Ed. Heimendahl. The list is as follows:

PROF. THEODORE HEMBERGER.

The Honor List.

1. Theodore Hemberger, Scranton, Pa.
2. Hermann Spielter, New York.
3. Gustav Baldamus, St. Gallen, Switzerland.
4. Arthur Claasen, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5. Eugene Katschena, Zurich, Switzerland.
6. Prof. Oscar Wermann, Dresden, Germany.
7. Theodore Podbertsky, Munich, Germany.
8. Prof. Emil Burgsteller, Pilsen, Bohemia.
9. Prof. Reinhold Becker, Dresden, Germany.
10. Prof. Johannes Vollert, Wegesack, Germany.
11. Karl Schauss, Weisbaden, Germany.
12. Heinrich Zoellner, Leipsic, Germany.
13. Florian Theisig, St. Petersburg, Russia.
14. Julius Lorenz, New York.
15. Julius Schmidt, Basel, Switzerland.
16. Gustav Cords, Weisbaden, Germany.
17. Knoechel Crefeld, Germany.
18. Carl Samans, Philadelphia, Pa.
19. A. Schwarz, Straubig, Germany.
20. Anton Reichert, Dresden, Germany.
21. Edward Brencole, Osnabruck.

The public announcement of these names is of special significance to the the three first named composers, the chairman of the committee having declared that among the 397 compositions received, there were at least three, which, from an artistic standpoint, eclipsed the chosen composition but which were rejected, having lacked one condition only, namely, national popular style. Of these Mr. Hemberger's stood first.

The Scranton Liederkranz.

On account of the funeral of our late member, Peter Haettich, our monthly meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 9, 1902. All members requested to meet at the hall Sunday, Nov. 2, at 1 p. m. sharp, to attend the funeral. By order of the president. **