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Today's observance of the Fourth of July is marked by an absence of torpedoes, fire crackers and other explosives.

Sarah Bernhardt's last tour of the United States netted her the neat sum of \$340,000, and she traveled 25,000 miles. A joy ride like that is worth while.

Manufacturing institutions pay splendid dividends in Wichita Falls. One reason for this is that natural gas as a fuel is used. One institution alone paid a dividend of 60 per cent to its stockholders.

In Navarro county a local option election contest is to be pulled off on July 22nd, the same day that the election for statewide prohibition is to be held. Such a situation would be rather embarrassing in this county to those fellows who say they are for local option, but not statewide prohibition.

The pros may have been guilty of mudslinging in the present campaign but we have yet to hear them charged with egg throwing such as the attack on Comptroller Lane at San Antonio recently.

President Taft has gone on record as against "scientific tariff tinkering." In making this statement he has done it at the risk of being accused of "attempting to besmirch somebody's honor."

Broom corn is now selling right around \$100 per ton. It is estimated that one man can successfully cultivate ten acres of this crop and with a favorable season and proper cultivation, there is no crop that pays better.

The claim of the Morgan-Gugenheim-Cunningham Syndicate to the Alaskan coal lands has been turned down by the Federal government which fact should at least provoke a smile from Gifford Pinchot, who was asked to resign from the public service because he had the temerity to call attention to and expose the frauds.

Ex-Gov. Campbell is on the stump in Texas speaking for the adoption of the statewide amendment, while Gov. Colquitt is doing the same thing for the opposition. From this it would seem that Colquitt is to have opposition for a second term and also that Campbell will be his opponent.

When the liquor traffic grows so strong and powerful that it, in one way or other controls the governments of our cities, our counties and the state, it is time that the saloon should be done away with. In the judgment of this paper this is the situation today in Texas. As to whether this should be continued will be determined on the 22nd day of this month.

The Wichita Falls newspaper last Sunday reported that Byers and Petrohla had a good rain Saturday evening. Wonder where it got its information. If it rained in this section Saturday we knew nothing about it, and we looked just as hard as we could to see it too. Please don't report rain at Byers until we have it, it makes us feel bad to see something so good reported and nothing of it.—Byers Herald.

The articles of Mrs. Smoot on "Prohibition in Oklahoma" are very interesting. Indeed, if true, the talented lady also devotes considerable space telling of her experience in Georgia in a place she entered and ordered buttermilk, but was served with beer. While these articles are interesting and make splendid campaign thunder for the anti, if she would tell the size of the check she received for writing them it would perhaps be more interesting.

On the question of prohibition long experience and reflection convince me that when thirty years ago I opposed prohibition in a speech in the Senate I did wrong. I deplore the error and if strength will last me I will correct the evil then done by an address to the people. The iron had then entered into my soul, for the saloon has left me desolate in my old age. It is the king evil of the century and all our laws to regulate it have only been a mockery, a delusion and a snare. Not one saloon could exist in Austin, where nearly a thousand young men with beards on their faces are in the University and are prohibited from drinking in a saloon if a vigilant detective force was at work.—Judge A. W. Terrell.

Manufacturing enterprises located in Wichita Falls pay large dividends. In fact one concern boasts that it paid 30 per cent cash and 30 per cent stock dividend in one year, and that is going some. One cause for this is that natural gas is used as a fuel and while the present price is reasonable, there is a move on foot to get lower rates, in which event manufacturing enterprises may be expected to pay larger dividends.

A Washington dispatch credits an interview to Senator Bailey in which the Senator is made to say that he is in thorough accord with one wing of the Republican party on the reciprocity bill. Such dispatches are not worth much as news items, and it is an imposition on the newspapers to pay telegraph tolls on them.

The Frisco has announced that it will build 500 miles of additional track in Texas, and several other roads will also add additional mileage. This in the face of the fact that what is known as the I. & G. N. bill was passed over the protest of the railroads and commercial bodies of Texas at the last session of the legislature leads one to believe that all the railroad builders have not yet been frightened out of the state by the calamity screamers.

The Lord must have been behind and directing the bullet fired from a .45 Colt's by a woman at Fort Worth on Friday night of last week. It lodged in the heart of a black scoundrel who was making an effort to open the door of her home, occupied by none other than herself and four-year-old boy. It was a brave and commendable act. May her kind grow more numerous, and when they do there will be fewer crimes like that of criminal assault and burglary, because there will be fewer criminals to commit them.

The reciprocity bill is denounced by such Republican leaders as Senator Borah as a Democratic measure, and as much as our Republican president favors it is making a brilliant fight for its passage, an attempt is being made to read him out of the party. In this instance, at least, President Taft is all right, and if he will stick to his text and fight it out along lines indicated, he will make us just about as good a president as any one of the several Democrats who are aspiring for the nomination.

For the six months of the current year there have been 25 deaths by violence in Dallas according to the Times Herald. This leads the same period last year by four. Twelve of the killings of the current year were done by pistols which shows that this is the popular method used by those inclined to kill. Next in popularity comes knives, five meeting death by this route. A rifle was alleged to have been the weapon used in one case and a shotgun in another. Poison is alleged to have been used in one case, a cooper's maul in another, hammer in another, piece of 2x4 scuffling in one case, coupling pin in another and knife held clinched in a man's hand from which a blow on the head was struck, in another case.

A press dispatch in today's paper states that pastors of churches in Texas as cities are receiving notices to the effect that unless they cease to mention prohibition in their pulpits that many of their best paying members will withdraw their financial support. These letters are said to have been mailed out from anti-headquarters at Houston, which has had the effect of bringing forth a prompt and vigorous denial from Chairman Wolters.

The report of the Dallas county grand jury as published in yesterday's Dallas News and signed by every member of the body, says that 70 per cent of the crimes committed in Dallas county are directly traceable to whiskey.

"How to tide over a stringent season as a result of the severe drought," is a question that is demanding a serious consideration of many Texas counties. One way is to keep everlastingly at it. From three to five acres will produce a ton of broom corn with a market value of from \$60 to \$100. One man can successfully cultivate ten acres of broom corn, and if planted as late as July 15th will mature in 90 days. Also, it is a splendid forage crop—the fodder from it being equal to that of milo maize as a food for stock. There is ample time yet for such crops. The Times is authorized by the management of the Wichita Falls Broom Factory that seed can be obtained at their place.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wichita Falls today donated the sum of \$500 to the fund for the relief of the Oklahoma storm sufferers. There is no doubt but that the people in the storm district are in need of assistance, and if not relieved will suffer. Tipton storm also extended into Texas and into Wichita county, and while assisting the Oklahoma sufferers steps were also taken to relieve any and all cases

of distress that might be reported in our own county. This is the true Wichita way of doing things, and the way that wins friends for our city.

Wichita Falls wants cheap gas for manufacturing purposes, but in the event she should succeed in getting what she wants those who are asked to assist in the project should be given a guarantee that the product to be manufactured by using free or cheap gas will at least be sold in competition with the same class of products that are produced in other cities which use lignite, and other fuels more expensive than natural gas at prices now prevailing in Wichita Falls. If the manufacturer is to enjoy all the profits of cheap fuel, then he should not ask the public for assistance in securing it.

After serving two terms as president, Theodore Roosevelt became a journalist. After being twice beaten for the presidency, William J. Bryan became a journalist. Before beginning his campaign for the presidency Senator R. M. LaFollette became a journalist, by establishing LaFollette's Weekly. In the Weekly, in the Outlook and the Commoner we have the budding, the fruited—and the blighted presidential ambition and all three of them are pretty good publications. The question of what to do with our ex-presidents therefore, has been settled. The field of journalism invites them. Among men who are truly great the copy pad is mightier than the insignia of office.—Houston Chronicle

**THEY ARE OPTIMISTS.**  
Right along here is where the right, good man and considerate, the man who has the right to pull through will win out the harpoon of justice to the last limit of his own ability to forbear. This is the best country on earth and with the greatest power of recuperation from apparent calamity, and its people are of the here and now class, and we shall all live through the effects of this scorching if we behave ourselves. Keep your shirt on and look pleasant.—Henrietta Review.

Everybody cheer up; it only requires sixty days to bring prosperity to the people of Wilbarger county. It has always rained in this county and it will rain again.—Vernon Record.

The farmers are sitting tight and constantly stirring the soil these days, waiting for the showers that are going to come. And they will come too.—Quannah Observer.

If given an opportunity the people of precinct No. 1, Wichita county will gladly accept the proposition to vote bonds for the construction of good roads. All that is necessary is for a few leaders to get behind the movement and will co-operation of our commissioners' court the scheme can be put through. Now is the time to act on this matter. The legislature is to convene the last day of this month and in his call Governor Colquitt intimates that in the event the body transacts the business for which it has been called together, other matters can be brought before it. Wichita county wants a special road law such as that adopted by Lamar county, and this can be obtained by having such a law framed up and presented to the legislature at the special session. If adopted and the bonds are voted, we will furnish employment to several hundred men and teams during the next year in the building of good roads. Unless something of the kind is done, these men with teams who are now idle, will be forced to seek employment elsewhere.

Every laboring man belonging to a union has been asked to contribute the sum of 25c toward raising a fund for the defense of the McNamara brothers, charged with the murder of twenty-one employees of the Los Angeles Times, and the destruction of the Times building by the use of explosives. In this manner it is expected to raise the neat sum of \$500,000, which will afford fine picking for the lawyers for the defense, and there is not much doubt but the fund will be entirely exhausted before the cases are disposed of.

The Farmers Union of Wichita county is to meet at Burkburnett on Friday and Saturday of this week, at which time it is expected that action by its members will be taken on the matter of ordering an election to vote bonds for the construction of good roads in Wichita county, and from the way many of its leading members are talking the indications are that the proposition will receive the hearty endorsement of that organization. This is as it should be. There is no county that needs good roads worse than Wichita county, and there can be no better time than now in which to build them.

**CONE AND HIS COAT TAIL.**  
Cone Johnson is dragging his coat tails on the ground and glaring either Senator Cullerson or Senator Bailey to tread thereon. That is Cone wants to debate statewide with either of those top notchers. It would be especially interesting to hear Johnson and Bailey discuss statewide in joint debate, as each has reversed his position on that question since 1887. Johnson's transition from anti to pro appears to have been of the slow and evolutionary order, largely the result of his environment both mental and physical.



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dollars worth of goods from the Refund Fare Association, you may have twenty-five miles of your BOTH WAYS refunded by the Association, you paying the remainder of the distance traveled.

As a guarantee that you will pay only the lowest prices for goods, it will not be necessary to show your ticket or receipt for same or to ask for a rebate card until you have concluded your purchases.

You have your choice of the leading retail stores of Wichita Falls from which to make your purchases; you may buy from one, two or three, or all of the stores belonging to the Association. Your refund is based on the total amount of your purchases from all of them—not from any one alone.

The profits of the retailers are based upon quick sales and small profits. And in most of the stores the prices of the merchandise offered for sale are marked in plain figures so that you may satisfy yourself that your purchases are being made on the same money saving basis that is offered the residents of Wichita Falls.

Get a receipt for your railroad ticket from the agent at the time of purchase, at your city, and present the same together with your refund book to John W. Thomas, at the office of the Association, which is located at the City Hall building, and your fare both ways will be immediately refunded.

For further information address **JOH W. THOMAS, Manager of the Refund Fare Association**



Remarkable photograph of Lincoln Beachey, the California aviator, flying under the Cantilever Bridge at Niagara Falls. The acroplane can be seen so close to the swirling waters that it appears about to plunge into them. The machine sped so near to the surface that both the aviator and his craft were dashed with spray and mist. When Beachey first tried to cross the gorge, his acroplane was caught in whirling air currents that pitched and rocked it so that he had to return to the American shore. He waited for the breeze to subside and then made another effort. This time he flew down the Canadian shore to Lewiston, then returned, zig-zagging several times across the gorge, flew under the big steel bridge and returned to his starting point, where he made a perfect landing.



