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CANT STOP THEM.
Written by one whose dormer-window view was partially cut off by a new apartment building.
The high brick wall
With chimneys tall
Cannot cut of
The neighboring chimneys;
Nor the gentle zephyrs mild;
Nor the wind made keen
By Jack Frost wild;
Nor the robin's call,
Nor the blue jay's cry,
Nor the gleam of the bright
Sunbeam;
Neither the moon by night,
Nor the stars so bright,
Care aught for the walls
Great height.
—Anna Stackpole.

"NEVER AGAIN."
Developments regarding the peace banquet furnish some side information as to the political situation and are interesting for the reason the affair seems to have revealed a very decided breach between the colonel and his successor.

The presence of the colonel at the banquet is very much desired. It is to be in the nature of a booster banquet for Taft since international peace is his trump card, such as it may be. The friends of the president would like to have the colonel attend. His friendship would be a big asset during the coming campaign.
But Roosevelt's course indicates he does not want to attend and that he has two distinct reasons why he will not do so. The first reason is that he does not favor the arbitration treaties that the president has been working up. The colonel likes peace and favors international peace. But he is not of the sort to favor peace at any price. He would have peace when it can be had with credit and with honor and when it cannot be had upon such a basis he will take a chance with war.

The colonel has expressed objection to the Taft treaties for the reason they provide for submitting questions of honor to an international court. He would have this country decide its questions of honor for itself. There is too much of the soldier and fighter about Roosevelt for him to stand for arbitration under all circumstances. It is probable he would not want any European tribunal to say as to whether or not this country must admit orientals to the Pacific coast and prescribe for us the basis upon which we must admit such people. That is a question for America to decide and to decide as this country alone sees fit.

But when the colonel first refused to attend the banquet his declination was not accepted. He was informed the program would be changed for his benefit and that the pending treaties would not be discussed. They evidently wanted him there pretty badly and it seems clear they wanted him there for the benefit of Taft who is to be in attendance as the hero of the hour.

But still the colonel refused to go. He says emphatically that he will not be there, no matter what they do or words to that effect. From this it seems the natural inference that the colonel not only refuses to endorse the pending arbitration treaties but that he no longer endorses the man who is promoting those treaties. Whatever he may do during the coming campaign it seems quite evident he will not be in the Taft band wagon. Perhaps his refusal to attend the banquet was his way of saying "never again."

THE DUTY OF WATER.
George Cochran, superintendent of this water division, talked to Walla Walla engineers Wednesday night about water rights and the duty of water and in his address indicated that scientific men find that about 30 inches of water per annum is enough for irrigation under ordinary circumstances.
But even if this is correct it does not follow that the water board should

adopt 30 inches as a standard and give that much water, no more, no less, to users everywhere. During the debates held here not long since lawyers pointed out the injustice that could result from using any fixed standard. So the Commercial club passed a resolution in which it asked the board to refrain from following any arbitrary standard and to award water to settlers in accordance with their needs.

In the view of this paper the water court should heed the request made by local people. It would make it especially difficult for farmers during the next few years should 30 inches be fixed as a standard. Some of the land has not been under ditch very long. In places the ditches are new and may lose water. The farmers have not yet become experts in the use of water and they cannot irrigate at exactly the proper time and in exactly the right way. Such work cannot be expected of them. Such work is not expected of settlers on government irrigation projects where there are trained men to show the settlers how to farm. It should not be expected of ranchers on such streams as Birch and McKay creeks.
Until irrigation is reduced to an exact science and men learn to do such work perfectly proper leeway should be given by those who have it in their power to specify how much water farmers may use on their ranches. The land may have a greater thirst than the water commissioners and other experts realize.

THE HUNT PARTY.
The first white men passed through this section one hundred years ago and Bakerites are now celebrating the anniversary of their visit in that vicinity. But the people of Baker have no reason for celebrating. The Hunt party did not stay there. They came on to Pendleton and declared our climate to be nice and warm compared with what they had been up against. Had the members of the Hunt party been wise they would have located here and gotten rich. But they went on to Astoria and were "taken in."

There are too many instances here where girls are accosted or attacked by loafers, transient or otherwise. It might help out if the municipal court would give one of these fellows about 100 days work on the streets. Besides the streets need the work.

The cow that kicked a pitchfork through the man at Echo must be a suffragette.

KANSAN'S METHOD OF DUNNING
A young merchant in Smith Center has found a way to make slow paying customers dig up. For a long time he sent out monthly duns urging prompt settlement, but little if any

attention was paid to them. Getting impatient he sent an enlarged bill to an old lady who had been owing him for three or four months and the effect was almost magical. She came in snoring mad the next day with the bill in her hand and the way she went after the young man for trying to swindle her brought the blushes to his cheeks.
He finally made her believe the error was unintentional, and she settled on the spot for what she owed. Since then the young man sends out bills of about twice their proper size to slow customers and he says it brings them in every time and invariably mad all over at his attempt to cheat them. He says you can even make a deadbeat wrathful by dunning him for a larger amount than he owes.

A GEOGRAPHICAL EXCURSION.

It is announced that the American Geological society, which celebrates its jubilee next year, is planning in conjunction therewith a transcontinental excursion for the purpose of geographical study in which delegates from other countries will be invited to participate. The party will be "personally conducted" by Prof. W. M. Davis of Harvard, who has lately had experience in carrying out similar undertakings in Europe. It is expected, also, that the American members of the party will so far as they are able, act as guides for the foreign visitors. While the natural features of the landscape are to be the prin-

cipal objects of observation, attention will also be paid to the agricultural and industrial development of the country.

It is expected that the excursion will leave New York some time in August, 1912 on a special train, and will spend six or seven weeks in traversing the country. The itinerary, as now planned, is to include, among other points of interest, the highlands and gorge of the Hudson, Niagara, the shore-lines of old lakes in Ohio, the southern end of Lake Michigan, with its artificial outlet into the Mississippi system, the upper Mississippi and the Missouri, the Yellowstone canon and national park, the Rockies of southern Montana, the Cascade Range, Seattle, and Puget Sound. The return will probably be made by a southern route. — Scientific American.

ALWAYS LATE.

There are two classes of people in the community—those who are prompt and those who are anywhere from five minutes to an hour behind time. The latter class, if not in the majority, is at any rate a very sizable minority.

People with few exceptions, can be on time if they want to be and have to be. One is very rarely too late to take the train, knowing that he cannot go unless he is there when the train goes. People are late at theaters, late at church, late at funerals, late at almost everything for

which a definite hour has been set. Tardiness is an act of disrespect to the cause for which an hour of meeting has been appointed, and a serious wrong done to those who are promptly on hand and who have to wait for the laggards. People who make it a principle to be in season lose thereby a great many hours of precious time, and the laggards are chargeable for it.

HIGH PRICES.

"Hi-gam," said Mrs. Cornstossel, "don't you think Josh is makin' a pig of hisself?"
"No, I don't see no signs of Josh's getting to be anything so valuable,"— Washington Star.

When they think of their old mother, the McNamaras should suffer a

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