

Preacher Cheats Grave by Climbing Mountains



PILLAR BUILT ON PIKES PEAK BY REV. JOSEPH B. CHERRY, PH. D., ON HIS TWENTY-FIFTH TRIP ON FOOT TO THE SUMMIT.

As William Makepeace Thackeray wants to know—'whoever saw the moral before the fact? Well, gaze upon it now, as it stands serene and unflinched at its own boldness. The moral is, if you would be well, be a pastor, given up for a candidate to soon explore the great beyond, poo-poo the idea, and climb mountains. That is the moral, and this is the tale: When the doctor cleared his throat and impressively told Rev. Joseph B. Cherry he might as well write out his will, the latter made a remark equivalent to the trite phrase, "Aw, now you jest 'em." So the doctor did. So did the pastor, who quit pastoring for the Third Presbyterian church at Twentieth and Leavenworth streets for a while and went to Colorado. Little is known of the kind physician, who from now on shall remove his hat and retire with apologies from this tale. That was six years ago, and the pastor, carefully wrapping his sickness up, departed.

At Manitou he found the kind of water that was good for what ailed him. The first thing he did was walk 150 miles in ten days. Then he came back and preached and waited for next summer. In the meanwhile he went to Walnut Grove, Ia., which was the best town for its size in the world, having sixty-three motor cars—and so on.

Casting the advice of learned students of medicine to the east wind, which Moses kept so heavy laden with vicissitudes for Pharaoh, the pastor climbed Pike's peak twenty-seven times, had walked in the last six summers 2,700 miles and

climbed what would average 100 miles straight up. Each summer he starts out from Walnut Grove, where he is pastor of the First Presbyterian church and goes forth to beat his record for the previous year. The pastor has just returned from his sixth annual climb, and spoke proudly of his climbing to the top of Pike's peak seven times in twelve days. He never climbs on Sunday. Sunday should never be used up in work, says the pastor; and if you do not believe climbing mountains is work, you have the great American privilege of trying it. His record of the trip to the top of Pike's peak is three hours and fifty-eight minutes. He required but two hours and fifteen minutes for the downward trip. And when you have made that trip three times in three days, hand running, and still live to brag about it, you may rest assured that you are to remain in this sordid world quite some time, in spite of what the doctors say.

One pair of shoes has lasted him three summers. With them he has covered more than 1,500 miles, most of which were arranged on a slope. "The mountains have played a great part in the progress of the world's history," the pastor said. "There is something about the mountains that inspires man. We find the mountains frequently referred to in the Bible and in all histories."

So in addition to physical improvement Rev. Mr. Cherry has found the mountains to be a great mental solace. Stand aside, doctor, the tale is ended and the moral is at the head of the procession.

ROSEWATER TALKS CHARTER

Says He Thinks Home Rule Principle of Elections Should Apply.

IS OPPOSITION TO THE INS Those Opposed to the Charter Are Making the Election Clause a Special Point of Attack on New Bill.

"Personally I feel the home rule principle applies to city elections and if we can't conduct our own elections and conduct them right, we had better go out of the business of self-government," said Victor Rosewater discussing the proposed new home rule charter before the Barriers' club at luncheon at the University club rooms. Mr. Rosewater, who was chairman of the charter commission, discussed various phases of the proposed charter, and said he realized that the opposition to the charter was making the election clause a particular point of attack. "The opposition to this charter," he said, "is largely an opposition to the present city government. It is simply this, that the outs have the election commissioner and they feel that if the city conducts the elections they will have perhaps not so good a show of getting in. The election commissioner system will come to this, that when we get a new governor he will appoint another election commissioner and then the same people who now rally behind the commissioner law will be wanting the system changed.

Merely Hunting a Weak Spot. "Of course, as I say, the attack aims at this point in the charter, but if some other point in the charter is looked more vulnerable that would be the focus of the opposition."

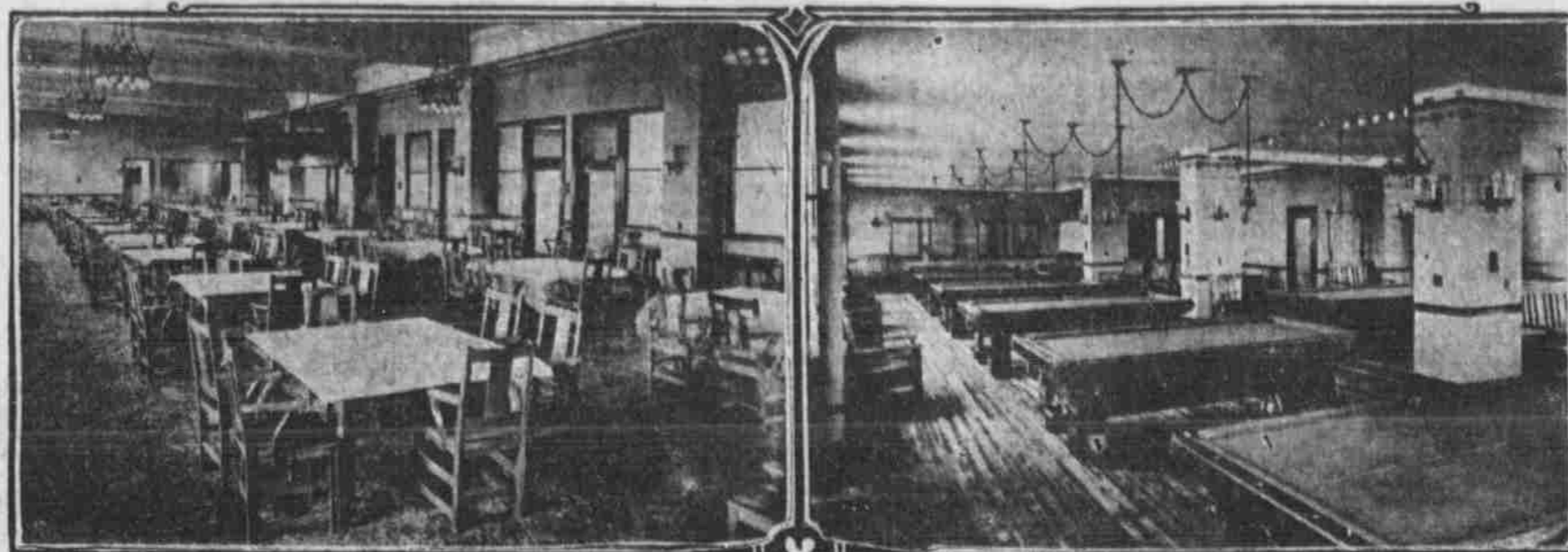
Mr. Rosewater spoke of the length of the charter and explained this was occasioned by the fact that though many favored a charter of general powers for the city the enumeration of powers was made so specific that costly litigation might be avoided in the future. He said also that recently a criticism had been made of the charter in that it included the commission form of government, the criticism stating that we were not ready to say whether we wanted to continue under the commission form of government. Mr. Rosewater pointed out that the commission plan was adopted by the people by almost 4 to 1 and in so doing decided in favor of the commission form of government for at least four years.

Governor Gourand of Society Islands on Way to See Wilson

Accompanied by his nine secretaries and servants, Governor Gourand of Tahiti of the Society Islands, is enroute to New York, and from there he will go to Washington and call on President Wilson. Governor Gourand, who came in over the Union Pacific and went out over the Northwestern, rides in a steamer, traveling as an ordinary passenger, taking a couple of sections in one of the cars. Though a Malay, he speaks perfect Eng-

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Very Few Empty Houses Are to Be Found in This City.

FARNAM STREET BEING PAVED

Makes Good Connecting Link Between City and the Dundee District and on to Happy Hollow Club.

Members of the Real Estate exchange recently took a census of the city and found but 400 empty houses in the city, which is just about half as many empty ones as there were two years ago this time. But with the fall moving time near at hand it is expected that there will be many of these empty places occupied. All real estate men in the city say they are being asked to find places for new arrivals and people who contemplate housekeeping this winter. House hunting season is in full swing and every night and Sunday one can see persons looking for new places to make a home. Many are contemplating vacating their present abodes for places more suitable.

The east addition to the Helen apartments at Twenty-fifth and Harney streets is almost completed. Work was started on this addition about two months ago and it will be ready for occupancy by October 1. The entire apartment building as it now stands is one of the most beautiful in Omaha with a high bubbling fountain in the center of the court.

Traver Bros., contractors and builders, are erecting a forty-room modern apartment house at Twenty-fourth and Landon court. Every room is to be an outside one. The building is to be four stories, fireproof and brick facing. The apartments are built on the plans of modern apartment houses in Denver, with gas stove and bed installed. The beds slide into the wall and windows which may be opened during the day ventilate the small apartment into which the bed slides. They will be completed and ready for occupancy about October 15.

Pavers are now at work on Farnam street from Forty-fourth to Forty-eighth, thus making a connecting link between the paved streets of Omaha and Dundee. An agreement has been made whereby Omaha and Dundee are each to pay half of the cost of paving the intersection at Forty-eighth and Farnam so that the pavements will be continuous and autoists will no longer be compelled to use the dangerous and rough crossing at Forty-sixth and Dodge streets, where for some years a viaduct has been ordered and where for some years the Missouri Pacific Railroad company has been able to keep from building the viaduct by resorting to the courts.

Residents along Farnam street are indignant over the botch which has been made by the city engineer at the railroad crossing. The grade at Forty-sixth



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street is several feet lower than the railroad crossing about thirty feet to the east. Commissioner McGovern says he has requested the railroad company to lower these tracks but it is said that if he has as much success in getting the Missouri Pacific to lower the tracks as he has had in getting it to build the viaduct on Dodge street the crossing will remain in bad shape for a long time to come. Just why a deep cut was made at the bottom of the hill is unexplainable. McGovern says the grade, there was established years ago. The fact remains, however, that the grade of Farnam street was changed a very short time before the petition for paving was circulated.

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