

MARMON CARS GIVEN TEST OVER BAD ROADS

Company Sends New Models Through Wilds of Brown County Without Mishap.

PREPARING FOR GLIDDEN

Approach of Strenuous Endurance Contest Causes Preliminary Trial Run.

The Glidden tour is the sole topic of conversation now among auto owners interested in touring, and, from present indications, Indiana will be well represented in this important event, which will start from Buffalo July 9, and be run under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

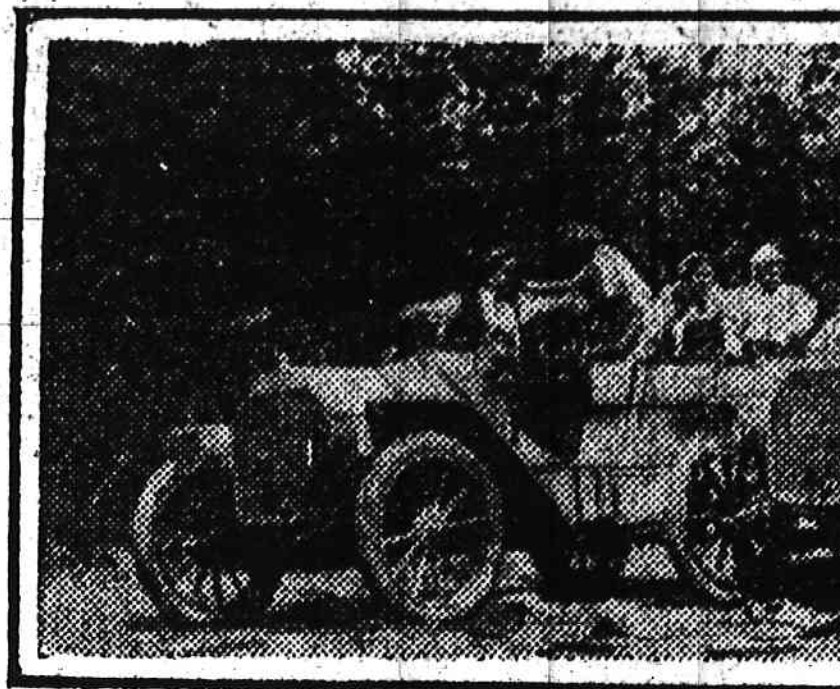
Nordyke & Marmon Company of this city, makers of the Marmon car, contributed a curtain raiser to this event this week when a testing out was given three of their 1909 fifty-horse-power water-cooled, seven-passenger cars on a trip which proved to be a severe endurance test.

H. C. Marmon, W. U. Marmon and H. G. Shafer each had a party of seven in his car, so that the pulling power of the new model, which is a refinement of the 1908 model, was given a thorough test. The hills of Brown County were selected as a trying-out route for the cars which the company has entered in the Glidden tour, and their wish for a severe test was gratified.

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Said Bob Brunam, the clever driver of the Jackson car, who stuck to the wheel of the Jackson car for nineteen hours out of the twenty-four at Morris Park last year: "Men are not mad nowadays, that is, men who drive automobiles in track races and who take chances such as the ordinary man would not take. Men may be found by scores to drive any auto entered for a track race, long or short. In fact, the makers are deluged by offers made by men anxious to drive cars in

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The party left Indianapolis Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, going down the Three Notch road through Trafalgar to Peoga, and up to that place the going was ideal, gravel pikes making touring conditions of the best. For a few miles in Brown County the dirt roads were such that no complaint was made, but for a few miles only.

Then the hills began to loom up, and between them and the road beds, which lay in creek bottoms, the occupants were given a taste of what those who participate in the Glidden Tour may expect when they go over the route which lies in the mountain ranges of the East. The grades of some of the hills are between 25 and 30 per cent, and one is at least three-quarters of a mile in length. Bearwallow Hill, on which a log pen ten feet high has been built, is the highest point in Indiana. On a clear day the State House may be seen, forty miles away.

Marmons Stand Test.

Every car got its full share of twists and turns, the wheels on one side being much higher than those on the other, and it was in these instances that the double three-point suspension which features the Marmon car was given plenty of chance for experiment, and proved its worth.

The party continued from Nashville to Bloomington, where dinner was served. The return was made over a different route, being by way of Ellettsville, Spencer, Greencastle and the National road into Indianapolis. About 160 miles was covered, and no trouble of any kind was experienced, either to the machine or tires. The three cars were taken through the Brown County hills again on Tuesday and Thursday to be given a more thorough test.

F. E. Wing, Boston agent for the Marmon car, who drove a Marmon through the Glidden Tour of 1906 with a perfect score, when touring conditions were unusually severe, will drive one of the cars again this year. The action of the Marmon makers in entering three new models as contestants in an important event like the Glidden Tour is not generally practiced, but the makers feel confident that a good report will result on all of them. The cars will be shipped to Buffalo about July 1. Effective this week, Marmon cars will be sold in Indianapolis by the factory, the plan of marketing the cars through a local agency having been abandoned.

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"At Morris Park those who saw Smelzer's car on the other side of the fence, realized from the excitement that some one was injured, saw the car of Stuart Elliott piled upside down at the track side and realized, when they saw men carried away, that some one was injured, yet these very men really opened up their speed and quickened their pace.

Accidents Do Not Deter.

"Asked why they drove so recklessly, in view of possible accidents of a like nature, some said that they were behind and needed the miles. They figured that others would be affected by the accidents and they drove accordingly to make up lost time.

"To those who drive fast cars there is the chance of an accident, but also the chance of glory and the reputation of the car they are driving, to figure upon, and one and all seemingly believe the reputation for themselves and for the car they drive is worth the risk taken.

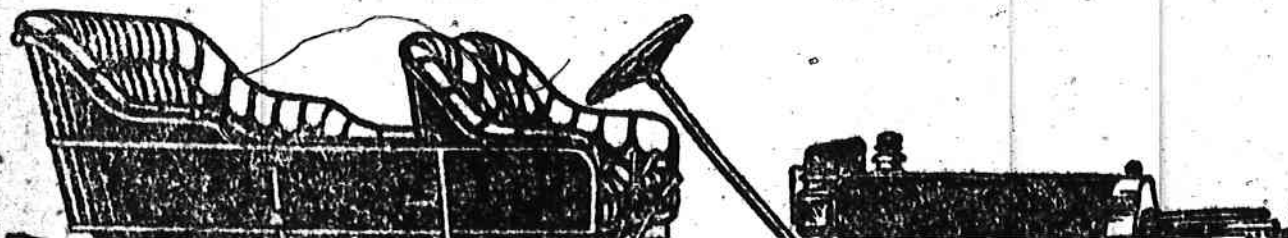
"Comparatively few meet with what seems inevitable and all who take part in hard contests figure that it will surely be the other fellow."

CALLS CHALMERS-DETROIT \$1,500 CAR THE "BIG NOISE"

Veteran Sales Manager of Winton Company Resigns Old Position to Take Cleveland Agency for New Machine.

The sensation of the year in automobile circles is the announcement that Charles B. Shanks, the veteran sales manager of the Winton Motor Carriage Company, has severed his connection with that concern to take the Cleveland agency for the Chalmers-Detroit Company, which is the new name taken by the E. R. Thomas Detroit Company, in honor of its president, Hugh Chalmers.

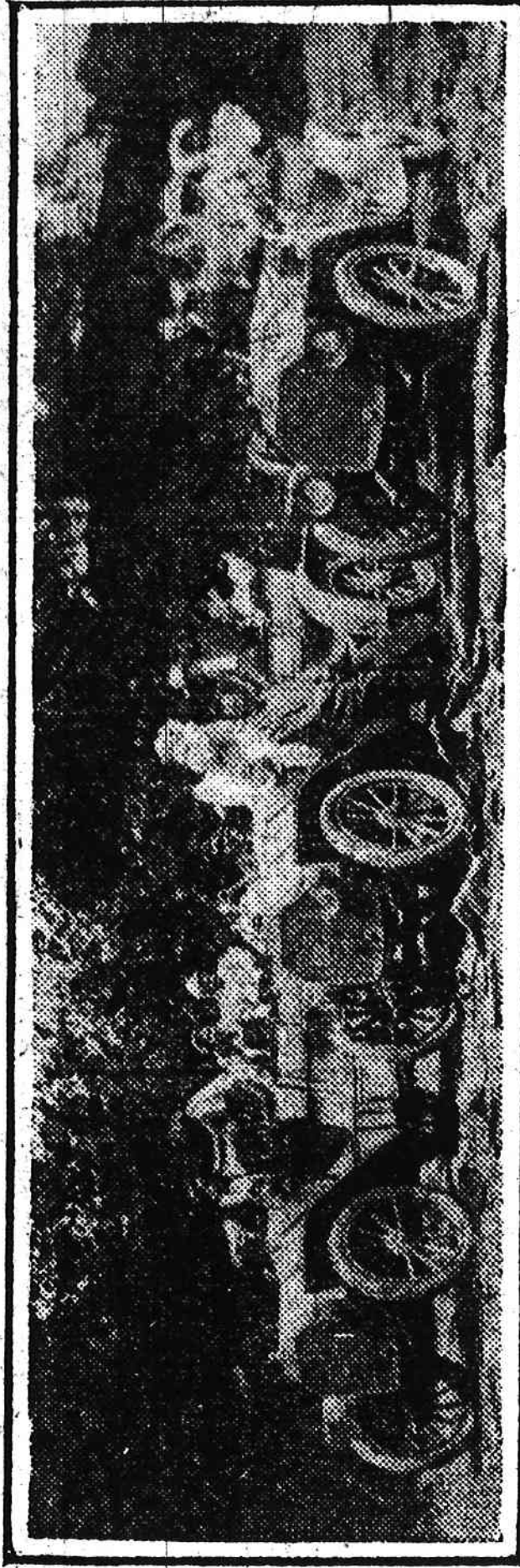
Shanks has been known for years as one of the most popular and successful sales managers in the automobile business. His change of base comes as a great surprise to his friends, who figure that only the opportunity of doing a large business for himself would have induced him to leave the position he has held so long.



MOTORISTS

Conversation Among Enthusiasts

Cars Stand Stiff Endurance Run.



MARMON CARS HITTING ROUGH ROADS.

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