

GOOD ROADS APOSTLE RETURNS TO THE CITY

THATCHER'S IDEAS OF GREAT
NATIONAL BOULEVARDS.

TALKS AT COMMERCIAL CLUB

Charles W. Thatcher, the good roads apostle, who was Indianapolis' greatest modern orator, will speak from Chicago today at 10 o'clock at the south end of the park, corner of 11th and Market streets. The morning session will consist of a series of short addresses by various speakers. The afternoon session will consist of a talk by Mr. Thatcher on automobile driving without horses.

Mr. Thatcher's ideas were the same ones that he was instrumental in getting adopted by the state of Indiana. He has been a speaker on the subject of good roads and automobile driving throughout the country. His speech at the meeting of the Indiana State Good Roads Association at Indianapolis a year ago was one of the most interesting and instructive ever delivered. He has a large number of photographs of his trips on the roads of the country, and his talk will be illustrated by these. He has a collection of photographs of roads in various countries, and his talk will therefore be of interest to all.

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This was welcomed by the Commercial Club, who expressed their thanks for the privilege of addressing the interests of its members and friends, and invited another class of speakers, the good people and business men of Toledo, to speak for tomorrow. They may speak on anything they like.

I am now on the second of the three days in Indianapolis and have been very busy. In fact, from the result of our work we have advanced the proposed national highway project for my delegation to save the government roads and not have great national highways. This would come through Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan, and I am laying the foundation for a great national highway which I hope to hold either in Indiana or Ohio next year. At least one of them I hope to get the momentum started.

I am on this particular trip, with my plan for a great national highway, taking from the lakes to the gulf, and I truthfully say that I have not named so much sentiment in the country as I have engagements to speak to congressmen and senators at the meetings through the south all this fall, but have usually got the road started and ready between Detroit and Toledo. The great national highway, which I propose, the government to build by contract, will start at Toledo, go south to Toledo, then follow the Muskegon river toward Ft. Wayne, and on the old Indian trail from Ft. Wayne Marion and then direct to Indianapolis, east to Louisville and there via Kentucky, which is on the outskirts of the main birthplace to the Mississippi at Nashville and then follow the old Natchez road to New Orleans, a distance of 1,000 miles.

Roadway Sixty-Five Feet Wide.

We want a hundred foot right of way and a roadway sixty-five feet wide, a very much higher type of construction than we now adopt in road building. We want it lined with trees, fruit trees and shade trees and kept in the best of condition. It can be built for \$100,000 or just about what we spend today for a modern highway.

from St. Louis. It should be extended
as far west as the Mississippi River. I have found a route eighty
miles nearer like a peak than any road.

"Already the work on this route is
under way. Result Congress has voted
\$1,000,000 to construct a military highway
from St. Louis and forty miles from the
Mississippi River. One hundred
miles of road to be built by the government.
I don't know what I was so
proud but I went over the route and
thought it was the best. Then I
thought the powers would be
open than building the road. An ap-
propriation of \$200,000 was made for a
survey of a national boulevard from
Washington to the Ohio River.
Gold."

The state of Missouri has voted appro-
priations for not one, but two roads, to
this link and has started construction.

New York to Chicago.

"There are two of the great boulevards
but even one of greater importance, and
in fact, first importance, is the one from
New York to Chicago and to the north-
west, and this work has been started at
the big meetings I have been addressing
in Ohio." Here Thatcher dug down into
his pockets and brought out letters from
commercial clubs at Cleveland and other
cities verifying his statements that they
had recently begun work on a hundred-
foot boulevard across Ohio toward Cleve-
land.

Thatcher believes the boulevard from
New York, via Chicago to Seattle, and the
one from Detroit, via Indianapolis to New
Orleans and the restoration of the old
National road from Washington to St.
Louis and its continuation from there
to Denver via the old Indian trail, may expense from
can all be put under way by the national
govt for \$1,000,000 which, he thinks,
is a most modest sum in these days of
expeditures of \$10,000,000 for a single
bridge. The only point of differ-
ence, he said, would be many times
less and would be the people making
up for the appropriations.

"Such great national boulevards, supple-
mented by others on the nation and in
various parts in a more or different way
would be of incalculable value to the country."

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value commercially and strategically and as a source of uplift for our people. The farmer should not fight the automobilist, for he is an exponent of good roads, and is doing a great work in creating national sentiment for such roads, to be built by the government. The day is coming when the farmer's wagon will be geared to mature energy, and he will market his produce thirty, forty or fifty miles distant over good roads. Such roads would make it possible for the shop girl to get on her gasoline propelled cycle and cover ten or twelve miles without getting tired."

Traveled 25,000 miles.

Thatcher has traveled 25,000 miles in the last six years by pack train and wagon and his present outfit has served him three years and covered eleven thousand miles. In Cleveland, where it seems he made a decided impression, he was offered an automobile, but he refused to part with his queer outfit. His idea is that if the people of good roads were to get into an auto and wear a silk hat he could not get in touch with the farmers, and they are the people that he wishes to reach. He has nothing in keeping with his early environment, his general intelligent appearance and his speech, but he wears the moccasins, the cowboy trou-

They all play their part, together with the strong wagon and the Spanish mule and the dog and the burro, in his mission to procure sentiment for great national objectives. That latter is the son of a Southern minister who filled pulpits in Virginia and he was educated as a civil engineer. He was, for a while, at Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, which was a distinguished student, including Charles W. Fairbanks, but the artificial life of the east did not satisfy him and he became a trapper in the Rockies and here the good roads and national boulevards movement formulated. Six years ago he started out to do what he could for good roads in the country and to urge every state legislature to follow him and he is meeting with almost success. The two greatest hindrance to the train

In Well Educated

• *Madame, what I have done is eccentric*
• *and it has a fine face and her hair only to*
• *keep it from getting in everybody's mouth.*

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year. He has made Indianapolis
his permanent home. Indiana
is his goal in my plan,
an experiment build of
interstate highways. Two
years ago he started from
the south for Chicago
and the foundation for a
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was laid in Indianapolis
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