

CROWN POINT MAY NOT SEE AUTO RACE IN 1910

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[By Carburter.]

Crown Point's grand stand for automobile races, erected at the time of the Cobe and Indiana trophy events, with a seating capacity of ten thousand, is now in the hands of a wrecking crew. Although lacking official confirmation from the Chicago Automobile Club, which faced a deficit of some \$30,000 in promoting the races, the Crown Point-Lowell course is now believed to be off the map so far as big automobile races are concerned.

The grand stand in question, which never was called upon to test its capacity, was built by the D. A. Root company, of Crown Point, at a certain contract price, the company to retain the salvage unless the club exercised an option to have the stand remain another year. Apparently the club was not anxious to exercise its option, for, after a proposition and a counter proposition, neither of which came within the strict terms of the option the contracting company was told to exercise its privilege of salvage, which it is now doing.

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The Indianapolis motor speedway management is one of the bidders on the material in the stands. In case the Indianapolis bid is accepted the lumber, which will fill eighteen freight cars, will be shipped to this city to be used in the speedway improvements now under way.

Want Similar Auto Race.

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An official of the club, who refused to comment officially on the tearing down of the grand stand, says: "While the wrecking of the stand does not necessarily mean the Crown Point-Lowell course is abandoned, it certainly looks that way. The location of the stand came in for criticism, but that is not surprising, as the race was disappointing in many ways. The failure to sell seats in the stand was not so much of a disappointment as the comparatively small attendance, 30,000 or 40,000, where 100,000 had been expected.

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