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Even during the week in which no permit for the city hall building, up to \$600,000, was issued, the permits were not sufficient to amount up to this week's total. It was also expected that August would be the banner building month.

Among the large permits issued this week were the following: \$150,000; Arthur Jordan, brick elevation in North Pennsylvania street; \$14,500; Merchants' Heat Company, Washington avenue; \$10,500; Colonial theater, York and Illinois streets; \$6,000; Love Brothers, power plant; George C. Pearson, dwelling house, street, near Thirty-first and Philip Neri school, Ruoff's building, North street, \$19,740. There were eighty-one permits issued during the week.

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It was sizzling hot at the starting this afternoon, but there was a strong breeze from the southwest. The rock track was as dry as a bone and the riders say that only fifteen minutes of sunbath is required to dry it after a rain.

The race program for today, postponed from yesterday on account of the clement weather, contained eight events including a five-mile race limited to Indian owners; the one-mile F. A. M. National championship, the five-mile trophy cup for members of the Indian Motor Cycle Club, the ten-mile P. A. M. National championship, a five-mile race for auto less than fifty-five cubic inches, Dutton Improvement, a ten-mile race for professionals, a five-mile open handicap and a twenty-five-mile open event.

Spectators began to arrive immediately after noon and trains from the train terminal and union stations added to the crowd until time for the start of the races.

A majority of the riders who have been racing at various points throughout the country have been accustomed to tracks built especially for motorcycle racing. As a consequence the big record holder which is not as smooth as it might be for record breaking performances caused many of them to hold back somewhat in the preliminary runs.

Not Up to Expectations.

The crowd was not up to the expectation of the promoters. At 3 o'clock just more than three thousand spectators were on the grounds. The spending facilities

will open at approximately 6 p.m. and a grand finale will be held when Willie Shippard, 4 yrs., was accidentally accidentally injured by a racing car.

While there was no excitement and racing was sparse, last evening the men of the city took part in the large operations of the Western. No other drivers, James Ferguson, did justice to the course and passed well the

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program. Some of the riders who have been racing in the states throughout the country are not accustomed to smaller tracks and are naturally for motorcycle racing. They are used to the big speedways of the West which is not as smooth as it is here. No record breaking performances can be expected of them to hold back the preliminary races.

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The spirit of adventure results in a vacant house street, about 5:30 o'clock when Willie Ballard, a boy, was accidentally shot fatally injured by Leo, a seven-year-old negro, who was in the vacant house.

Willie lives with his uncles in a restaurant and rooming house on Main Avenue. Last evening he came from the rooms of two of the two large revolvers, a .44 and a .38 Caliber Wesson. He then saw his uncle, James Newton, 42, and later in the evening met and played with the

The adventurous spirit of the colored boy caused them to go to the house and they decided to stay all night. When the colored boy awoke this morning he picked up the revolver. An instant later it discharged and the bullet struck him in the abdomen. Bicycle policeman Hall went to the house and found the colored boy about the same time. The shooting was a surprise to the police. An instant later he failed to find James, who had been frightened and ran away, taken to the city hospital in a precarious condition.

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TRINIDAD, Cuba, Aug. 1.—The Grand Prix de la Gomera-Pontal at 2:30 this morning at 2000 Grand Prix were to commence just outside Havana. Between Trinidad and La Habana, as well as between the two cities, there are numerous private garages for racing automobiles and there are more than a score of repair pits situated during races. The latter are located opposite the main stands. All of the buildings and fences are painted in red and white, no expense having been spared by the builders. The grandstands liberally decorated today with the flags of all nations, there being a number of international speed events that are scheduled for the speedway later.

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JULY BUSINESS

Businessmen, physicians, dentists, clergymen found by the count of the postal service city leading cities—such as Philadelphia, Detroit, or the like, that the Post Office July business, for the part of the various cities in their several sections, despite the diversity of climate, diversity of time, the business is \$1,000,000 against \$1,000,000 increase of \$1,000,000.

Not Up to Expectations.

The crowd was not up to the expectations of the promoters. At 2 o'clock not more than three thousand spectators were on the grounds. The speedway facilities are complete. The main grandstand at the finishing wire, which is covered, has accommodations for six thousand spectators; an uncovered grandstand one-quarter of a mile to the right will seat three thousand more. There is also a large number of private stands for parties. Two bridges span the course, which is kept clear of spectators during the race. Adequate press stands and judges' stands are opposite the main grandstand.

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At the business meeting this morning in the Board of Trade parlor the F. A. M. rules were revised to provide for the creation of three classes of race riders. The action was taken after hours of heated wrangling. Those advocating the action said that it was necessary for the preservation of the racing game. Classes will be created for the professional, amateur and trade rider.

Heretofore professional and amateur classes have not been clearly defined and newcomers in the racing game have been compelled to compete with the most expert and experienced riders in the sport. As a result, newcomers have been disappointed, as they have had little or no chance to win. The new classification is expected greatly to increase the number of race riders.

The annual election of officers for the business meeting scheduled for tonight.

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PUEBLO, Colo., August 1.—A Rio Grande train No. 8, coming Pueblo at 8:30 this morning, and a Denver & Rio Grande train No. 1, were in collision just west of Pueblo, Colo., between Colorado River and Palmer lake, at 10:25 a.m. yesterday. Five persons are known to have been killed and twenty-four injured.

Both locomotives and many cars in both trains were badly damaged. Failure of one of the engines is believed to be the cause of the accident.

A later report said that twenty-four persons were injured. The dead were buried at Pueblo.

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Indianapolis, according to a statement issued by the postmaster, has "the largest amount of postal business in the country leading cities," and J. W. Bryson, the Indianapolis postmaster, is the fourth on the list. The statement gives the amount of July business, but the names of the various cities in the list are not given. Their annual business is \$1,250,000, against \$1,000,000 in 1900, an increase of 6.1 per cent.

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