

Street Railway Matters

A Rattling Runaway - Changes on the lines

(Columbus Dispatch, May 16, 1885) – About eleven o'clock to-day a large sorrel horse attached to a southbound car of the Neil avenue line stepped over the traces opposite the north end of Comstock's Opera House and pranced around until the coupling pin came out, letting the whiffle tree drop at its heels. The frightened horse plunged forward, and taking to the west sidewalk, galloped south at terrific speed, causing pedestrians to run for their lives. The animal crossed Rich street and continued along the sidewalk, finally colliding with and knocking down the iron railing around the entrance to the basement of the building in which the South End Bank is located. The horse fell at the same time, causing a great crash and injuring itself severely. Ex-mayor Heitmann was at the bank window putting his signature to a check or some other document, and he was so started by the equine whirlwind and sudden crash, that an eye-witness says he jumped about twenty feet; but then, the imagination must be given scope on such occasions. The horse was bleed profusely at the mouth and its fore legs, near the feet, were badly cut. It was taken to a stable and properly cared for.

Changes

Some changes are being made on the north end lines. Six open or summer cars were put on North High street and four large sixteen foot box cars are being painted and supplied with new trucks for the same line. The company still contemplate an arrangement by which a car will run over the Neil avenue line every ten minutes, instead of every twenty minutes as now, but how soon this arrangement will be put into effect is unknown, the yellow line cars will probably stop at the tunnel. The above changes necessitate a large increase in the number of horses employed and corresponding increase in the expenses of the company.

North End Resorts

A great rush to the North End resorts is expected to-morrow, should the weather continue pleasant. A project was talked of among certain citizens of the North End looking to the establishment of some sort of a line of transportation from North Columbus [Arcadia Avenue] to Worthington for the better accommodation of summer residents of that burg, who find the railway schedules inconvenient and the rates less so. The movement was suggested by certain Columbus gentlemen who have opened a summer hotel in the romantic Crook property at Worthington, and are interested in the facilities for travel to and from the village. It is not known that any definite step has yet been taken in the matter.

Main Street Line

The Consolidated people recently concluded to take a number of the open summer cars from Main street and put them on the North High street line. The cars were painted white and put in elegant condition, and were about ready to leave the shop, when the main street citizens got onto the racket and raised such a howl hat the company were obliged to repaint the cars and put them back on the Main street line. And that is the way the open cars of the Main street line happen to shine resplendent in new paint and varnish at this time.