

New Street Car Barn

(Columbus Dispatch, November 20, 1873) – The High street railroad company has transferred its horses, cars, accouterments in general, and superintendent's headquarters to the south part of the city, a short distance south of South Public Lane, on the east side of High Street.

A great depression in the ground at that point below the surface of High street, has made the spot available for double decked accommodations; the cars and hay, and feed cutting apparatus above, and the horses below.

The barn stands back from High street about forty feet. A platform leading from the level of the street to the second floor of the barn serves to transfer cars to shelter, and the horses reach their apartment by passing down an inclined plane from the second floor.

The feed cutting machine on the second floor is run by horsepower below. There are accommodations for about forty horses. A blacksmith shop stands by the barn, where a man is constantly employed in shoeing horses and performing other labor connected with ironwork about the cars, buildings, and road.

A small brick house has been erected on the lot in front of the barn a little to one side of it, fronting on High street, for the use of a family or families of employees. Another like building will be erected next spring, the track leading from the street to the barn passing between the two.

The lower stories of these houses, being below the surface of High street, open back toward the barn, and will be partly occupied for road use. They are two stories above the basement.

The barn is not as substantial as the one vacated on North High street. It is made of the old car shed which was transferred from that place, and will be improved from time to time as circumstances will permit, and necessity require.