

CAR STABLE FIRE

Destruction of the South High Street Stables Last Night.

A Burning Kettle of Tar Causes a Useless Run.

Urgent Need for Completion of the New Houses.

(Columbus Dispatch, October 27, 1885) – the Alarm of fire sent in from the South End a few minutes past five o'clock last evening called the South, Third, Gay, and a portion of the Flowers house force to the Consolidated Street Railway Company's stables, below Livingston avenue. The structure was located some distance back from High street, in the Peters run hollow, the floor being on a level with the street, and was quite a long building, with a row of stall sheds on the north line of the lot, and separated from the main building by a passage-way. Just about five o'clock Mr. P. J. Lofland, who is superintending the construction of the new building to be erected in front, saw a small blaze in the southeast corner and gave the alarm. Some of the stable men were engaged in cutting feed for the horse, of which there were some sixty in the stable, and upon hearing the cry of fire, all ran to release the animals, which were gotten safely out and taken across the street into the ally. All the harness was likewise saved. Meantime someone sent in an alarm from Hessenauer's, and the firemen were soon rapidly moving toward the scene of the fire. The Fulton Street hose reel, soon made a coupling and got a stream of water on the flames, which were rapidly spreading, and soon caught a large quantity of hay in the barn. The Third street men were close after them, and the Gay street boys not far behind. Later the men from the Flowers house arrived, having a mile and a half to run.

By the time that streams from all the carts could be thrown the fire had nearly reached the front, and had also caught the roof of the north side sheds. It kept on burning until the main structure was substantially consumed, only the framework, in the half-burned condition, being left. ten tons of hay were in the barn, and an old car of the Neil avenue line, that had been changed from narrow to broad gauge, and these were consumed. A white line car was run out on the street before being damaged. It is estimated that the loss will be about \$2,500, insured for \$1,900 in the Bancroft and Gardner agencies. Some damage was done to the cornice of a house occupied by Andrew Daubert and Jacob Falter, and owned by a gentleman named Miller.

There were rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin, but nothing reliable could be traced up to 11 o'clock today. It was also said some boys had a bonfire in the rear of the stable, and that a spark probably flew into the hay, causing the fire. The company will experience some inconvenience for a while in having their horses scattered among the other stables.

Before the fire was entirely out, and while the firemen were still there, another alarm sounded from box 35, which brought out the Broad, Flowers, and Oak street contingents while a large portion of that at the stable fire were hurried off in the same direction. The run for the latter was considerably over two miles for the Broad street apparatus fully two, and the Oak street over two and a half miles. When the Flowers men arrived, they found the alarm was caused by some boiling tar which caught fire

while being prepared for roofing purposes, in the yard of Mr. C. O. Adams, at No 38 East Third avenue. His loss will not exceed the dollars. The horses from the south, west, and east were completely blown by the time they arrived at Third avenue, and the return was necessarily made at a very slow gait. A good deal of dissatisfaction was expressed by citizens at the dilatoriness of Council in providing fire protection for extreme North End, the Euclid avenue house having stood all summer with out being completed further than the first story walls. The same is true of the house in the northeastern part of the city.