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"Electra," Party Car of Years Back, Is Recalled

(Columbus Sunday Dispatch, August 30, 1931) – Do you remember "Electra," the fashionable party-car which was operated by the Columbus Railway, Power & Light Co., during the early part of the twentieth century?

"Electra" was just what it implied. It was lighted in varicolored hues, and was chartered for parties. And, unlike other cars which operated on given routes and schedules, "Electra" plied at random.

Parties chartered the car and it was operated over various lines which make up the network of tracks in the city. It was a joyous occasion for the participants, and the car attracted just as much attention in its day as a circus parade does now.

It was finally relegated to the graveyard for street cars in 1911.

Then came the fashionable double-deck car, the upper deck being set aside for smokers. Its existence was even shorter lived, passing out in 1916.

The old open-type cars, which operated during the warm summer months, came to an unhappy ending in 1920, after having seen years of service.