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A MURDEROUS MOB

PEACEABLE CITIZENS ATTACKED WITHOUT PROVOCATION—TWO MEN CARVED WITH RAZERS

Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning a desperate and bloody quarrel occurred between two parties of men on West Washington street, near the corner of Desplaines. From what has been learned of the affray, it would appear that those on one side were respectable and inoffensive people who were attacked, while on their way to their homes, by a crowd of ruffians. The latter had no provocation whatever for committing the assault, as they did not know the men of the opposite party, and had not been insulted or disturbed by them.

At the hour mentioned, Charles K. Herrick, John Spalding, R.B. Fuller, D.E. Hall, and one or two others whose names could not be ascertained, while walking along Washington street in a peaceable and well behaved manner, were accosted by six or eight roughs, who took especial pains to jostle them. The young men paid no attention to this indignity, and were about to retreat quietly, when they found themselves attacked and insulted on all sides.