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DISGUSTING ROWDYISM

A ROW, A RIOT, AND A RUMPUS IN A WEST MADISON STREET DOGGERY—A CHANCE TO REVOKE A LICENSE.

The attention of the Mayor's Police is called to the disreputable condition of a saloon on Madison street, two doors from the corner of Western avenue. This place has for the past few months become the resort of roughs and thieves of the worst character, whose orgies are continued late at night, and are standing nuisances to the residents in the neighborhood...

About 7 o'clock last evening a most desperate riot was stirred up by three or four roughs who assaulted some one in the saloon, and then brought the fight to the sidewalk. A free fight followed for some minutes, in which a knife was drawn and a man, whose name could not be learned, cut severely. A burly bystander courageously interfered, but was set upon with a club by an excited rough who pounded him nearly senseless.

One of the fighters was knocked down senseless upon the street, when a third jumped on his prostrate form and stamped upon him repeatedly. The crowd around became alarmed, the roughs had it all their own way, and a wholesome case of murder looked promising...

The neighborhood is a most respectable one, and that such a condition of affairs should exist in it is an insult to the community. It is to be declared that His Honor Mayor Medill will cause an investigation to be made, and the saloon keeper's license revoked.