

BRILLIANT ELECTRIC SIGHT

A WONDERFUL EXHIBITION OF NORTHERN LIGHTS.

THE AURORA BOREALIS VISIBLE LAST NIGHT FROM THE ATLANTIC COAST TO IOWA—SOME STRIKING FEATURES OF THE DISPLAY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A gorgeous illumination of the heavens was visible to-night in cities over a thousand miles apart. It was the most wonderful exhibition of the aurora, or northern lights, possibly ever seen from American soil. Dispatches to the Associated Press show that the phenomenon stretched over a great belt of territory from Iowa to the Atlantic coast. The magnificent spectacle was scientifically observed at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Astronomical Director W. J. Hussey of that institution wires the result to the Associated Press as follows:

“The brilliant rose-red aurora visible to-night was not altogether unexpected. In a general way auroras have been predicted for about this time. To-night's display naturally follows the appearance of the great sun spot which has been visible during the past week. Other auroral displays may be expected in the near future.”

Other dispatches to the Associated Press show that the phenomenon was witnessed at New-York, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, and at Illinois and Iowa points, but not at St. Louis, Kansas City, or Memphis. At Cincinnati it was first supposed that the city of Hamilton, twenty-five miles north, was on fire.

Though not seen at St. Paul or Minneapolis the aurora was plainly witnessed in Milwaukee