

BILLY WEST, THE FAMOUS MINSTREL, DIES AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—William H. West, known to theater-goers for the past quarter of a century as "Billy" West, the minstrel, died here today of cancer, aged 45 years. Early in the week a cancerous growth, which his physicians ascribed to excessive smoking, was removed from his throat, but he never recovered from the effects of the operation.

Mr. West's home was in Utica, N. Y. His friends in Chicago estimate his estate at \$500,000.

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