

A RAILROAD MANAGER DYING.

S. S. MERRILL, OF THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL, VERY LOW.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 4.—At a late hour last evening S. S. Merrill, General Manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, who had been confined to his house for many months from partial paralysis, suffered a third stroke, and has been in an unconscious condition ever since. At noon it was thought life was extinct, and a telephone message from his home in the suburbs announced that the end was at hand. A little later the dying man rallied somewhat, but quickly sank into a stupor from which he has not since rallied. The reported death of this venerable and popular railroad man was received with most profound sorrow. Alexander Mitchell, who has been Mr. Merrill's life-long friend and associate, is utterly prostrated and is lying very ill at his home. It is believed that Mr. Merrill cannot survive the night.

Sherburn S. Merrill was born in Alexandria, Grafton County, N. H., Feb. 28, 1818. He lived on a farm and received such education as the public schools afforded him until he was 16 years old, when he began life for himself. One year as a servant about a hotel, six years in the employ of a Boston furnishing house, and then, in 1850, Mr. Merrill was found first in Milwaukee, engaging as boss of a crew grading a section of what is now the Prairie du Chien division of the great St. Paul system; next a train conductor, then Paymaster, then Assistant Superintendent of the Milwaukee and Watertown line, then of the La Crosse and Milwaukee, then of the old Winona and St. Peter, until, in 1865, he was chosen for the duties of his present position as General Manager of the Milwaukee and St. Paul, which position he has held through all the progress in the growth of that company. Mr. Merrill's family consists of a wife, three married daughters, and a son. He is very wealthy, and his estate is worth from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

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