

A man had been killed near Kellogg's Old Grove; and St. Vrain, Hale, Fowler and Hawley were also killed, while their companions, Alexander Higginbotham, Aquilla Floyd, and one McKinney, made their escape after being hotly pursued nearly the entire day. Two men were killed near the Sinsiniwa Mound; the fort at Apple River was attacked, one man killed, and quite a number of cattle driven off; Capt. Stephenson had a severe conflict with a party of Indians on the head of Yellow Creek, in which he lost three men, and was himself wounded, and compelled to abandon the field; and Capt. Snyder and Gen. Whiteside had a small conflict with them near Buffalo Grove.

On the 25th of June, while Maj. John Dement was encamped at Kellogg's Old Grove, with the spy battalion of Gen. Posey's brigade, some three or four Indians were discovered near the encampment, when many of the excitable and enthusiastic volunteers, without consideration, commenced a disorderly pursuit, despite the remonstrances of Maj. Dement. The result was, that they were led into an ambuscade, some of them killed, and the rest generally so frightened by the yells of the Indians, that a tumultuous retreat commenced; and the Indians, flushed with victory, pursued them to the very verge of their encampment, which was composed of some substantial log houses. Here the whites rallied, and kept off the Indians, but while the contest lasted, some twenty or thirty horses, belonging to the volunteers, were killed. It is said, and I believe with truth, that Maj. Dement acted with great bravery, and made every exertion to rally his men upon the prairie, so much so as to attract the admiration of Black Hawk himself, who afterwards said, "The young chief talked much and loud, in trying to rally his men, and deserved much credit for his bravery."

About the 28th of June, all the forces under Col. Dodge's command, rendezvoused at Fort Hamilton, where they were met by Gen. Posey's brigade, preparatory to commencing an expedition to Kosh-ko-nong Lake, where, according to the plan previously devised, we were to meet Gen. Atkinson, with the other two