

cartridge of three buck-shot and a ball passed through him, and he fell dead without a groan.

Beckett was arrested, and confined in the guard-house. He was ironed with great care—his hands and feet confined with irons, an iron collar around his neck, with a bar connected, extending through the shackles of his hands and feet. He laid in a stone cell on the floor made of square timber eighteen inches thick, to which he was confined by a band of iron, passing over his body and fastened firmly on either side. A guard was placed over him, but with all this precaution he managed to escape.

He got away as far as Cassville, and went to work in the Mines somewhere south of that place, and was found by Capt. Billy Harris,* who was down there hunting for deserters. He was carried to Mineral Point, tried by the civil authorities, convicted, brought back here, and hung like a dog. The sheriff who sent his soul into eternity, barely escaped on a fleet horse with his life, for the soldiers were enraged at the indignities shown to their unfortunate comrade, and tried to kill him.

The same year, the Fox and Sauk Indians killed some Sioux, at the head of Cedar River in Iowa. Capt. Dick Mason† started with a number of troops, for the scene of disturbance, and I went along as guide. We arrived at the place of the fight, found everything quiet, and all we did, was to turn about and go back the way we came.

Soon after the Sioux and a number of Monomonees, attacked a party of Sauks and Foxes, at Prairie Du Pierreaux and killed some ten Indians, among whom was Kettle, the great Fox chief.‡ The Sauks and Foxes were coming up to a treaty unarmed, and the Sioux made aware of this, through their runners, got the Monomonees and laid in ambush on the east

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‡This was in 1830; See vol. II Wisconsin Historical Collections, p. 170, 171, 228.

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