

prised by the Fox and Sauk war-party, and all in the camp killed except an Indian boy, who picked up a gun and shot a Fox brave through the heart, and escaped. After massacring, scalping, and mutilating the bodies, the Fox Indians got into canoes and paddled down the river past the Fort, singing their war song and boasting of their exploits. Soldiers were sent to punish them, but I believe they failed to catch them. In the morning I helped to bury those killed. There were twenty-seven bodies, all killed with the knife and tomahawk, except the Fox brave shot by the boy. They were buried in three graves, on the landing below the present Fort Crawford; and until within a few years, the spot was marked by a small muslin flag, kept standing by the few Monomonees who lingered in this vicinity; but nothing is now left to preserve the graves from sacrilege, and soon the iron horse will course o'er the bones of those Red Men, long since gone to their happy hunting ground.

After the Monomonee massacre, a warrior of that tribe was found in the old Catholic grave yard, and buried. He had no wounds, and it is thought that when the Foxes attacked the Indians on the island, he got away and ran so fast that he had to lean against the wall to rest, and that he rolled over and died.

A soldier named Barrette was killed this year by J. P. Hall, an officer, who struck the man on the head with a pitchfork handle, and broke his skull. Hall was acquitted, but he never forgot that murder. I believe Hall lives in Iowa.

I continued in Government employ until the fall of 1831, when having saved some money, I formed a co-partnership with a person named Perry, and went to keeping a boarding house and tavern. I can say that I kept the first tavern in this town. It was kept in a house we bought of J. H. Lockwood, which house is still standing. I continued in the business some time, and found it very profitable; but afterwards sold my interest to Perry, who became involved. A suit arose about this time between J. H. Lockwood and myself, about some notes. This suit lasted several years, and was finally decided in my favor.