

men were *un*-locking the guns, and make a demonstration of resistance, by which time our entire party would arrive, and prevail on them to submit to the same treatment; telling them if they came along with us quietly, no harm would be offered them. On the 10th of May, we camped in a valley near the Baraboo, and three days after were on Dell Creek. Here the scouting party captured a Winnebago Indian, who told me his part of the tribe were encamped at Seven Mile Creek. I sent eleven men to the camp which was very large, and comprised many lodges. When the main body had come up to tlement in the North-West—have seen the dawning of a new all the guns but one, which belonged to a young brave who refused to give it up. Fearing he might do some mischief, the gun was taken from him. It was a fine rifle, of which he was proud; but in spite of his remonstrance, the lock was taken off, and put in a bag with others. When the piece was rendered unservicable, they handed it back to the young Indian. He looked at it a moment, and then grasping the barrel he raised it above his head, and brought the stock down with such force against the trunk of a young sapling as to break it to splinters, and threw the barrel many rods from him. His sister, an Indian girl about seventeen years old, picked up the barrel and handed it to him. The brother bent it against the tree and then hurled it over the bank into the creek.

The addition of the Indians put us on short allowance, and I was obliged to send one of the wagons back to the Baraboo for provisions and grain. Just before making camp on main ridge, the 15th of May, my horse was bit on the nose by a rattle-snake. The horse's head was soon swelled to twice its natural size, and I thought him as good as dead, when an old Frenchman offered to make the horse well by the next morning. I turned the horse over to his care, and sure enough, the morning following the swelling had all disappeared, and the horse was as well as ever. I asked what he had put on to effect the sudden cure, he said he did not apply anything, but one of the men told me that he cured the horse by looking at and talking to it. This was the same man who cured one Theo.