

and they suffered much. The Sacs wasted the crops as they retreated over the fields, and this made the Winnebagoes fight the harder for their Great Father. They delivered to Gen. Atkinson and Gov. Dodge more prisoners than these officers could take care of, and they were therefore sent to Rock Island.

The Winnebagoes were then told by Gov. Dodge that their Great Father wanted the big warriors taken—such men as Black Hawk and the Prophet—and they soon heard that Black Hawk and his men were on Keesick River, near Fort Winnebago. The Prophet was taken by the whites; but Black Hawk was taken by the Winnebagoes. Nee-no-hum-pee-kan was the man who did it. The war was then over; their crops had all been destroyed; and so they went back to the Fort, and received flour and other things to live upon.

When the Winnebagoes were going down with their prisoners, they met Gov. Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, at St. Louis, who accompanied them to Rock Island, saying that he was much pleased at what they had done, and that they would be rewarded by their Great Father. They also saw General Scott at Rock Island. He drew his sword and put it back into its scabbard, saying he had no use for it; his red brethren had made it of no use. He said their Great Father had heard of what had been done—"had heard of *me*," said the old chief; and Gen. Scott thanked the Winnebagoes in Gov. Dodge's name for the help they had given in the war. He said our Great Father always gave money and land to his own soldiers, and he would tell him of the services of the Winnebagoes, and he would then treat them in the same way; and the Winnebagoes have always believed this. Their Great Father after whipping the Sacs and Foxes, made peace with them; but there was no peace made between them and the Sacs and Foxes. The Sacs hated the Winnebagoes for helping their Great Father, and when peace was made with the whites, they struck at the Winnebagoes, first at the family of the speaker. When he was away from home, they stole upon his lodge, and killed his wife and children! For ten years the Sacs and Foxes struck at the Winnebagoes with their war parties, and