

and cool undaunted courage, is not excelled in the history of Indian warfare, is from the official report of General Dodge to Gen. Atkinson:

"After crossing the Peckatonica, in the open ground, I dismounted my command, linked my horses and left four men in charge of them, and sent four men in different directions to watch the movements of the Indians. I formed my men on foot at open order, and at trailed arms, and we proceeded through the swamp to some timber and under-growth where I expected to find the enemy. When I found their trail, I knew they were close at hand. They had got close to the edge of the lake, where the bank was six feet high, which was a complete breast-work for them. They commenced the fire, when three of my men fell, two dangerously wounded, one severely but not dangerously. I instantly ordered a charge on them made by eighteen men, which was promptly obeyed. The Indians being under the bank, our guns were brought within ten or fifteen feet of them before we could fire on them. Their party consisted of thirteen men. Eleven were killed on the spot, and the remaining two were killed in crossing the lake, so they were left without one to carry the news to their friends. The volunteers under my command behaved with great gallantry. It would be impossible for me to discriminate among them. At the word 'charge,' the men rushed forward, and literally shot the Indians to pieces. We were, Indians and whites, on a piece of ground not to exceed sixty feet square."

The precise spot on which this terrific battle occurred is section eleven, town two, range five, east, in the town of Wiota.

Col. Hamilton arrived, with the friendly Sioux Indians, about an hour after the battle; and some Winnebagoes, who professed to be friendly came with them, among whom was the chief Dekauray. The friendly Indians went to the ground where the Sauks were killed. They scalped them, and literally cut them to pieces, and appeared to be delighted with the scalps.

On the 18th of June, while a company under the command of Capt. Stephenson were engaged in scouting, three of his men were killed and himself wounded by Indians near the Peckatonica, among whom Black Hawk was said to have been present.

On the 24th of the month, Black Hawk, with a large body of Indians, made an attack on Apple River Fort, near the present vil-