

ter, and General Atkinson, with General Henry's brigade, formed the right wing, and advanced up Rock River.

The left wing marched across the country by the way of the Peckatonica battle-ground, and Sugar River, to the first of the Four Lakes, being reinforced at Sugar River by the Galena company of volunteers. At the First Lake they were joined by White Crow and about thirty Winnebago warriors, who avowed their purpose of showing the path of the Sauks to the pursuing army.

Some dissatisfaction existing between Colonel Dodge's command and General Posey's brigade, a change of position was made, whereby General Alexander's command was associated with Colonel Dodge's, while Posey's brigade took the place of Alexander's.

The left wing as re-organized then moved up the right bank of Rock River, accompanied by their volunteer guides, the Winnebagoes. Having marched two days, until Rock River was reached a short distance above the mouth of Bark River, they retraced their steps in consequence of an express from General Atkinson, and crossed Rock River below the mouth of Bark River, where is the present village of Fort Atkinson. Here they met General Atkinson.

At this time, and at General Atkinson's encampment, Captain Charles Dunn, subsequently appointed chief justice, on the organization of the Territory of Wisconsin, four years later, while acting as officer of the day, and going around to relieve the guard, was accidentally shot by one of the sentinels, and dangerously wounded. He was so disabled as to be compelled to return home, and was conveyed to Dixon by an escort.

It appeared subsequently, by discovery of the trail and other evidences, that a considerable ambush had been formed on the east bank of Rock River, at a point where the left wing would have been obliged to cross the stream. White Crow had been anxious that Colonel Dodge and General Alexander should continue their march up the river, where they had been re-called by General Atkinson; and it was supposed that this treacherous Indian was acting in concert with Black Hawk, and was guiding the army to this point. This suspicion was strengthened by his conduct at the Blue Mounds at the time of the surrender of the Hall girls.

The Indians, in the meantime, finding themselves closely pressed by the advancing troops, had pushed on up the river, evidently