

Hall, Davis and Pettigrew were attacked, and fifteen of the number were massacred. Two young ladies were taken prisoners, but were afterwards ransomed by Col. Dodge, at the Blue Mounds, in Dane County, Wisconsin, for \$2,000.

Individual murders were being committed about this time all over the country. At Buffalo Grove, one Durley was killed. The next day St. Vrain, the agent of the Sacs and Foxes, Hawley, Fowler, and Hale were killed. Four men were killed at Sinsinawa Mounds; others at Cassville, at the Blue Mounds, and various other places. While this Indian murdering was going on, which produced the greatest alarm and dismay in the minds of the inhabitants, the whites were no less dismayed and alarmed at the results of the battles or skirmishes that were being enacted in various portions of the country about this time. Gen. Samuel Whiteside, an old and distinguished Indian fighter, was encountered by a party of old Black Hawk's warriors, on Rock River and badly defeated. Soon after, Major Stephenson of Galena, a brave and chivalrous young officer, was also defeated in a skirmish with the Indians on the Yellow Creek, losing six of his men, and being himself wounded; the remainder of his men had to retreat to Galena, with great alarm and trepidation. Soon after this unfortunate disaster, Maj. Dement, another brave and daring young officer, was most disastrously defeated at Kellogg's Grove, losing many of his men, and about thirty of his horses.

About this time Apple River Fort was attacked by a large body of Indians, under the command of Black Hawk himself. The fort was beleaguered for two days, and it was only by the most providential circumstance that the women and children were not all massacred. Seventeen women were outside of the fort, washing at the creek near by. The hills and valleys were covered with children, and had it not been for the firing on the express men, passing from Galena to Dixon, who gave the alarm, all of the women and children who were outside of the fort must inevitably have been slain.

Thus it will be seen that the country was at this time in the most alarming and fearful condition. To still further increase this alarm and consternation, on the 14th of June