

20th, was in the woods, about a quarter of a mile north of the northeast end of Monona (or Third) Lake, and about one mile northeast of the present crossing of the Catfish (or Yahara). We entered what is now Madison the next morning, between the Third and Fourth lakes, crossing the Catfish at or near where the bridge now spans that stream, nearly south of the former residence of Wm. Welch, Esq. After crossing Catfish, the Indian trail led along the slight ridgeway between Monona (or Third) Lake and the marshy land on the west. Reaching the point where the Lake House hotel formerly stood, just above S. L. Sheldon's agricultural depot, a lone Indian was killed. Then turning nearly due west, we pursued almost precisely over the ground where the capitol now stands—thence nearly due west, leaving the summit of University Hill slightly to the north. This was my first visit to the site of Madison.

During the chase of the 21st, occurred the incident mentioned by Wakefield, in his work on the Black Hawk War, of one of Dodge's men having received three wounds from one shot of a wounded Indian. It took place about fifteen miles west of Madison, and not far from the route of the present road to Sauk Prairie. The Indian was on foot, and a straggler, and when discovered by our advanced men, he attempted to deceive them, by crying out, Winnebago! Winnebago! It was regarded as a weak device—and if really a Winnebago, he was found in bad company, in the wake of the flying foe, and was immediately shot; and while in the act of falling, he raised his gun, and shot a young man of Capt. Clark's company, of White Oak Springs, whose name I have forgotten. I was near by, and witnessed the incident—the soldier received but one ball, and that in the thigh.

I was not at the Bad Axe battle. I heard afterwards, in general terms, of the dislodging of the Indians upon an island. I think the statement of Gen. Bracken is correct as to the pursuit of the fugitives by the Sioux; and my recollection now is, that this pursuit was by order of Gen. Atkinson, and was done by the Sioux alone—how many were killed, was never definitely stated. I think the slain of the Sauks and