## THE SWORD OF BLACK HAWK

It will also be noticed that whiskey was then only \$1.00 a gallon, but that was before the days of the Civil War revenue tax.

The last item in the account is a blanket for Jake West, who was a half-breed famous among other things for having a hand almost as large as that of Divine Providence, and feet which would crowd each other in the narrow way. A portion of his history I wrotes up some years ago in *The Keosauqua Republican*. This half-breed's name was really Chequest, and a creek near Iowaville was named after him, but his name became corrupted to Jake West.

The second page shows a purchase in 1835 by a bunch of Indians, but the items are not given. Its principal feature of interest is the names of the Indians, among which again appears that of Keokuk.

There are a good many pages of the account book showing purchases by many other Indians, whose names are given, but they do not seem of sufficient interest to justify their reproduction.

I had hoped to find in the book an account against Black Hawk, but was unable to do so. He must have been a cash customer.

Denver, Colo., June 7, 1910.

## A CORRECTION.

Fortunately no draft [during the civil war] was required in Floyd county nor in Iowa. (Annals of Iowa, 3d ser. V. 9, No. 5, p. 331.)

From the History of Floyd County, Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago, 1882, we quote:

E. A. Teeling, of Charles City, was appointed Provost Marshal for this district to conduct the conscription. On the 20th of October, 1864, twenty-six names were turned out for Floyd county by the wheel of chance at Decorah, the first thirteen of which \* \* were of those who had either to go to war or hire a substitute. 4.

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