

PROGRESS OF THE WAR IN MISSOURI.

The guerrillas on the north side of the Missouri river were, according to report, dealt with somewhat severely by General Merrill and Col. Guither, who followed them up till they all dispersed who were not killed or taken prisoners. Col. Guither had a fight with Paindester on Grand river, about the 12th inst., and gave the guerrilla chief and his band a sound thrashing, dealing out leaden bullets to the injury of many, and driving some into the river, where they were drowned.

Another conflict occurred a day or two afterwards between the same parties in Chariton county, where the Federal colonel chased the guerrilla general in a running fight of eighteen miles, as set forth, in which from two to three hundred guerrillas are said to have been killed and wounded.

After the battle at Independence on the 11th, vigorous military measures were entered into in Upper Missouri and Kansas for the protection of the Unionists, and the capture of the guerrillas under Quantrell.

On the 15th a fight is reported to have taken place between a Federal force, eight hundred strong, under Major Foster, of the State militia, and Quantrill, in command of about three thousand guerrillas at a place in Jackson county, called Lone Jack, in which the Federals were defeated with a loss, as at first stated, of two hundred killed and wounded. A later statement estimated the loss of the Federals at only one hundred and fifty. The loss of the guerrillas could not be ascertained. The forces under Foster were marching from Lexington in quest of the enemy, and fell into an ambush, and were roughly handled, lost two pieces of artillery; and in despite of all their exertions to rally and rout the marauders, they had to yield the field and retreat to Lexington. Maj. Foster was mortally wounded.

The fight at Independence was quite a sanguinary affair. The Federal loss is stated at twenty one killed and thirty four wounded. The Confederates said their loss was ten killed and eleven wounded; but the Federals said that as many as sixty of the band were killed, besides those wounded. Gen. Hughes was among the slain.

Matters were still in an unsettled state the last that was heard from that part of the country.