

two rivers were one and the same. In the course of time, when the country became better known, the true Smith's river received the new name of Illinois, while the Del Norte river retained the former name and has kept it ever since.

The first white child ever born in Del Norte county was born in Crescent City to the wife of Mr. Frame, on the 28th day of August, 1853, and was christened "Mary Frame"

The town of Crescent City was rapidly improving, the population of the county was steadily increasing, and business houses and dwellings were being erected on every hand.

And about this time the influence of the white settlement was being felt by the Indians; they were being pushed to the wall by the march of civilization. In the spring of 1853 a man called California Jack, accompanied by several others, started from Crescent City on a prospecting tour, intending to visit some place near Smith's river. A short time afterwards an Indian was seen in town carrying a revolver with the name, "California Jack," engraved upon it. Surmising that the prospectors had been murdered by the Indians, a party of citizens attacked the Indians on Battery Point, near town, killing the one who had the pistol and several others. A company was immediately organized to search for the supposed murdered men. The camp of the prospectors on the banks of Smith's river was easily found, and further search resulted in the discovery of the bodies of the men, all bearing marks of violence by the Indians.

After the punishment of the Indians at Battery Point, a large number of the survivors removed to a rancharia near the mouth of Smith's river, known as the Yontocket ranch. But the feeling in Crescent City against them was too intense to subside without a further punishment being administered. A company was formed, and procuring a