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safer with them than with the majority of white people. They were never the aggressors in any instance. After we had been there some little time, there was a crowd came across from Sonoma, headed by Kelsey, who was then under bond for killing Indians at Clear Lake. The Oregon men were hard on the Indians, and would abuse them on all occasions; they had no rights that an Oregon man was bound to respect. If there was any difficulty with the Indians, it always began with the white men. I remember that while we were there, a schooner came in very much damaged, belonging to Capt. Charles Thompson and Isaac Blinson. They ran her ashore on the flat, and the water came first with her decks, and the people went ashore. As soon as the vessel was wrecked, all the white people went and got whatever they could from her. After she was abandoned, some Indians went aboard of her and took off some light sails and ropes. There was a settlement at the head of the bay, principally started by the Oregon and Sonoma men. Some of them came down to hunt for the stolen property and stopped near where we were, near where Eureka now is. I went over there, being the only one who could speak any Indian, having learned their language, and engaged a couple of Indian guides to go and recover this property. Some Indians from Bel River

had taken it. The two boys that I sent went
pretty near to the ranches of the Col River
Indians and pointed it out; they did not want
to go quite to the place, because they thought
the Col River Indians might commence war
on their tribe, being more powerful than they.
A man by the name of Stansberry, father in
law of Kelsey, who was of the party, said, "I
guess these fellows know too much about
this; we may as well leave them right here,"
and drew his pistol and shot down these two
Indians, the first Indians shot on Humboldt
Bay. This was several months after our
vessel had gone back to San Francisco. The Indians
then took the first convenient opportunity to kill
two white men, perfectly harmless fellows,
but they had to pay the penalty for the wrong
done by the Oregon men. These Oregon men
would kill Indians wherever they saw them.
These coast Indians were of a very low grade,
subsisting upon fish and roots. Their weapons
were bows and arrows, and spears with ^{or bone} stone heads.
They made their arrow heads with little bits of
elk horn for stools; putting a pad of deer skin
in their hands to protect them, with this piece
of elk horn they would work off a flint
to a fine point, and as sharp as a razor.
Sometimes they would work up pieces of
old bottles in the same way, into arrow heads.