

seven. The shooting of Hicks seems to have occurred beyond the limits of Wiyot territory, but Dandy Bill, though claiming to be unacquainted with the particulars, thought that some Wiyot were among the band that killed the white man. Those guilty tried to hide at kadjo'h-dätigërdoli, the point of Grizzly Bluff reaching down toward the mouth of Van Duzen river.

#### *Consequences of Theft by Indians*

The Wiyot Indians are not known to have ever killed a single head of cattle and they seldom stole anything of much value, though doubtless on occasion they pilfered. One Indian informant told his boyhood experiences in stealing. One day he entered a white man's cabin by the chimney and took some fish-hooks. Some of these he gave away to his boy friends, and in this way his parents found out that he had been stealing. He was made to understand that it was a very serious offense. He must go to the white man and confess, even if he paid the penalty of death for his crime. His father and uncle took him into the terrible presence of the white man, who blustered considerably when he found out who had taken the hooks—possibly for effect, since he ended by giving back to the boy some of the articles he had returned. The man put one hand beneath the boy's fallen chin, made him look straight into his eye, then laid an ice-cold finger on his throbbing forehead, and said: "If I ever catch you stealing again I will put a bullet right through there." The lesson was enough. Never again through a long life has this Indian been tempted to steal again.

In May, 1858, a theft occurred on Eel river which was more serious in its consequences to the Indians. Robertson Jack, a bad Indian, stole a Mr. Kady's gun, hiding it and not advising even his relatives that he had it. Kady was very angry about his loss for two or three days. Then, when one day Jack brought home ten rabbits, his uncle suspected, watched him, and discovered the hiding place. Dandy Bill and his uncle started to take the gun back to its owner, but, fearing trouble, left it with Dungan. Kady was satisfied when he got his gun, but certain other white men desired to punish the Indians and attacked the village, site AX, at daybreak one morning, killing Dandy Bill's uncle, the uncle's wife, and a baby, and wounding another woman so that she died later. Dandy Bill's father buried his brother at site 104, while Dandy Bill went to Fort Humboldt and carried legal papers back and forth between the judge and the sheriff, who subse-