brother took the trail the next day, and came after
the Indians driving the herd they had got from
his cabin, and these were several of them killed
in the fight, perhaps fifteen or twenty. S.W.
Shaw has a little picture of the first house ever
constructed in the bay. Right back of this house
we cut down a fir tree to get out some shingles
to roof it with. We tried to split it in eight
feet lengths, but did not succeed, and then
we tried four feet lengths and could not split
it, and then two feet, and it would not split.
When I finally went out there to build a fort on
Humboldt Bay, and barracks, the same idea formed
in me, and they say his soldiers worked away for a
long time at this tree, but could not split it.
There were a lot of shingles, but no shingles. I
measured a large redwood tree which stood there,
and found from it eight feet, four in circumference.
This was on Clear Creek, a little stream that
empties into the bay, about a mile above
Eureka. Uniontown was settled entirely by those
who came in overland.

I crossed over the ridge between Humboldt
Bay and Trinity River, on the 4th day of August.
it was so cold that water froze solid in a teacup.
The snow never melted on some of these peaks of
the Trinity Mountains. There never had been
any Spanish foreigners there, and no more the first
white people that had been among the Indians