capture their home. They succeeded in killing three of the Indians, shooting them at daybreak.

Arrived at Sac in the fall of '49 Col Ross met his nephew Angus Brown, commonly called House Brown, whom he left with money, 30 ounces to buy a rifle and ammunition, and fitting it with wooden stocks. He left all but leaving Col Ross nearly broke.

Then Ross joined a party of trappers which wintered at Chinese Creek on the S. side of Shasta City, on the east side of Shasta River. Remained there until the last of February '50. The Indians were very troublesome and several fights with them. Then all the party, among whom were T. Curtis, Jeremiah McKay, House Brown, Col Ross, and others went to Clear Creek and remained there until April. A news there reached them of the rich diggings discovered at Yuba. Therefore all hands gathered themselves up and set out for the place. McKay and Ross packed up a load of goods from Shasta, called Reading Springs, the original name.
of Stockton city, and opened store at the.

War there a few days when a council was called and stringent resolutions were passed against the white, for their treatment of the Indians.

An Indian had been killed by one Lige for stealing a horse, and

Horst, alcalde at Yerba Buena, and other wanted Indian offenders to be brought to justice before the almost

the same as white offenders. Nothing

now done to Lige, but

Col. Ross was off to these conditions, and

more against them, and he was not

imposed by the crowd.

The night after this council, these

same Indians after evening prayers,

into forty men and horses from

William Martin's corral, and a corral.

Col. Ross was requested to go after them.

With 40 men he followed them for

three days, and surprised them in Butte Valley, 60 miles east from Yerba. Seven scalps were brought in through 15

Indians were killed in the fight, and

among the rest the scalp and the cap of a chief prominent in the Bernal

Treaty. Three or four white men

were wounded, and one died after

wounding.