

capture their horses. They succeeded in killing three of the Indians, shooting them at day break.

Arrived at Sac in the fall of '53 Col Ross met his nephew Angus Brown, commonly called Hans Brown, whom he left with money, 30 ounces, to buy a six couple team, and falling in with monte sharp he was left all leaving Col Ross nearly broke. Then Ross joined a party of trappers which wintered at Chum Creek on the ^{east} side of Shasta City, on the east side of Shasta River. Remained there until the last of February '54. The Indians were very troublesome, had several fights with them. Then all the party, among whom were T. Curtis, Terminus McKay, Hans Brown, Col Ross and others went to Clear Creek and remained there until April. ^{While there they discovered a party had been} News there reached them of the rich diggings discovered at Yreka. Thereupon 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~~ the original name

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