

# THE HUMBOLDT TIMES.

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**THE INDIANS.**—The Indians of this Bay are now holding a general meeting at their Rancheria on Pattewatt River. They are offering sacrifices to the "good spirit to hold the earth still;" the shocks of earthquakes lately felt have frightened them so much that they would have left for the hills if the "wagas" (whites) had not persuaded them that there was no danger. The council has lasted five days, which time has been spent, in the day by the old men in handing down tradition, and the night by the younger ones in dancing, which they keep up all night. The Bay Indians have a tradition that this Bay was produced by an earthquake, which swallowed up the land and destroyed a large and powerful tribe of Indians—only a few escaping—which statement is almost corroborated by the evidences presented to us, viz: trees buried to the depth of upwards of two hundred feet, and more palpable proofs in the immense fissures found in the hills to the south-east of this place, which appear to have been made within a century.

**A HARD CASE.**—At the October term of the