

A California Lion Killed.

Last Saturday evening a young man named Henry Samuels killed on the ranch of D. D. Hill, in Rag Canon, eighteen miles northeast of town, a California lion, which was brought to Napa. The animal—a powerful one—is of a tawny color, several years old, is fat, measures from end of nose to end of tail six feet eight inches, stood two feet ten inches high, and was of the male persuasion. For some time Mr. Hill had missed goats from his large flock, and, resolving to find the cause, young Samuels started out with his rifle and dogs. The lion was found. Samuels wounded it, and the dogs attacked it. They were fought off. Then the lion made for the young man, who with a Winchester rifle, stood without flinching, and when the lion got near put a bullet into its right fore-shoulder. At this the animal bound 13 feet up into a tree, and not until five more balls were put into his huge body did it succumb. Mr. Hill says he has lost \$500 worth of goats lately, and thinks this lion and his mate have taken them. Near the place where he was shot lay five goats in one pile partially devoured. Scores of persons visited Marvin's stables this morning to see the dead lion. His weight was 168 pounds.—Napa "Register."

A Strange Death.

A sad and strange casualty occurred on Saturday, four miles below Davenport, Iowa. The victim was a young man, the only son of a respectable farmer named J. Baumier. He was engaged in hauling rotted straw from the barnyard to the field.—A pile that had accumulated upset the sled, causing the entire load to fall on Baumier, burying him completely. Death ensued from suffocation within five minutes, the body being found by the father shortly after. The horses had not moved.

How a Crime Was Detected.

Some time ago a button found on the scene of a murder led to the detection of a murderer, and a pin has been of similar service lately in Paris. A laundress, having received a handsome legacy, was foolish enough to mention to an acquaintance in the same house where she had placed the money. A few days later the other announced that she, too, had quite unexpectedly come into some money, and invited the laundress to breakfast. The latter came, and the entertainment passed off charmingly, but strange to say, she got dreadfully sleepy after it, and only woke up when her hostess had made her an extra strong cup of coffee. Upon returning to her room she discovered that she had been robbed. The police came and searched her bureau, when there tumbled out of some linen a pin which she immediately recognized as one that she had seen in her hostess's fichu on the day of the breakfast. A search in the latter's room revealed the thief, who had drugged the laundress at breakfast, slipped out of the room with her keys, robbed her and put the keys back in her pocket.

A Horrible Murder in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., January 20.—Intelligence was received here to-day of the murder of John S. Lacy, a citizen of New Kent county. The crime was committed last Friday night near Tunstall's Station, on the Richmond and York River railway, but was not discovered until Saturday, when the dead body was found with the head terribly smashed and almost entirely severed from the trunk. Two negro men and a boy have been arrested. The boy confessed that two other negroes had committed the deed, threatening his life if he betrayed them. The negroes to whom he alluded were subsequently arrested and pleaded guilty, confessing that they way-laid Mr. Lacy and murdered him for his money. An unsuccessful attempt was made last night by Mr. Lacy's neighbors to lynch the prisoners, who are in jail at Talleyville. There is no jail in the county. Great excitement prevails and it is expected that the people will to-night make another attempt and probably successful effort to deal summarily with the murderers.

A Boy's Strange Conduct.

The Detroit "News" says: On the morning of the 14th a lad calling himself Will Jakins, apparently about sixteen or seventeen years of age, came to Dansville, Ingham county, with a little dark-brown horse, harness, cutter, etc., which he offered to sell for \$40, saying he came from Genoa with the rig, that he had been employed by a man named Spink, who had turned in the horse, etc., for the sum due him for wages, viz.: \$130.

Officer Osborn tried to trap the boy into a confession that he had stolen the property, and in answer to some sharp questions he drew a pistol and shot Osborn, the ball being stopped by the officer's heavy clothing. He then ran, and on being pursued deliberately shot himself twice, both balls piercing his left lung near the heart. Before he died he said he came from Dexter. He had less than \$3 upon his person, but nothing that gives positive assurance of his identity.

Roughs Taught a Lesson.

CINCINNATI, January 22.—A young people's literary society at Deerfield, near Lebanon, Ohio, has been troubled by a lot of roughs congregating in the vicinity for some weeks past. Last Saturday the society stationed a guard at the door and the roughs attempted to force an entrance. The guard promptly drew their knives and began work in earnest. One of the roughs named Fairchild was cut seven times on the head and shoulders. He was carried away on a shutter and thought to be mortally wounded. The rest of the gang fled. No arrests.

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