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FATHER, THREE SONS AND A FRIEND LYNCHED.

Alleged Horse Thieves Hanged by a Mob in California.

(Special to The World.)

USANVILLE, Cal., May 31.—Five men were lynched last night near Lookout in Modoc County. They were:
HALL, CALVIN, aged 72 years.
HALL, FRANK, aged 23, son of Calvin.
HALL, JAMES, aged 19, son of Calvin.
HALL, MARTIN, aged 16, son of Calvin.
YANTIS, DANIEL V., aged 27, who lived with Calvin Hall.

The men were horse thieves—or that was the charge that the officers of the law laid against them when they took them to Lookout.

The lynching was the culmination of a long series of cattle robberies that have enraged the citizens of this section during the past month. Suspicion had been strong against the squatters who were hanged last night.

The Halls, father and sons, and Yantis, a young man who had been living with the Hall family, were taken into Lookout yesterday, and positive proof of their guilt is said to have been found on the ranch where the Halls lived.

At a little after midnight a mob quietly assembled before the jail. One of the constables in charge of the men was called to the door and as he opened it he was quickly seized and a rush made for the prisoners. No opposition offered, and the men were taken out into the open air.

Calvin Hall's sons made a desperate attempt for freedom, but was silenced by a blow from a whipstock.

The mob had failed to provide sufficient rope and a committee proceeded to dig up several wells in the village for the needed articles.

Calvin Hall was the first one strung up. No ceremony marked the action. A rope was simply thrown around his neck and twenty strong and willing men promptly grasped it and jerked the unfortunate man from his feet. The man was tied to a convenient fence post and the victim, with hands and feet, was left to strangle.

One of the other four men was hanged in the same manner. Usually a repetition of that of Calvin Hall.