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[From the Clinton Democrat Extra.]

## A DEADLY COMBAT NEAR ROSCOE:

**John Younger Shot Dead—Ed.  
Daniels, Deputy Sheriff of St.  
Clair CO., Killed—A Chi-  
cago Detective also  
Killed.**

Information reached this city at a late hour last night to the effect that a deadly tragedy had occurred in the vicinity of Roscoe, St. Clair county, Mo. This information was brought by a negro courier from Osceola, who left that place late yesterday evening, bearing a telegram from parties at Osceola to relatives of Mr. Ed. Daniels, who were in St. Louis, on a visit, informing them of his death. From a Mr. G. M. Parsons, who lives one mile west of Roscoe, where the tragedy occurred, and who arrived in Clinton this morning, we gain the particulars of the combat with the Younger brothers, which may be regarded as mainly correct. Mr. Parsons left Roscoe yesterday morning. Before leaving he got his information from a Mr. Brown, who lives at Roscoe, and who went over the ground where the fight occurred and saw the dead bodies. Two detectives, one from St. Louis and the other from Chicago, accompanied by deputy sheriff Daniels, of St. Clair county, arrived at Roscoe on Tuesday evening, about three or four o'clock, their mission being for the Younger boys, though they kept the matter as secret as possible. They left Roscoe, going northwest on the road to Clinton, and when about one and a half or two miles out on the road, two of the Younger boys, Jim and John, suddenly appeared in their rear, armed to the teeth with shot guns and revolvers. The Youngers got the advantage of the detectives and deputy sheriff, and presenting their shot guns ordered them to surrender. It is said the detectives both delivered up their pistols, when John Younger proceeded to disarm the deputy sheriff. Mr. Daniels drew a pistol from his pocket, and instead of delivering it up to his captors, fired killing John Younger dead, Jim Younger then opened fire with his double-barrel shot gun, shooting Daniels in the arm and shoulder with one barrel and with the other killing the Chicago detective dead on the spot. Daniels, after falling, received another shot in the breast which proved fatal.

In the melee the St. Louis detective managed to escape unharmed, by taking to the brush. The three bodies were found on the road after the tragedy, about one hundred yards apart. The dead bodies of the detective and John Younger were found on the road about one hundred yards apart. Daniels was also found about the same distance from them mortally wounded. He lived only a short time after being found.

It is thought that the deputy sheriff and posse indiscreetly told their business before starting in search of their game, and in this way the Youngers learned of their mission and were on the watch for them. The Youngers have repeatedly asserted that they would never be taken alive, and this affair seems to verify their determination. Cole Younger, the other brother, it seems had no hand in this affair.

The affair, as may be supposed, has created considerable excitement in the vicinity of Roscoe, and in fact throughout St. Clair county.