

JUST LYNCHED HIM ANYHOW.

A Bad Negro Quietly Hanged by Some Farmers in Leavenworth County.

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LEAVENWORTH, KAN., Aug. 21.—The lynching of a negro named Silas Wilson took place last night near Millwood in this county. The cause of the lynching is shrouded in mystery, except that he was a very bad man and a dangerous character in the neighborhood, and the citizens wanted to get rid of his presence. A report that he committed an assault a short time ago was in circulation, but the coroner held an inquest and found that this was not true.

Wilson was discharged yesterday morning from the services of John Hand, who had heard a great deal of bad talk about him. After Wilson was paid off he left for a neighbor's place, where he met Henry Ehart, and the latter got into an altercation with him and drove him from the house. Wilson then went to Lochner's in Millwood, where he remained until night. In the meantime a force of men collected, and about 9 o'clock Wilson, who was then on his way to the city, was lassoed by a horseman, dragged a little way and drawn up to the limb of a tree near the forks of the road and close to the mill dam across Stranger's creek.

Mr. Collyer, a farmer residing near by, guarded the body until the coroner's arrival. A jury was impaneled and gave the usual verdict. Mr. Collyer reports that he saw five masked men in a wagon last evening, but that he was so frightened he did not care to investigate them. Wilson was an ex-convict, having served in the penitentiaries at Jefferson City and Lansing for manslaughter and horse stealing, and was considered a disgrace and dishonor to the earth.