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When Richard Jacks, a young negro, returned after midnight Saturday night to the home of Edmond Bledsoe, an ex-slave 70 years of age, with whom he lived in the north part of Leavenworth, Kas., he was unable to gain admittance to the house, and the circumstance being unusual he called some neighbors and the door was broken in. It was found that someone had brutally beaten the aged negro into insensibility and set fire to a pile of rubbish on the floor, with evident intention of hiding the crime of robbery as well as murder.

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