

Clever Capture.

Wm. Bean, the confidence chap who was in limbo, on Monday, on a charge of passing a bogus check and obtaining money therefor, was released, last evening, the principal witness in his case not appearing in Court. Bean, however, instead of devoting his liberty to repentance and reform, set at once out on the pursuit of wickedness again. He hunted around various saloons till he struck one Joseph L. Johnson, a cattleman, who appeared to have considerable cash on his person. Johnson, realizing that he was "pretty full," had left three hundred dollars in the safe-keeping of a bar tender, after which he went around with Bean who finally coaxed him into the alley on Fourth Street, between the Farr and Guthrie blocks. There Bean struck and choked his victim and, as the latter alleges, took out of his pockets a large sum of money and his watch, valued at \$50, tearing the chain in the robbery.

Johnson, when he had recovered from his assault, hunted up the police and informed them of the occurrence. The officers instituted a search after the culprit, but failed to capture him. This morning, however, Sheriff G. R. Belnap was informed of the affair and he went out at once to find the outlaw, whom he soon succeeded in laying hands upon near the depot. The Sheriff took his prisoner to the City Jail, where Johnson identified his victimizer, and the latter was confined in a cell, after having been arraigned before Justice Thos. D. Dee in whose Court he pleaded "not guilty." The trial was then set for Wednesday, at 10 o'clock a.m., and Bean remanded to his lodgings in the Hotel de Brown, he not being able to furnish bail for his appearance.

This is the first official act of that nature by Sheriff Belnap, and it is certainly a creditable "maiden" case, indicating great sagacity and promptness, which justify the people's selection of him for their Sheriff.