

SHERIFF BELNAP FOLLOWS A CLUE

Which Leads to Arrest but not Detention.

The complaint filed by Abner Gentree against Maden Bros. as published in THE STANDARD has created considerable commotion. The answer of defendants the following day was also published. In the meantime defendants employed the services of Sheriff Belnap to ferret out the mystery. The complaint charged that plaintiff and defendants used each a separate compartment in the same safe and that some time during the last week of May, \$600 were taken from plaintiff's compartment, either by defendants or through their negligence in leaving the safe open or in losing keys belonging to that compartment by which it was opened and the money stolen. Sheriff Belnap received a clue which he followed up, and which led to the arrest of J. L. Moore, bartender at Maden's, on Friday evening, and the arrest of his wife, at Park City, the same evening. Yesterday morning Mrs. Moore was brought down from Park City by Sheriff Weber and placed in the custody of the sheriff's office in this City.

Late in the afternoon they were arraigned before Judge Dee, where they pleaded not guilty to the charge, grand larceny. A preliminary examination was held in the presence of the sheriff, District Prosecuting Attorney Evans and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Barton for the County.

A number of suspicious circumstances were brought out in the evidence, which, however, were cleared up by the defendants on examination. As for instance: Moore stated at Maden's that he was "broke" and even borrowed a dollar from a friend, yet when arrested \$100 were found hidden in his clothes. His wife had \$170 when arrested. Several messages passed back and forth which appear mysterious and pointed to something connected with the \$600. Then again Moore suddenly asked for his pay as he wanted to quit, a short time before his arrest. All combined pointed to defendants as the guilty parties, but when they explained everything to the satisfaction of the court the attorneys and the sheriff became convinced that circumstantial evidence was not the proper thing in the case and that defendants were innocent. They were therefore honorably discharged.

Maden Bros., now offer a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the man who has stolen the alleged \$600 from that safe, whether the money is returned or not. This offer is open to any one who can bring the guilty party to justice.