

BELNAP MAKES A CLEVER CAPTURE

He Arrests Wilson, a Horse Thief, Across the Idaho Line.

Sheriff Belnap returned from the north last evening, bringing with him F. E. Wilson, a Spaniard or half breed Mexican, wanted here for stealing a horse and saddle from Corey Brothers' stable on Sunday afternoon. The arrest was made ten miles above Swan Lake, Idaho.

Sunday afternoon a man about 22 years of age entered the office of the Corey Brothers Livery company and ordered a horse and saddle. He gave his name as F. E. Wilson and stated that he wanted the outfit for the purpose of riding to North Ogden to visit his uncle there. Wilson gave his residence as Provo. Night came and Wilson did not return. The Coreys became worried and telephoned to North Ogden, receiving the reply that no such man as Wilson was known there or had any relatives living in the town. On Monday morning a more systematic search for clues to the whereabouts of the man was made and it was found that he had been seen riding north, having passed the Hot Springs the evening before. Sheriff Belnap left for the north just before noon on Monday and drove to Brigham, where he found that Wilson had passed, still headed north. At Brigham Belnap was joined by Sheriff Loveland, who accompanied him on the trail, which was a very hard one on account of the shrewdness displayed by the man, as far as Dewyville, where Wilson had spent Sunday night. As it was evident the thief had gone north again on Monday morning, Loveland turned back from Dewyville and Belnap continued the chase alone. He tracked his man with a great deal of difficulty as far as Cannon, a small station on the Utah & Northern near the Idaho line, where Wilson had changed a \$20 gold piece.

Here for a while all trace of him ceased, but with his usual diligence the sheriff applied himself to the search more carefully than ever, and as a result found that Wilson had crossed the Idaho line and was still heading for the north country. When last heard of he was at Oxford. Belnap took the train and went as far as Swan Lake, the Oxford station. Here he found that most of the people were attending the celebration at Oxford, and it was with considerable difficulty that he secured any aid in his search. Wilson had been seen by a boy to take the cross road between Oxford and Swan Lake, evidently with the desire of missing the latter station, as he had overheard the boy and his grandmother talking of the officer from Utah who was after a horse thief. Acting without delay Belnap secured the assistance of A. M. Quigley and mounted on horses the two men rode rapidly northward in the hopes of reaching a ford in the river before Wilson crossed. Upon arriving at the ford ten miles above they found that their man had not crossed and took the back trail. Soon they saw Wilson riding rapidly toward them and, acting under instructions from the sheriff Quigley, who was armed with a shot gun, stopped him and asked how far it was to Oxford. Wilson did not seem desirous of talking, and would have ridden away but Belnap threw his gun on him and demanded hands up.

After considerable show of resistance, which was promptly met with a threat of death, the thief allowed himself to be handcuffed and searched. On his person were found a 44-calibre revolver, two boxes of cartridges and a wicked-looking dagger. The latter, Wilson drew when being searched by Quigley, but the ominous click of Belnap's gun brought him to his senses.

The sheriff took his prisoner to Swan Lake where the horse, which was pretty badly used up, was left and boarded the next southbound train. At Brigham city they got off and drove to Ogden, reaching here about 6:30 o'clock.

Wilson says he never intended to be taken alive but the sheriff's gun looked too large and he was taken unawares. The sheriff is of the opinion that the fellow is wanted in several other places for crimes of a various nature. No requisition was necessary as Wilson come back without hesitancy.