

BELNAP'S NERVE.

Weber County's Sheriff is All Right.

Nobody doubts the coolness and bravery of Sheriff Gilbert P. Belnap, but they were never displayed better than in an encounter with two desperate horse thieves Saturday morning. Last Friday morning a butchershop at Kaysville was entered by burglars and a Winchester rifle, knives and two pistols were stolen. At Syracuse, just north of Kaysville, a span of horses were stolen from D. K. Egbert, and a little further north a horse was taken from Pete Terry's place. Continuing northward in their raid the thieves took a horse from Dave Russell at Riverdale. Mr. Russell immediately informed Sheriff Belnap of his loss and accompanied that official on the trail leading up Weber canyon. The officers evidently passed their game on the road, for while standing by the wayside at Mountain Green, Mr. Russell observed the thieves riding toward the waiting officials. Sheriff Belnap being accustomed to dealing with such characters was prepared to receive them, and when they were abreast of him, he seized the bridle rein with one hand while with the other he pressed a pistol close to the heart of the thief. The wary official was none too quick for at the same instant the man on horseback cocked his Winchester and leveled it at the official. It was a question of which had the more nerve and it was decided in Belnap's favor, and Mr. thief came down with hands up. The sheriff promptly relieved

his prisoner of a gun, two revolvers and a knife, and adorned him with the usual substantial jewelry. While this was taking place Mr. Russell was in pursuit of the other thief who had taken to the field. A shot from Mr. Russell's winchester persuaded the young man to come back and he joined his partner in the custody of Sheriff Belnap. The two birds were brought to Ogden and safely landed in the county jail late Saturday night. They give the names of Billy Roberts and James Whitaker and say they are from Indiana. It is quite likely they will be "from Indiana" some time, for there is a "dead hard" case against them. Sheriff Belknap has thus added to his fame as an officer and by this arrest has placed property owners under increased obligations to him.
