

BELNAP ON HIS WAY BACK.

Will Arrive With Edson on Wednesday.

No Doubt as to the Identity of the Prisoner—He Expresses a Desire to Return Without Extradition Papers—Belnap Stopped Last Night at Fort Worth.

Sheriff Belnap will return with Wm. Edson Wednesday noon. The officer arrived in Smithville, Texas, yesterday and soon identified the man whom Marshal Jenkins had nabbed as the attempted murderer of Miss Ott. For several days rumors have been afloat that Edson had escaped. Another story had it that the real Stephen Abern was masquerading as Edson in order to give the real Edson a chance to escape. These romances had no truth for foundation. The man captured in Texas is Wm. Edson and the man whose name he stole is hundreds of miles away.

The following telegram received by THE STANDARD gives the latest information in the case:

FORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 27, 1897.

EDITOR STANDARD, Ogden.—Arrived at Smithville this morning. Edson consents to return without extradition papers from governor of Texas, which will enable me to arrive in Ogden three days earlier. He is anxious to return. Compelled to stay in Fort Worth tonight. Will rest at Pueblo Monday night; arrive in Ogden Wednesday noon.

G. R. BELNAP, Sheriff.

The following message was received from Marshal Jenkins:

SMITHVILLE, Texas, Feb. 27, 1897.

EDITOR THE STANDARD, Ogden, Utah.—Everything O. K. Sheriff Belnap left for Ogden at 1:05 p. m.

DAN JENKINS, Marshal.

The anxiety on the part of Edson to return, mentioned in Belnap's message, seems to have been born of a sudden impulse. So far as known there have been no obstacles in the way of returning, had he so desired. Besides, he might have stayed around town and thus been on the ground when this unusual anxiety for home struck him, instead of going to far-off Texas. All of which points to a motive in assuming a willingness to return without legal form. It is possible Edson is awaiting another opportunity to give the officers the slip, but he will find it an exceedingly difficult undertaking to elude the vigilance of Sheriff Belnap.