

## SHERIFF BELNAP EXPLAINS.

### Why Dick Rogers Went to Callahan's Ranch — Callahan Ignorant of Any Wrong.

It will be remembered that in yesterday morning's issue of THE STANDARD in the recital of Dick Rogers' wanderings after his escape from the County jail, the name of Andrew Callahan was mentioned. Rogers, in his account of his travels, stated that he expected to find a rifle and pistol at the ranch, but that Callahan had gone back on him.

Sheriff Belnap stated to a reporter yesterday that Callahan was entirely ignorant of Rogers' intention to escape, and that Callahan never intended to leave any weapons where Rogers or any one else would find them. The sheriff continuing said: Andrew Callahan is a cow man, and was confined in the County jail for a short time on the charge of adultery.

The sheriff asked Callahan to try and learn from Rogers where he (Rogers) came from, and find out if possible what kind of a life the cowboy had been leading. Rogers was very reticent, and instead of Callahan learning anything, the cowboy learned all about Callahan and his ranch. Rogers questioned him in regard to the direction to be taken to reach the ranch.

He learned that there were fire arms on the premises, but did not question Callahan in regard to where the weapons were kept. It is evident that Rogers had made his plans of escape and pumped Callahan for the information he received. At the time Rogers reached the ranch there was a Winchester rifle and a six shooter in the house, but Rogers failed to find them. The weapons were sewed up in an old tick and secreted in the mattress of the bed. The sheriff considers this account necessary in justice to Callahan.