

BRYANT, ROBERT A.

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County officers in Wheatland including the coroner, attorney and sheriff are today investigating the death of Robert Bryant, who was found dead last night about 9:30 at the Leo DuVall home where he had been staying, by Mr. and Mrs. DuVall. He had a gunshot wound in the right temple, and a 22-caliber rifle lay near the body.

Young Bryant, about 16 or 17 years of age, was a cousin of Mrs. DuVall, and had come to Wheatland about three months ago from Torrington. His home is in Portland, Ore., and his parents have been notified of the tragedy and are en route to Wheatland.

He had been employed at the Whitmore Dairy the past two and one half weeks, and fellow workers stated he had appeared in good spirits yesterday while working. The DuValls stated, however, he had been in a despondent mood around the house for several days. They knew of no reason why he should have wanted to end his life. Mr. and Mrs. DuVall had left the house about 6:30 last night, leaving young Bryant reading a book.

While the death indicates suicide, the investigation will continue and an inquest will probably be held.