

CROUTER, CHARLES W.
1857-1925

Charles W. Crouter, pioneer druggist, died at 4 P.M. on Monday, following an illness of only a few days, double pneumonia following influenza being the cause of death.

Mr. Crouter had been a resident of Wheatland for 22 years, coming here in 1903 as manager of the Pioneer Pharmacy, and later entering the drug business independently. During his residence here, he was one of the leading men of this county, filling many public offices of trust, including two terms as assessor of Platte county. While always taking an active part in public affairs, political and otherwise, his sturdy integrity and democratic manners made him universally respected and the friend of all.

He was born in Belleville, Canada in 1857, coming across the line into the United States in 1879 at the age of 19 and settling in Greeley, Colo., where he engaged in pharmacy work. Here he was married in 1885 to Miss Mabel Hill, who survives him. While at Greeley, he took an active and leading part, to the extent he was elected state auditor in 1900, serving until 1903, when he came to Wheatland.

He is survived by his wife and by two sons, Edgerton Crouter, now traffic manager for the Cebu Cement Company, with headquarters in Manila, and Clealle Crouter who has been assisting him in the drug business. His passing leaves an irremediable gap in the circle of his friends and business associates, and in the community as well.

The funeral was held at the Congregational Church at 10 A.M. today, Rev. A. Gladstone Finney preaching the funeral sermon, followed by burial in the Wheatland cemetery. Business houses and the court house were closed during the services.

The Masonic funeral service was held at the cemetery, in charge of W. M. David B. Cochran.