

ELKINS, CLARENCE E.

1898-May 15, 1935

Discouraged with failing health and financial matters, C.E. Elkins, known to all his friends as "Elky" was found dead in his car late Sunday evening by Ray Brown and Ted Calderwood, employees of the Great Western Sugar Co., here.

Mr. Elkin was last seen alive by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dearing when he visited them in Casper Wednesday. It was on this day at a late hour he was supposed to have committed suicide. He drove to the new airport north of Wheatland and parked his car near the hanger and with, evidently, well premeditated plans proceeded to end it all by connecting a hose with the exhaust pipe and placing it in the car, being careful to seal all openings with rags so the fumes would be sufficiently confined to cause death.

When the body was removed from the car by Coroner Jesse Payne and taken to the Copley Funeral Home, the coroner stated that death had overtaken "Elky" several days before, and the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death by suicide.

First reports were to the effect that "Elky" had taken his life the day before, but it is definitely established he was in Cheyenne that day and lunched with Attorney John Pickett of that city.

Elky was a bachelor and his nearest relative was a sister, Mrs. Stella Cook, of Landon Mills, Ill.