

## Death Comes Suddenly To August L. Hoffman

The public was shocked Wednesday morning when word reached Wheatland of the death of August L. Hoffman, who apparently died about two-thirty Tuesday afternoon at his ranch home where he had gone from his home in Wheatland to look after things, and as he had told his son Albert L. Hoffman he planned to look after the ditches and see that all was in readiness for the water.

He had called home Monday night and stated that he would call again Tuesday, but failing to do so his other son, Homer, went to the ranch early Wednesday morning where he found his father's lifeless body on the bed. From all indications Mr. Hoffman had prepared his dinner, had eaten and then had laid down on the bed to rest up or possibly take a short sleep before resuming his work.

Dr. C. E. Fish investigating the case, believes that Mr. Hoffman had suffered a stroke of paralysis and had died without a struggle. Members of the family state that their father was unusually healthy, that his mind was alert and had never complained of illness aside from occasionally feeling dizzy spells as he arose from bed or looked up.

August L. Hoffman was born in Sigourney, Iowa, August 17, 1857 and died here April 17. He was married to Julia A. Pfeiffer in 1881 at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman came to Wyoming directly from Colorado, though they had spent some time in Nebraska where they had homesteaded and resided near Lincoln and Potter. In Colorado they lived three years before coming to Wyoming. Mrs. Hoffman died about five years ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were born nine children. Homer E., Albert E., Earl F., Laura Johnson, Daniel, August, Viola Sherwood, Edith Bridgman and Oland. Of the nine children only four are still living: Homer, Albert, Viola and Edith.

Mr. Hoffman was a man of sterling qualities, one highly respected and loved by all, one who will be missed not only by the family but by his old associates, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the First Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. Dwight M. Kitch delivering the funeral sermon,

with the Lyla Watson Funeral home in charge. Burial will be made in the