

MASON, LILLIE LIBERTY BROUILLETTE

May 3, 1879-February 8, 1919

It is with feelings of sadness and regret that we chronicle another visitation of the grim reaper into our community and the taking away one of Wheatland's most popular and worthy women, Mrs. Charles R. Mason. While it has been feared for some time, yet friends were hoping against hope that the hand of death might be stayed, and when the announcement was made early Saturday evening that Mrs. Mason had passed away, a feeling of grief swept over the entire community, for the loss was a community loss.

Mrs. Mason had suffered from a chronic affliction for a number of years, causing occasional attacks which often seemed to bring death near. Several weeks ago her condition became more threatening and on several occasions it was considered critical. Realizing the only chance of prolonging her life for any length of time was the use of the surgeon's knife, Mrs. Mason submitted to an operation of a serious nature at the Wheatland hospital on Jan. 30. Two large internal abscesses were removed and it was hoped that this would relieve the other long standing trouble. She recovered nicely from the operation and had improved so greatly that a week later Mr. Mason left for Casper to attend to his insurance business, but had scarcely reached that city when a message was sent to call him home because of her having suffered one of her old attacks. While everything possible was done for her relief, her weakened system failed to respond and death occurred Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mason held an enviable place in the esteem of all the people of this community and wherever she was known. She was an active and faithful member of the Methodist church and exemplified her faith by her works, always ready to lend a helping hand in time of need. In her heart of hearts, she carried those she loved and her hand was never weary, her step never failed in her kind ministrations to those who were in any way dependent upon her.

Lillie Liberty Brouillette was born at Montreal, Canada, May 3, 1879. Her father was a Presbyterian minister and when Lillie was but a small girl, he moved to Nebraska. There's where she grew to young womanhood. In her school days, she became a friend of Charles R. Mason, the friendship being consummated in marriage on Aug. 7, 1902. In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Mason came to Wheatland and made this place their permanent home. To them was born one daughter, Laura Gertrude who, with her father, is left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. Her father now resides at Fullerton, Calif., a sister at Orange, Calif., and a brother at Seattle, Wash.

Besides her church and family duties, Mrs. Mason found time to assist in the many social and benevolent activities of the community, being a member of W.T.K. Club, an earnest worker in the Red Cross, and in all other places she could be of assistance.

Her years were full of love, kindness and good works. While her spirit has passed into the joys eternal, the memory of her life will remain as a perpetual inspiration to her loved ones.