

WHEATLAND TOWN TREASURER IS FOUND DEAD BY OWN HAND

George Milne, Widely Known in Wyoming
Cattle Industry, Shoots Self Following
Business Disappointment

WHEATLAND, Wyo., Feb. 3.—(AP)—George Milne, 67 years old, town treasurer of Wheatland and manager of a hardware store here for about 15 years, died at 10 o'clock this morning, a few hours after he had been found in the basement of the hardware store, a bullet through his head and a pistol beside him.

After a preliminary investigation, Sheriff Joe Wickam and Coroner Jesse A. Payne said the death was undoubtedly a case of suicide but the coroner added an inquest would be held either late today or tomorrow.

Milne, in a dying condition, was found by Irwin Austin, a clerk, when he arrived at the store this morning. Friends and members of the family said Milne had been despondent for the past few days because he had been replaced as manager of the store where he had worked so long and relegated to a clerk's position.

A fall suffered by Mr. Milne six months ago was believed to have impaired his physical condition and caused him to be depressed mentally. Although no bones were broken in the accident, he never appeared to have recovered from the shock.

Mr. Milne's first wife, now deceased, was the former Anna Moore, daughter of Sam Moore, widely known in the cattle district of the state.

Well known in Wheatland and in Platte County, Milne was at one time manager of one of the Warren Land and Cattle Company ranches. He was stationed at Chugwater for years.

He is survived by his widow, a son, George, a high school student here, and a daughter, Elizabeth, a student in the University of Wyoming where she is well known as a pianist.

Funeral For George Milne Sunday Afternoon One of The Largest Ever Held

One of the highest compliments to be paid a man is the estimation of his friends and business associates, and that George Milne was a much loved man in Wheatland and all through this section of Wyoming was clearly demonstrated Sunday when the beautiful Masonic temple was packed by friends who had gathered to pay their last tribute to one of their associates. It is estimated that more than one thousand people had assembled at the temple and over one hundred cars followed the body to its last resting place in the Wheatland cemetery.

The services at the temple were in charge of the lodge. Oscar O. Natwick, past worshipful master of the lodge and past grand master of the state conducted the services.

Mr. Milne was born in Cupar, Fife Shire, Scotland, May 19, 1867, and before coming to this country as a young man some time in the '80s was a member of the oldest Masonic lodge in Scotland. For a number of years he was book-keeper for the Swan Land and Cattle Co. at Chugwater, coming from there to Wheatland nearly a quarter of a century ago. For seven years he was assistant cashier of Wheatland State bank and for past sixteen years had been the manager of the Wheatland Hardware Co.

Death claimed him Friday morning as he laid in the Wheatland hospital surrounded by loved ones and friends.

The Copley Funeral Home was in charge of burial services.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the sorrowing family in their hour of grief.