

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CHUGWATER

Only Child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Milne Killed in Runaway Accident--Several Other Persons Receive Injuries.

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in this vicinity took place at Chugwater Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when little Mary the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Milne, of the above place, was killed by being thrown from a buggy in a runaway accident.

The facts in the case as near as we have been able to learn them are as follows. A number of young people were just returning from a drive at about the time for the arrival of the southbound passenger, when they drove to the depot to meet Miss Katherine McDougall, who had gone to Chugwater from Wheatland to visit the Milne home. Miss McDougall had just gotten into the buggy when the team became frightened at the train and started to rear and plunge. Mr. Lon Roach, who was driving, had about succeeded in stopping the animals when one of the lines was broken, whereupon the team commenced to run in a circle. All of the occupants of the buggy were thrown forcibly to the ground, and when the little Milne girl was picked up it was found that she was seriously injured. Mrs. Milne, Miss McDougall and Miss Austin received slight injuries when they were thrown from the carriage.

Word was phoned to this place for Drs. Huffman and Phiifer, and the latter made a record drive to Chugwater, a relay of teams awaiting him at each ranch along the Chug. Dr. Phiifer was at Cheyenne attending Dr. Kieffer, who had just undergone an operation for appendicitis, and through the courtesy of the C&S officials was rushed to the scene of the accident on a special engine, the run to Chugwater being made by Engineer McNulty in an hour and forty minutes.

All that the skilled physicians could do failed to restore the little child to consciousness, as it was found that her back had been broken by the fall, and she passed away shortly after the arrival of the physicians.

The remains were shipped to this place yesterday on the belated passenger, interment taking place in the Wheatland cemetery. Short services were held at the cemetery by Rev. James Eadie Butler, pastor of the Wheatland Congregational Church. The floral offerings tendered by the many friends of the bereaved family were very beautiful and testify of the high esteem in which the family is held by all acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Milne have resided at Chugwater for a number of years, being among the pioneer residents of this section, and have innumerable friends over this section of the state who tender heartfelt sympathies in their sad affliction.

(Mr. and Mrs. Milne left Chugwater shortly after this incident, and Mrs. Milne died within a year and a half after her daughter).