

NELSON, RAYMER ALLEN

July 10, 1889-1926

Ray Nelson, a well known young farmer living four miles northeast of Wheatland, received fatal injuries shortly after noon Tuesday, when his leather vest was caught by the clutch on the belt wheel of a tractor, and he was thrown violently around with the revolution of the wheel, his head striking on the lugs of the tractor drive wheel, causing a skull fracture and other injuries that resulted in his death about six hours later.

Young Nelson was running the tractor to furnish power for a feed grinder. A farm hand, being inside a small building where the grinder is located, shoveling in the grain. No one witnessed the accident, the first intimation received that anything had happened being the stopping of the feed grinder when the force of the impact of Nelson's body threw the clutch out. The farm hand rushed out and loosened the clothing of the unconscious man from the clutch. He was taken at once to the Wheatland Hospital where it was found that his skull had been badly fractured, the break extending from the base across the crown. Other bruises were found on his chest and shoulders. He never regained consciousness, finally passing away about 7:30 p.m.

The exact cause of the accident is, of course, unknown but it is surmised that Nelson was leaning over the belt wheel, either oiling or making adjustments between it and the tractor body, when the clutch caught his vest.

He was born at Raymer, Colo., July 10, 1889, coming to Wheatland with his parents about 29 years ago. Since that time he has made his home here continuously, most of the time on the home farm where his parents reside. Three years ago he wedded Mildred Watrous, a popular local teacher, and took over the active management of the farm.

He is survived by his wife, one infant son, and a step-daughter, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Nelson and by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Ruth Peake of Laramie, Mrs. Harold Duffy of Wheatland, C.H. Nelson, E.A. Nelson, and N.E. Nelson, all of Wheatland; A.F. Nelson of Sacramento, Calif., A.J. Nelson of Mountain Home, Idaho, and William Nelson of Minnesota.

He was universally known and respected here, and the entire community extends sympathy to his people.

All of his brothers and sisters who live elsewhere are en route here, and the funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday from the Congregational Church. The body will lie in state Sunday morning at the Watson Mortuary.