

SAD ACCIDENT

Earle Sebern Drowned in the Laramie River Near John Ryan's Dam

The community was greatly shocked Sunday evening by the announcement that Earle Sebern, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Sebern, of Lakeview, had been drowned a few hours before in the Laramie River.

The circumstances of the sad affair, in which a young and promising life was quickly severed are as follows: A party of young men composed of James Payne, William Wilde, Walter Atchison and the deceased had gone to the river to bathe. Messrs. Payne and Wilde stopped a short distance above the dam on John Ryan's ranch, while Walter Atchison and Earle Sebern went below the dam, a distance of yards, and were soon enjoying themselves in the water. In a few minutes, Walter, who was the furthest from the shore, found the water too deep to wade, and turning to his companion, who could not swim, he warned him against venturing farther. Walter, then, swam out into the river where he could reach the bottom, and on turning around, was horrified to see Earle struggling in the deep water through which he had just passed. Walter rushed back to help his companion, at the same time uttering frantic cries to the other young men who were some distance up the river to come to his aid. He did not succeed in reaching the drowning boy, however, in time, and in a moment Earle was seen to sink for a last time.

Messrs. Payne and Wilde were soon at the place and every possible effort to rescue the body before life was entirely extinct, but it was a fruitless effort. Later investigations showed that at the place where the drowning occurred, there is a hole 14 feet, and it took several hours' search to recover the body from it.

Earle Goodell Sebern was born October 22, 1883, at Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, where he lived until five years of age when the family moved to Wyoming, and where the deceased has since grown to young manhood. Although a boy in years, Earle had gained manly ways. He was industrious and preserving, and had been diligently at work away from home earning funds with which to attend the state university the coming winter. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and was the pride and hope of his parents, who are almost prostrated with sorrow by his sudden and untimely death. The remains of the deceased were laid at rest in the Wheatland cemetery Monday evening, and the funeral services will be conducted at the M.E. church Sunday morning, Sept. 2, upon the return of Rev. Taylor from the Wyoming conference.

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Funeral services for Earl Sebern, whose sad death we chronicled in a recent issue, were held at the M.E. church Sunday morning last. Rev. Thomas kindly closed the Congregational church and assisted Rev. Taylor in conducting the services at the M.E. church. The edifice was crowded with friends of the family and of the deceased thus showing the marked respect which was entertained in the community for the departed. The services were impressive, the choir rendering beautifully touching selections, and the remarks of Rev. Thomas and Rev. Taylor were timely and appropriate. Few deaths occur which are so deeply regretted as that of Earl Sebern, and the utmost sympathy goes out to the bereft home so ruthlessly deprived of a bright and devoted son.