

WAITMAN, MEARL

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Wheatland people were shocked to hear of the death of Mearl Waitman, which occurred at St. Anthony's hospital, in Denver, Tuesday night.

Mr. Waitman was taken sick on the 12th, inst., and later the trouble was found to be appendicitis. He went from Bayard, Nebraska, where the family has been living for a short time past, to Denver, where on December 19th, an operation was performed. He, at first, appeared to be recovering, but later complications arose which could not be overcome, and disease gradually grew more critical until Tuesday when hope of his recovery were almost abandoned.

At the time of his death, there were, at the bedside, his wife and sister, and a brother, A.B. Waitman, of Laramie.

The remains were brought to Wheatland yesterday, accompanied by the sorrowing relatives, and were met at the station by delegations of the Modern Woodmen and the Fraternal Union, of which societies the deceased was a member. The funeral will occur tomorrow at 2 o'clock, and will be under the auspices of those societies. Rev. J.W. Moore will preach the funeral sermon.

The deceased, until a few weeks ago, lived at Wheatland with his family for a number of years. About a year ago, Mr. Waitman purchased the C.A. Stevens building and barber shop, and conducted the business, until his removal to Bayard, Nebraska, in October last. He was 33 years of age, and leaves sides a wife and three children, an aged mother, Mrs. I. Waitman, two sisters, Miss Sadie Waitman of Potter, Nebraska, and Mrs. Fannie Hoone of Illinois; and two brothers, A.B. Waitman of Laramie, Wyoming and Will Waitman of Bayard, Nebraska. His death is a great shock to his Wheatland friends, whose most sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and relatives.

Mr. Waitman's membership in the Modern Woodmen carried with it life insurance to the amount of \$3000, and in the Fraternal Union insurance to the amount of \$1200 which will be paid to the wife, and will be of great assistance in enabling her to care for herself and the little ones.