

WEST, GRANT
1872-January 18, 1920

The most regrettable news of the week is that of the death of Mr. Grant West, resulting from an accident that happened last Friday night. Mr. West was driving home from Dwyer with a load of grain. The evening was dark, and he could not see the road, leaving the horses to find their own way. The wagon struck a rock or deep rut and the jolt threw Mr. West forward, falling between the horses and striking his head and shoulders. As he fell in the middle of the road, he was not injured by the wheels as the body of the wagon passed above him, the horses going only a short distance before they stopped.

Mr. West had phoned early in the evening from a neighbor's house that he would arrive home at a certain hour. After he had been three hours over due, about midnight, Mrs. West became alarmed and called some of the neighbors to see what had happened. A search was made and Mr. West was found lying helpless but conscious where he had fallen less than a mile from home. He was carefully carried home and physicians summoned. An examination revealed that his spinal column had been broken or dislocated just at the base of the neck and his condition was pronounced hopeless. Life lingered until late Sunday when the spirit took its flight. Realizing the hopelessness of his condition, Mr. West gave his family and friends full directions of handling his business affairs, before he fell into his last long sleep.

Mr. West was one of the best known ranchmen of the county, having made his home for several years here. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Congregational church, the Rev. R.F. Paxton officiating. The large attendance of prominent citizens attested to the high esteem in which Mr. West was held throughout the community. In fact, all who knew him were proud to call him their friend. He leaves his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Richards, to mourn his untimely departure to the unseen shores.