

PATTERSON, JESSE
1866-January 1, 1935

The Chugwater community was startled Friday morning when news was received from the depot that a man had been found dead in a box car on the southbound freight train that morning.

Jesse Payne, county coroner, was notified, and it was first thought that the man had been murdered. Upon investigation it was found that he had evidently died from heart failure as there was no evidence of any struggle in the car or any mark on the man's body.

A card of identification was found in his pocket stating his name was Jesse Patterson. The card stated that in case of accident notify Raymond Patterson of West Ridgeway, Pa. It was first thought that this was a brother but upon investigation it was found the latter person was an uncle. Very little has been learned about the dead man. Papers in his pockets indicated that he had been identified with the oil fields of Casper and Oil City, Mont.; but where he was going at the time of his death was not learned.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning and interment will be made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Lyla Watson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Three men were held for investigation at Chugwater, but after being questioned, they were released. The man had been dead several hours before reaching Chugwater.