

UNKNOWN MALE

?-September, 1925

The body of an unknown man was taken from the Platte River Sunday by men employed on the Guernsey power dam, who saw the corpse floating down stream and ran out on the improvised bridge used by the government, throwing a rope about it and hauling it in.

Coroner N.J.N. McCallum was summoned from Wheatland, making the trip there in company with Harold and Frank Watson and Lloyd Streed. After an examination of the body, a coroner's jury reported that the man had to all appearances been drowned four or five days and had floated some distance.

A concussion indicating a blow on the head was found, but the men who hauled the body out said that they had tied a stone on the end of the rope which they threw, and appearances indicated this caused the contusion. There was nothing on the body to furnish an clue to his identity, the pockets containing only a knife and a spare belt. He was clad in two pairs of overalls, one pair worn with a belt and one with suspenders, two work shirts and underwear.

As nearly as could be determined in view of the condition of the body, he had red hair, was of fair complexion, and was about five feet eight or nine inches in height.

The body was found about noon Sunday, was brought to Wheatland that afternoon and was buried in the Wheatland cemetery about 11:30 P.M., Rev. W.W. Speer preaching the funeral sermon.