

WAGNER, BUEL WOOD
November 11, 1869-July 12, 1932

Wheatland and community were shocked Tuesday morning when the news was learned of the sudden death of Buel W. Wagner in his apartments at the Mrs. C.W. Crouter home. Death was caused from acute indigestion.

Mr. Wagner, who had not been in good health for some time, had not felt seriously ill Monday afternoon and evening. He attended to his duties at the store in the afternoon and took an auto ride. At supper time, he ate a hearty meal. During the night, he suffered an attack and passed away at 2.30 a.m.

Buel Wood Wagner was born in Iowa, November 11, 1869 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John David Wagner. From Iowa, he moved to Minnesota when he lived a few years then moved to Kansas. After one year's residence there, he came to Nebraska where he settled near the present site of Bridgeport. He lived there until 1898 and then moved to the Wheatland community and had made his home here since that time with the exceptions of a few years spent on the west coast.

In 1898 he was married to Miss Edna Mackie who preceded him in death in 1915 at Monroe, Wash. To this union, three children were born, two daughters preceding their father and Miss Helen Wagner of Spokane, Wash. One brother, Chas. Wagner, prominent rancher in the Owen country, and two sisters, Mrs. J.F. Banner of Denver, Colo. and Mrs. Lila Beidon of Beloit, Colo. and his widow, Mrs. Etta Wagner, and also survive him.

After coming to Wheatland, he farmed for a time and worked in several mercantile stores here. He was employed by I.O. Middaugh, the founder of The Record Times. He was also assistant postmaster of Wheatland during the time Middaugh was postmaster. From 1903 until the spring of 1912, he and his brother Charles owned and operated the general merchandise store at Uva. The store was sold to Lon Roach and the deceased moved to the west coast in the hope that the climate would improve his wife's health.

Mr. Wagner had been manager of the Banner store for the last six years and had a wide circle of friends over the entire county.

In February of this year, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Etta Rigdon.

Funeral services will be held from the local Methodist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. H.M. Kitch preaching the funeral sermon. Interment will be made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Lyla Watson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. The body will lie in state at the Watson Funeral Chapel until time for the funeral.