

WAGNER, BUEL WOOD
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BUEL WAGNER, LOCAL MERCHANT, EXPIRES HERE TUESDAY MORN
Funeral At Methodist Church Friday Afternoon

Wheatland and community were shocked Tuesday morning when news was learned of the sudden death of Ruel W. Wagner in his apartments in 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 about 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 where he lived a few years and then moved to Kansas. After one year's residence there he came to western 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 western 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 Belden of Beloit, Kans., and his widow, Mrs. Etta Wagner, 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 Wheatland 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 western coast in the hope that the climate would improve his wife's health.

Mr. Wagner had been manager of the Banner Grocery for the past 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.

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BUEL WOOD WAGNER DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Death again invaded Wheatland's business world and in the twinkling of an eye took from it Buel Wood Wagner, manager of the Banner Red and White grocery and market at an

early hour Tuesday morning. Mr. Wagner had not been well for several weeks yet insisted on being in his place of business every day. Heart trouble is said to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Wagner had reached the age of sixty-three years, forty of which had been spent in Wyoming. At one time he was proprietor of the hotel in Uva and managed the store there for several years. He had had the active management of the Banner grocery for a number of years. His first wife preceded him to the grave several years ago. He was married to Mrs. Etta Lund Rigdon, February ninth of this year. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Helen, of Seattle, Washington and one brother, Charles Wagner of Owen. One daughter, Esther and a brother, Frank preceded him in death.

Mr. Wagner was a man of unusual integrity, faithful to his loved ones, business associates and church. His death will be keenly felt by all.

Funeral services will be held from the First Methodist Episcopal church at two o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. Dwight M. Kitch in charge.

The body will lie in state at the Lyla Watson Funeral Home until shortly before the services at the church.