

**Prominent Rancher of Fishcreek District Meets Death By Fall  
Strikes on Head And Shoulders Breaking Back And Severing Spinal Cord**

On last Friday night an accident occurred which plunged Platte County into mourning and gloom. Grant West, a well known rancher from the Fishcreek District, returning from Dwyer with a load of grain, was thrown from the wagon when nearly home receiving injuries from which he died a short time later. Striking his neck and shoulder, the third vertebrae down from the base of the skull was broken, entirely severing the spinal cord, in which condition he was found several hours after the accident.

Medical aid was called at once, and Dr. Fish rushed to the West ranch. After close examination, Mr. West's condition was pronounced as hopeless, and late corroborated by the decision of one of Denver's most eminent specials, Dr. Delchanty.

Mr. West regained consciousness Saturday morning and fully realized that he was fatally injured, giving his family instructions as to the disposal of his personal business.

The paralysis caused by the severing of the spinal cord, gradually crept upward, and by Saturday evening, Mr. West expired.

The funeral was held in Wheatland at the Congregational church, on Tuesday of this week at 10 o'clock, and interim was made in the Wheatland cemetery, Rev. Payton delivering the discourse. Two selections were sung by a quartet composed of the following voices: Mrs. Natwick, Mrs. Dearing, Mr. C.D. Robertson and John McDonald. Grant West leaves in his immediate family a wife and daughter to mourn his death, and a host of friends throughout the country who will miss him as a friend. Funeral was conducted by W.B. Longwith.