

## Otter Creek Man Murders Son Following Argument Over Horse Saturday A. M.

### Dr. and Mrs. Read in Auto Wreck Tuesday

Cattle at the top of a hill caused a double wreck Tuesday. Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Read, who were on their way to Casper Mountain to attend a conference of state medical men, topped a hill on the other side of Casper going at a good rate of speed, only to be blocked by a herd of cattle in the road. A truck had stopped at the summit to allow the cattle to pass as had several other cars. Another car was approaching from the other direction; a ten foot embankment terminated both sides of the road. The only alternative was a head-on collision.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Read were knocked unconscious. Mrs. Read was taken to the hospital but an X-ray revealed no other injuries beyond a wrenched back. Occupants of the other car were not seriously injured. Both cars were badly damaged, but not beyond repair.

Dr. and Mrs. Read returned here Wednesday evening.

### Funeral Service For Melvan Caster Wed.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Melvan Caster in Tonsleep. Rev. J. L. Williams conducted the ceremonies which were held at the Tonsleep church.

A duo composed of Mrs. R. Shaddock and Mrs. W. S. Ficus sang the hymns, "Jesus Lover of My Soul", "Jesus is Calling", and "Bark of Agur", and were accompanied by Mary L. Williams.

Interment was made in the cemetery.

Melvan Caster was born in 1901 in Farnum, Nebraska. In his early youth he moved to the North Platte country, and later came to Wyo. in 1912. He died at the age of 33.

He leaves to mourn his untimely death his mother who resides in Montana, four brothers, John T. Caster, Tonsleep; Homer D. Caster, Moorcroft; Marian J. Caster, Hermosa, S. D.; Harold Caster, Moorcroft; and three sisters, Avis McGurn, Tonsleep; Mrs. Dora Lee, Montana; Mae Caster, Tonsleep. He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Amanda Caster and two children, Emily Ethel, 5, and Mardel June, 2. Mrs. Caster is the daughter of David F. Rogers formerly of Worland and was married to Melvan Caster in 1927. John Caster, his father, also survives the deceased.

Murder charges were filed this week in the office of County Attorney Noel Morgan, against John Caster, 63, who shot and killed his son, Melvan, 28, at their lonely homestead cabin 14 miles southeast of Tonsleep on Otter Creek Saturday morning.

A quarrel over a horse led to the fatal shooting in which a large calibre rifle was employed, Sheriff Russell Burgess said. The elder Caster remained with the body until officers arrived. They also reported that he evinced hatred toward the slain man's wife who had escaped to a neighboring ranch following the shooting.

Sheriff Burgess, Deputy Sheriff Bird, County Attorney Noel Morgan, Dr. P. S. Read and Theda Ormsby made the trip over and brought Caster to Worland, where he was held in jail until Saturday evening when an inquest was held.

The coroners jury, composed of C. A. Sheldon, Fritz Loudan, and Tom Williams, presided over by Justice of the Peace H. L. Bendine in the absence of Coroner Dr. W. O. Gray found that: The deceased came to his death by gun shot wounds, said gun held in the hands of and shot by John Caster.

Following the inquest Caster was taken to Basin and incarcerated in the jail there. Officers express the belief that he is mentally unsound.

Melvan Caster is survived by two small children and his widow, and several sisters and brother, all well known in this section.

### Relief Gardens Will Help During Winter

Garden program of the Emergency Relief Administration will help solve the food problem for this winter in this County and in the State in the opinion of Lawrence Lamb, local Garden Supervisor, who returned Saturday from a conference of Garden Supervisors at Story. Altho the garden program was late in getting started throughout the state it has met with a ready response from those on the Relief rolls and most all of these people are raising some garden, either from seed furnished them or from seed that they had obtained before the Relief seed became available.

Washakie County has about one hundred and forty of these Subsistence Gardens, some good, some bad and some just fair. It appears that there will be a lot of tomatoes in this county unless the water gets too low in the canals. Sweet corn should be abundant but potatoes are looking bad at present from the purple top disease which