

HOW CLARENCE BELNAP DIED.

Sheriff Belnap Tells the Story of the Accident.

No word has been published of the manner of the death of Clarence Belnap, the 20-year-old son of Wm. Belnap of Hooper, who was reported accidentally killed in Wyoming last Friday.

Today Sheriff Belnap, who returned this morning from the funeral, told the story as follows:

"Belnap had charge of a herd of sheep owned by a Mr. Gartside, and assisting him was Leo Turpie, a boy of 21. They had a Winchester rifle in the wagon at camp, and young Belnap took the rifle and shot behind a dog, some distance away, reloading the gun and placing it again in the wagon. A moment later he called to Turpie, 'Give me the gun, I think there is something after the sheep.' Turpie picked up the gun and just as he handed it over, it was discharged, the bullet entering young Belnap's chest just above the left nipple. The supposition is that the rifle was cocked when it was replaced in the wagon, and that young Turpie struck the side of the wagon box and the jar discharged it.

Belnap stated to Gartside before dying, that it was an accident, but that he couldn't tell how it happened. He lived nearly twenty-four hours after he was shot. The bullet's course was downward, and passed out of his body four inches below the line where it entered, and imbedded itself in one of the horses.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death."