

FOSS, FRANCES DOOLITTLE
October 7, 1853-April 7, 1912

The community was shocked on Sunday evening when word was received from Chugwater to the effect that Mrs. F. W. Foss had been killed by being thrown from a railway motor tricycle or speeder while returning to Chugwater from their ranch at Diamond, which is located near the latter station.

Mrs. Foss went to the ranch on Sunday afternoon, making the trip from Chugwater to Diamond on the southbound passenger train. They were on their way home, being near the Whitcomb ranch, when an accident happened which resulted in Mrs. Foss's death. Mr. Foss states that the machine was going at a very moderate speed at the time of the accident as he had just slowed the machine down for the big curve in the track at that point in the road, when in some manner a heavy shawl which Mrs. Foss wore was whipped by the wind into the machinery of the speeder. It is thought that the sudden jerk by reason of the shawl becoming caught in the cog wheels caused Mrs. Foss to lose her balance, as she fell under the machine, her head striking on the ties or rail with the result that a deep gash was cut in the scalp and forehead. The speeder was thrown from the track before Mr. Foss could bring it to a stop, on account of the shawl having become entangled in the machinery, although it did not leave the rails until it had run a distance of about thirty feet from the point where Mrs. Foss lay. Mr. Foss was badly bruised and stunned when the speeder left the track, but he was able to summon help and the injured woman was taken to Chugwater. In the hope that a spark of life remained, medical assistance was summoned from Wheatland, but it was the opinion of the physicians that death resulted almost instantaneously.

The news of the death of Mrs. Foss will come as a shock to the many friends of this estimable couple. Mr. and Mrs. Foss were pioneer residents of Wyoming and have innumerable friends throughout the state and the west who will be pained to learn of the unfortunate accident and untimely demise of one of our prominent citizens.

Fanny Doolittle was born in Harrison, Wisconsin on October 7, 1853. She came to Wyoming from that state and was united in marriage to Frank W. Foss at Cheyenne April 17, 1882, since that time she has lived with her husband at Chugwater, Mr. Foss having been the station agent at that place since the time that the Cheyenne & Northern was constructed.

Mrs. Foss was highly respected by all acquaintances for her kind and hospitable disposition. She was a great home woman, and took a great interest in all kinds of fancy work, having a large display each year at the Laramie County Fair and carrying off a goodly number of premiums at each Fair.

Mrs. Foss was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having joined the order at Wheatland a number of years ago. She transferred her membership to the Chugwater Star at the time it was organized and has since held position of Worthy Matron.

The remains were shipped to Wheatland Tuesday morning and funeral services were held from the Christian church at 1:30 in the afternoon, being conducted by Rev. Albert Evans of the First M.E. church of the Iowa Flats. The Chugwater Star members attended in a body, assisting the Wheatland Chapter in the services at the cemetery.