

name of Ashenfelt was visiting at his place. He went and reported the loss to a U.S. Patrol of 10 soldiers, who were encamped on the river between the present sites of Slater and Bordeaux. In company with the soldiers and several civilians, Ashenfelt trailed the Indians to the head waters of the Reishaw, where they found them just making camp. Ashenfelt and a civilian left the soldiers covering the Indians, and attempted to steal between the Indians and the horses and cut the latter off before they were detected, when one of the soldiers called them back, and attracted the attention of the Indians, who rushed to their guns and horses. A battle ensued in which one of the soldiers was killed.

McUlvane and McFarlane sold the M Bar ranch to E. Nagle, and McFarlane established the present McFrlane ranch west of Wheatland on the edge of the Laramie Plains. Then in the early eighties, he went to Oregon, buying 500 head of cattle and trailing them back to the ranch, over a 1200 mile route. He lost 50 head of cattle on the route, but a man following with 10,000 head divided into five herds of 2000 each lost nearly their whole herd when they broke control while crossing a waterless desert just beyond the Snake river.

McFarlane lived on the Laramie Plains ranch until recently whe he suffered a fall, and came to Wheatland in company with his wife to be near medical attention. His wife preceded him to the hereafter, passing away last fall. After her death, McFarlane was never well, and gradually weakened until his death Monday morning.