

OBITUARY

Clinging of life with all the hopeful tenacity of young manhood, yet relinquishing it submissively when convinced that its span was rapidly coming to a close, Elmer Wallum passed away at the Wallum farm home in Halfway on Thursday morning, October 21, 1920. Mr. Wallum became ill from bronchitis last spring, at his home in North Dakota, and was compelled to give up his work on the farm. At times his condition seemed to improve, but he never regained his health; and in May, the doctors pronounced his trouble, tuberculosis.

Everything possible was done to affect a cure, or to prolong the life of the sufferer. A trained nurse was in constant attendance, and the best of medical skill and aid was secured. But in spite of all this together with the untiring devotion of his loving wife and little daughter, his condition grew worse; and in September, it became necessary to dispose of their farm property.

Hoping that a change might be beneficial, the family came to the old home in Halfway, where for three weeks there seemed to be marked improvement. For the first time in nearly four months, he was able to sit up in his bed, and for a while all were hopeful for a complete recovery. About ten days before his demise he became a sufferer of stomach trouble, and it then became evident that the end was near.

Mr. Wallum was conscious to the last, and able to converse with those about him. Throughout his whole illness he bore all his suffering with marked patience and fortitude. He was a kind and loving husband and father, thoroughly devoted to his home, and his presence will be sadly missed by those who were left behind.

Elmer Oscar Wallum, eldest son of the late Hakken and Mrs. Mary Wallum, was born on a farm eight miles east of Holmen, Wis., on April 4, 1880, being over forty years of age at the time of his death. When Elmer was about three years of age, the family moved to the present Wallum farm, five miles east of Holmen, where he grew to manhood. For several years he was employed by John A. Berg, who at that time was a merchant in Holmen. Mr. Wallum then became proprietor of the Holmen meat market, in which business he remained for four years. His marriage to Miss Edna Sacia occurred on June 3, 1909.

In September, 1912, Mr. Wallum moved with his family to Walum, N.

Elevator At Luverne Burned

Early Thursday morning while election returns indicating O'Connor's victory were pouring in, the elements believing Townley might carry into effect his threat of returning to the state to drive out all business men opposing his candidates, contrived to assist with the job and caused fire, the origin of which is unknown, to break out in the Northwestern Elevator at Luverne. With the high wind prevailing, and the village lacking fire fighting apparatus great damage threatened the town. Call for assistance was sent to neighboring towns, and part of the fire department from Hannaford was rushed in to assist in fighting the fire. Part of the Hope fire department was also brought to Luverne and with a concerted effort they succeeded in limiting the damage. The elevator where the fire started and six freight cars, including one loaded with merchandise, were destroyed. For a time the depot was also threatened when the timbers beneath the platform caught fire, but by great efforts this was put out before any material damage had been done.

The elevator contained 13,000 bushels of wheat and 1500 bushels of rye, all of which were destroyed.

W. H. Richardson, H. H. Hagen and A. O. Hagen answered the call for help and with one hose cart boarded a freight train which was pulling through Hannaford at the time. Hose was also brought from Hope by automobile.

D., where he engaged in farming, up to the time of his recent illness.

The funeral occurred from the home in Halfway, on Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock, and at three o'clock from the Halfway church, Rev. Berrum officiating.

Among the numerous floral offerings were tokens from friends in Dakota, the Royal Neighbors of Holmen, and from the Modern Woodmen Camp of Holmen and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, of which lodges he was a member.

Surviving the deceased are his wife and daughter Sylvia, aged ten years, his mother, Mrs. Mary Wallum, two sisters, Elsie and Hilma, and one brother, Joseph.

Mr. Wallum's death occurred only three days earlier in the year than that of his brother Rudolph, who died in service from influenza, on Oct. 24, 1918.