

ELMA CHRONICLE

Elma, Grays Harbor County, Washington. Thursday, January 17, 1924.

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Little Town of Porter

Has Disastrous Fire

The business section of the little town of Porter was almost completely wiped out by a fire Saturday night. There being no water dynamite was resorted to to save the store of Ira J. Lemmon, which also contained the postoffice, and the Northern Pacific depot.

The fire started in the I. O. O. F. hall and was discovered a little after ten o'clock, when lodge had been adjourned about a half hour. According to stories of those who saw it the fire started from some unknown cause in the regalia room of the lodge and was burning fiercely when first discovered. As luck would have it a show was going on in another hall and not many people had gone to bed, so that nearly all the contents of all the buildings except the Odd Fellows hall were carried to safety. The hall was a mass of flames when first discovered so it was impossible to save anything from there; not even the records were saved. It was a hard blow to the lodge and members of the trustees immediately tendered them the use of the Elma lodge hall.

A call for help was sent to Elma and the fire truck made the run up to Porter, but were unable to do very much for the reason that the water in either the creek or the Chehalis river was too far away. After the buildings next to

the Lemmon store had been blown up the chemical was turned on the fire to keep it from spreading any further.

The losses are estimated as follows:

Odd Fellows hall, loss \$3500; insurance \$2580.

J. S. Butler, loss \$1000; insurance, \$800. Mr. Butler had just recently purchased the building from the Brewer estate.

Sam McMaster, loss \$500. It was impossible to learn whether Mr. McMaster had insurance or not as he was away at the time of the fire.

The Huey Meat Market, occupying the McMaster building, loss small, probably \$200.

The H. Malone Barber Shop, loss \$500; insurance, \$200.

The Porter Grange, which met in the Odd Fellows hall, also had a small loss, probably in the neighborhood of \$100, as well as their records, which were in the hall.

The Odd Fellows lodge will rebuild just as soon as possible; but it is impossible at this date to learn the plans of the others.

The W. H. Ray general store on the east side of the street suffered considerable damage from the heat nearly all the windows in the front of the store being broken, and the wood work charred.

SPORT CLUB TO
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The contest that has been on in the Elma Sport Club for the past few days brought to a close last night at the regular meeting of the club, but the winner was not announced for the meeting. All points were not turned in and arrangements for the banquet given the winner are not yet made and are in the hands of the club, Sellers and Bonebrake committee. The feed was given soon, of which due amount will be made through the club.

At this time also, the club for the coming year will be organized. It was felt that a larger meeting would be on hand at the regular meeting.

The matter of the hunt or other convenient had been discussed at the meeting. The club finally decided to look into the proposition of taking over Grange Hall in conjunction with the Grange, the Community Legion and the Sport Club. A following committee was organized to bring the matter before the other organizations and if they are favorable to the matter to organize a committee of two or three to arrange plans, etc. The members are Pearson, Legion, O. C. Grange and George L. Baughman, the Community Club.

GLEE CLUB HERE
TOMORROW

"Syncopated Pyrotechnics," a new piece of fireworks, is the title given to the program of the Glee club of the city of Wisconsin. The Glee club offered by the Washington Pyrotechnics ten-piece eccentric melody which will accompany the fireworks in its concert here tomorrow at the Auditorium (formerly Elma Theater.)

The Washingtonians, as the fireworks are known, will be a special feature.

MARK REED TO
DIRECT CAMPAIGN

Mark E. Reed of Shelton, president of the Simpson Logging company and speaker of the House of Representatives, will direct the campaign in the state of Washington for President Calvin Coolidge. Mr. Reed last Saturday formally accepted the appointment.

BIG DAIRY MEETING
HERE JANUARY 24

One of the most important county wide dairy meetings for 1924 will be held in Elma the evening of Thursday, January 24th. Dairymen, livestock men and business men are all invited. A 50c plate dinner is to be served at 8 o'clock; everyone is invited.

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