

WRECK VICTIMS ARE STILL ALIVE

Silverton Legion Post Stages Big Ceremonial in Woods Near Abiqua

Not since the days when the warwhoop of Indians smothered the shrill cries of their victims have the woods of the Abiqua, about three miles from Silverton, resounded with the agonized shrieks from tortured bodies such

as were heard during the all-night "wreck" of Volture 153, La So-ciete des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, which was staged Saturday night.

Nine victims were available for the ceremonies, which were only slightly tempered in comparison with those observed by the redskins. Those initiated into the "joy order" of the American legion were Irvin Williamson, of Salem, Henry Albert Hatton, Austin Ray Eastman, Harvey B. Wells, Floyd Clinton Whitted, J. Cal Schlador, James Solberg, Warren Irving Boullleston and Charles J. Morgan, all of Delbert Reeves post, Silverton.

Long past the midnight hour "wrecks" and "wreckers" partook of a feed before turning in the

large tents that had been erected for the visitors who remained overnight. The others drove back home. Voyagers were present from Salem, Silverton, Dallas and Portland.

The "wreck" was staged as a preliminary to the big Marion-Polk county legion picnic, sponsored by Delbert Reeves post Sunday.

Former Salem Man Active in California

The Pomona, Cal., Progress is writing up its prominent citizens. In a recent issue appeared a write-up of Oliver L. Townsend, a Chino Valley rancher, who was until 1912 a resident of Salem. His

brother Charles and some other relatives still live here. Mr. Townsend was yard superintendent of Spaulding Logging company for a number of years. He lived in the southern part of the city and was a member of the Leslie M. E. church. Pomona is in San Bernardino county and is a sugar center. The article is as follows:

"Oliver L. Townsend, one of the outstanding figures in agricultural affairs in the Chino valley, was born in West Branch, Iowa, the birthplace of Herbert Hoover, on November 4, 1867.

"Mr. Townsend has lived in Chino for the past six years, and has been a resident of California for 10 years.

He resides with his wife, Mrs. Anna Townsend, on Central ave-

nue. They have three children, Edwin Townsend of Chino, Miss Esther Townsend, who is a nurse in the Pomona Valley hospital, and Mrs. Vera Savage of Seattle.

Mr. Townsend received his education in the common and high schools of West Branch, Iowa.

Besides having a 20-acre peach orchard which he manages himself, Mr. Townsend is deputy horticultural commissioner for the Chino district.

Mr. Townsend is president of the big pool which is operated by the California Peach and Apricot Growers' association.

He is an active member of the Chino Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the board of directors of that organization.

He is a prominent member of

the Chino Methodist Episcopal church and belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge of Chino."

Grass Fire Calls Department At Silverton Sunday Morning

SILVERTON, Or., July 31.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Smoke from a small grass fire east of Silverton yesterday forenoon so alarmed a nearby resident that a call for the fire department was put in. The men responded at once but found that the run was made in vain as the fire was practically out at the time they got there. Only a small patch of short grass by the side of the road was burned.

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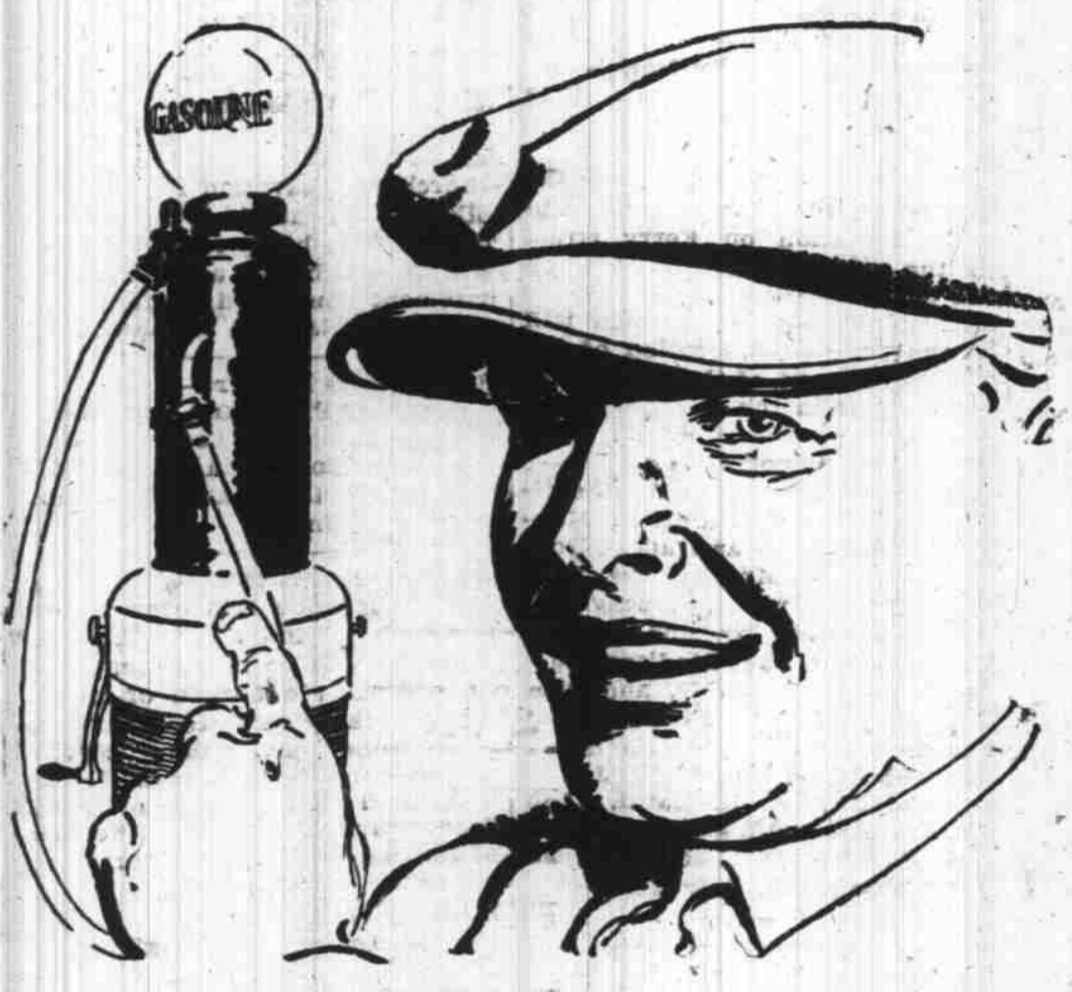
The U. S. government has had a crew of men in Marion county for the past month eradicating cultivated black currant bushes. This is a measure taken for the prevention of the introduction of white pine blister rust into the state. Similar work was done in the counties to the north and west last summer and the work is to be continued in the other counties west of the Cascades as rapidly as possible.

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La Follette Men Meet SEATTLE, July 21.—Local La Follette-for-president adherents announced today that a state conference of followers would be held here August 11 to arrange plans for a state campaign. The announcement followed receipt of a letter from George I. Maston, state representative at the Cleveland, Ohio, conference. A Seattle La Follette organization is scheduled.