

RED CROSS HAS MANY GIRLS IN LIFE SAVING CORPS

Numbers of Portland Young Women Besides Men and Boys Pledged to Save Bathers' Lives.

The Red Cross—"The Greatest Mother of All"—is known to every mother's son in America, and almost throughout the wide world, but how many persons right here in well informed Portland know that the Greatest Mother has in this city a life saving corps largely made up of girls who have become trained swimmers and are pledged to save lives of drowning persons and to spread the knowledge of how to save others, to the end that everyone eventually shall become a swimmer and a life saver.

"Girls can be just as effective in rescue work as are men or boys, for the ability to rescue a drowning person does not depend upon size or strength, but rather upon knowledge—a child can and frequently does rescue an adult," says C. F. Warner, swimming expert and life saver, who is a member of the examining board of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross life saving corps.

Small boy best. "The small boy, however, makes the best life saver of all, because he has not learned fear and three of him are usually present before the first adult arrives on the scene."

Excellent swimmers among women have proven themselves dependable life savers in hundreds of emergencies. In endurance races and tests they can hold their own against men. They have been known to cover distances of from 10 to 12 miles in water which was too cold to men; have remained in it from nine to 12 hours in the prevention of drowning accidents and in the rescue of those in danger in the surf or in the life saving enclosures.

Among the various classes of women thus trained, emphasis is often placed on speed and fancy diving. The same emphasis turned to life saving methods will make women of invaluable services in times of danger. The average swimmer who may never make a record for speed or excel in aquatic accomplishments may, with practice, become an expert life saver.

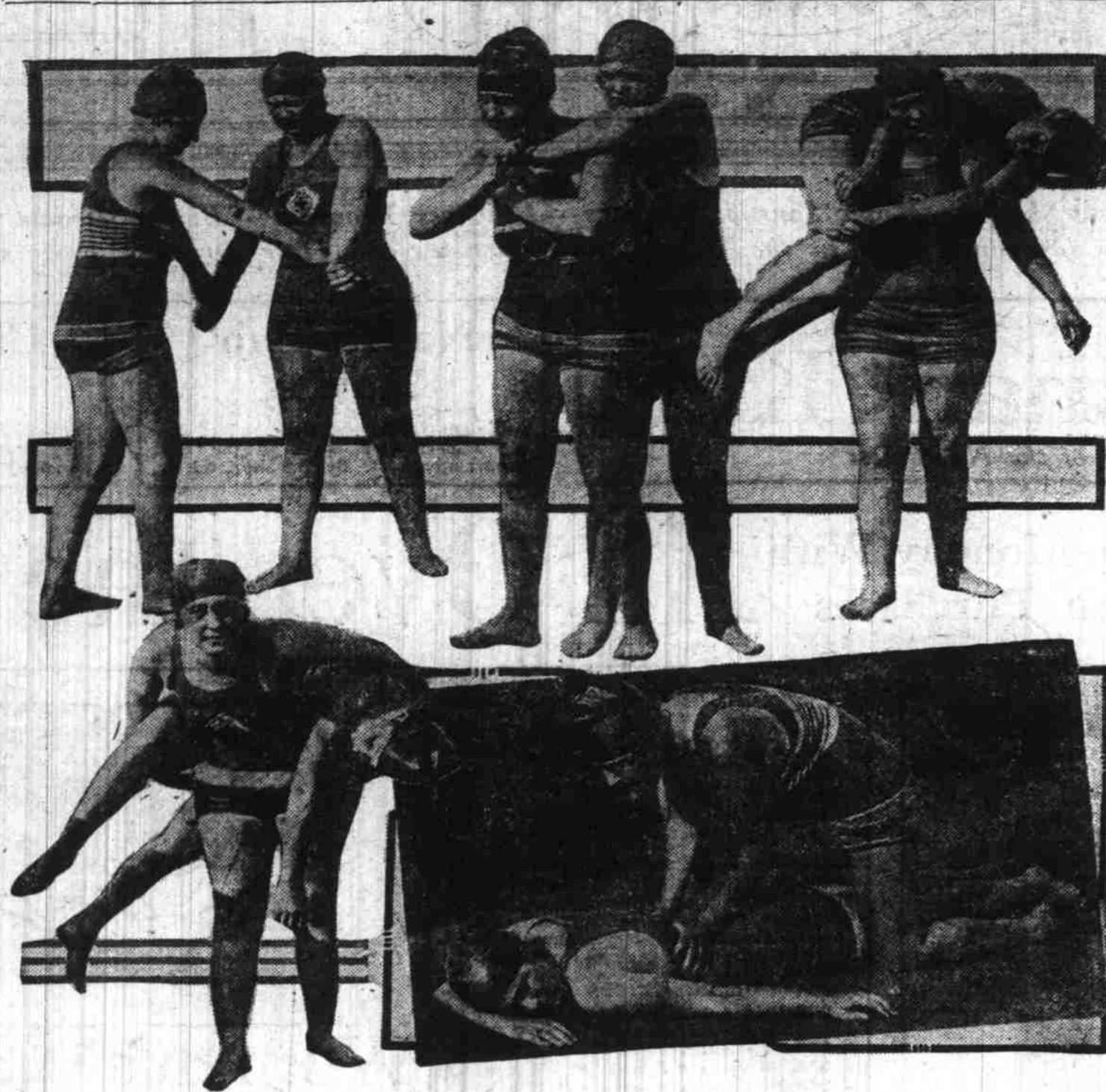
All of these considerations have led the Red Cross to encourage training among women in life saving methods by the offer of a certificate, badge and bathing suit emblem on the successful completion of certain tests. The women's corps is certainly aided in this respect that they will not have life saving stations and will not do beach patrol work. The women's corps is, however, a real service in women's camps on the summer beach and in the life of any waterfront town.

The Red Cross does not confine its efforts to the education of girls. Numerically speaking the girls are in the minority. Most of the corps are boys, the number being 500 against 200 men, women and girls combined.

"At this season of the year, when thousands of people are going in the water, Warner continued, "our members are having many and varied opportunities to not only display their prowess in the water, but to instruct others. Only recently the Portland corps had occasion to feel very proud of one of its number, Miss Louise Schumacher, who rescued O. D. Spencer, when he was caught in the undertow at the coast."

FORMED HERE THIS YEAR. The Life Saving Corps of the American Red Cross is a good many years old and a few Portland people have been members for several years, but it was only last February the organization was formed in Portland. Any one who is

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Pose by the Misses Hazel Pearce and Labelle McKee, under direction of Miss Lillian Hansen. Above, left to right—Breaking wrist hold; back strangle hold; firemen's carry. Below—Army hold; resuscitation.

able to swim for two, or, in other words to save a life, is eligible for membership. The intensive campaign put on the first week in May resulted in 1000 persons being taught to swim. The men's division of the local corps is headed by Emil Vodjansky, Northwest professional backstroke champion, and the women's division is headed by Miss Millie Schlotz, these persons acting as chairman of the examining boards.

If you belong to the Woman's Life Saving Corps of the American Red Cross it's a sure sign you are no slouch as far as being at home in the water is concerned. It isn't much of an achievement to swim in a 1920 model bathing suit, but one of the requirements for membership in the corps is to swim a considerable distance fully dressed and shod and then to remove both shoes and clothing while in the water. Some little the job, eh?

REQUIREMENTS SEVERE. All candidates are required to undergo the following tests: Swim 20 yards dressed in skirt, blouse and shoes which shall be fastened in the customary way. Without resting, other than furling, she must remove the skirt, blouse and shoes and continue to swim for 30 yards before touching shore.

Swim several strokes on surface; then submerge in from six to eight feet of water and retrieve a 10-pound object, landing same on bank. The object should be carried on the upper side of the body; carrying living subject 10 yards by each of the following methods: Breast stroke, cross shoulder, head carry, two-point carry, break wrist hold, front strangle hold, back strangle hold in deep water and land patient by swimming 15 feet; float one minute in any posture and tread water 30 seconds; land a patient properly from pool or surf or open water, as if unconscious; demonstrate the Schafer prone pressure method of resuscitation and be a subject for demonstration by another.

Any women or girls interested in qualifying for the Portland branch of the Woman's Life Saving Corps may call upon Mr. Douglas at the Portland natatorium, corner Broadway and Main streets.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Campaign Issues—Gasoline Shipment—Opinion on Third Degree—The Earwig—Civil Service.

WHAT AN ISSUE. Nabootia, Wash., Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—In the Oregonian of August 4 was printed an article written by Mark Sullivan, which should startle and set to thinking every intelligent reader. The article dealt with what extent will the Republicans be able to make Wilson the chief point of attack during the coming campaign? The Republicans would like very much to make Wilson the chief object of assault. Their mood is such that they would be entirely willing to base their chance of winning on that of assailing him. What a grand old party! What a commendable foundation on which to build their hopes of success. With what confidence and trust we can ally ourselves to a party with such high ideals and resourcefulness! If this is a part of their policy, I believe they should shield the animal desire of some officers. We loved our sheriff. His name will be remembered here as long as Umatilla county exists, but, nevertheless, our officers, whom we pay to do their duty, should have a few lessons on this third degree stuff.

CONDENMS THIRD DEGREE. Pendleton, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—You are a citizen of Oregon for about one and one half years, and have taken your paper for that time. I think you have the biggest heart and the cleanest paper in Oregon, and I am writing this letter of thanks to you for the attitude you take regarding the third degree, which is administered in Oregon for about one and one half years, and have taken your paper for that time.

A SOURCE OF WONDER. Portland, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—Your Washington correspondent, Carl Smith, tells us that North Dakota promised to furnish a new type of Senator in the next congress. Professor E. F. Ladd. He writes well of the principles of honesty, industry and common sense composing the character of Mr. Ladd, for which we thank him very much. Having child-like confidence in the sincerity of the propaganda fed us by the capitalist newspapers as to the quality of the public character of Mr. Ladd, I am most unbelievable that a man of the sterling character of Mr. Ladd should be brought forward for office by the Non-partisan league. But such it is, as we are glad to believe. Mr. Smith tells us that the professor is a pillar of the Non-partisan league, and that he is being pushed into the senate on account of his honesty, industry and common sense, rather than by conviction and political trickery. The experiment will be followed with much interest. He having the Republican nomination, it is assumed that he will associate and act with Republicans and sinners in opposing the public good. This is viewed by politicians and grafters with concern bordering on amazement, who wish the public that such action or association will better the action of the Republicans, rather than injure the character of Mr. Ladd, and that he render a little honest service for his feed, rather than play politics and commit obstruction, as has become

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A PRIMARY SUGGESTION. The Dalles, Aug. 6.—To the Editor of The Journal—At our primary election I was surprised to find that the laws referred to the voters at that election without voting the Republican or Democratic ticket. After a parley I submitted a resolution, voting the Democratic tickets, voting the former, I nicely doubled the latter with but little mutilation by crosses and handed them in. I believe the judges were wrong in their construction of the law. Be that as it may I am opposed

to the present straight party ticket system. It practically eliminates the independent voter from any benefit in the primary election. It also cultivates the partisan spirit, which I consider one of the greatest menaces to our government today. I believe in the primary system with an amendment that we do away with the two or more tickets and adopt the one ticket system as we have in the final election. The independent voter could have some show and it would harm no one else. Then let the two having the highest vote be placed on the final ballot, regardless of party. If a candidate preferred to place an R or a D after his name all right, but I would vote for him sooner without it. Now I would like to hear from you one either for or against this position.

A Non-Partisan. DISTURB NOT THE DEAD. Portland, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal—There seems to be some discussion over the woman suffrage problem at this time, scarcely three months before our national election. This suffrage business coming up at this particular time, is decidedly wrong so far as Democratic success is concerned. Mr. Bryan having failed to get his bone dry plank in the Democratic platform, the women suffrage states have listened to the words of Bryan and others. Anyone with any intelligence can see that the more women votes cast in November, the more votes Cox has for election. Today Cox would be a winner, but a few weeks of suffrage campaign by the Democrats and our cause is lost. What is needed in Oregon is harmony in the Democratic ranks. Far better to devote our energies to the bringing about of harmony and cooperation among Oregonians concerned "boozie" and suffrage are dead issues. "Boozie" is voted out and suffrage voted in, and we need not be concerned with the matter of election fights. Suffrage, like religion, should not be forced upon those who do not desire it. Many thousands of women today are in the hands of their chief concern. Let all the Democrats of Oregon, both men and women, favor the energetic and the promotion of harmony and boost for Cox and Roosevelt and the fine progressive platform adopted at San Francisco. Let sleeping dogs lie. A number of dead issues rest in peace. Otto D. Drain.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE. Portland, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—There is so much said about the League of Nations and its bearing on the coming election, no doubt that this is the foremost issue of the campaign. Some Republican senators have come out and stated that the League of Nations, and the League of Nations, also the Germans because they do not like it. It looks to me as though conditions are getting better with the coming of an election hinges on foreign thought. But I believe Cox is willing to let it go at that and stand on pure, unadulterated Americanism.

As long as the railroads continue to drag entire trains, loads of freight over thousands of miles of track unnecessarily, thereby wasting time, equipment and motive power, they have small reason to wall so loudly over the matter. Railroad Employee.

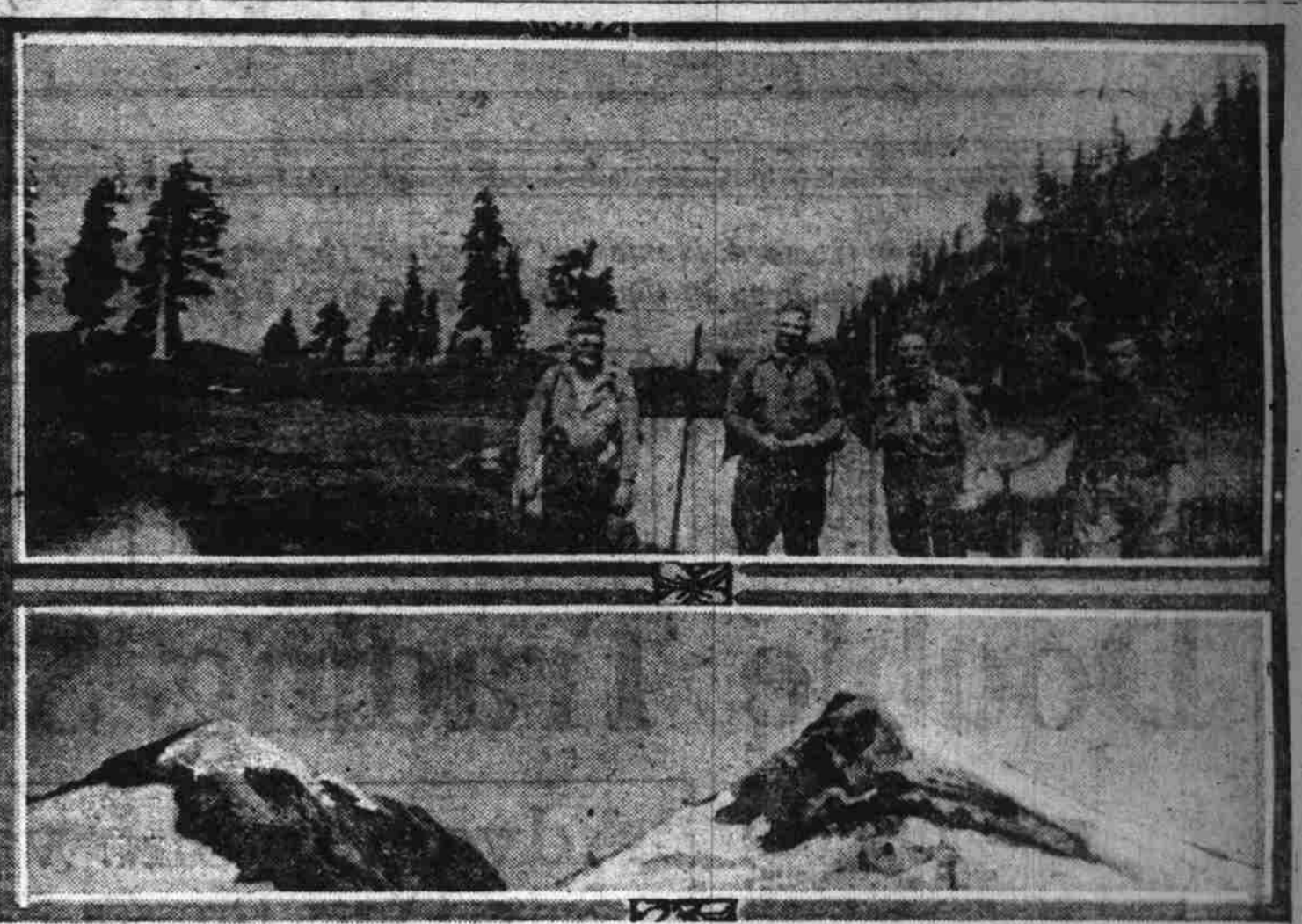
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MAZAMAS IN MOUNT BAKER COUNTRY



Four prominent Mazamas, John R. Penland, John A. Lee, Jameson R. Parker and E. C. Sammons, and a glimpse of the peaks in the Mount Baker country scaled on the annual outing just concluded.

Camp Sammons, Mount Baker, Wash.—Camp E. C. Sammons of the Mazamas is located this year on the edge of what is known as "The Meadows," a vast amphitheatre lying just below Austin's Pass, with great mountain ranges nearly enclosing it and Mount Baker, 11,000 feet high, and rugged Mount Shuksan towering 8000 feet as the greatest among a company of giants which send down their challenges to Oregon's hardy band of mountaineers. To reach the camp requires a 45 mile motor car ride from Bellingham and a hike over steep trails for 13 miles from Excelsior Springs on the north branch

of the Nooksack river up to the camp site. In front as one approaches the camp on the trail a large United States flag greets the sight, suspended from a rope drawn between two trees, while on a little eminence below a smaller banner proclaims to the world that this is "Camp E. C. Sammons." The real community gathering is about the daily "campfire" which is held every evening as the darkness gathers. After supper there is an hour of pleasant relaxation while groups gather to swap stories and amateur

cobblers are busy repairing footwear and putting "hobs" where they will do the most good. In the flickering firelight the clan indulges in song and story and jest. Each evening a leader is appointed to act as master of ceremonies and to awaken the dormant inspiration of his companions. In the 60 odd persons who make up the personnel of the Mazama camp there are those who have year after year followed the business of climbing mountains until they have become a select and seasoned group of veterans, wise and hardened and delighting much in tales of conquests of the past.

There is much wonderment, almost astonishment, to find an honest man in the United States senate. But there is wonderment to find a traitor to the principles of our government, a grafter and an all round thief. George Crawford.

ABOUT WEEDS. Portland, Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—A letter in The Journal, August 8, asks about a law governing weed pests and mistakes. I ask the same question. If I mistake not, there is a vacant lot held for speculation on the county roads of the valley, oozle burr, thistles, etc. and the road supervisors do not seem to be allowed to open a ditch on the public streets. That is not the worst of it. The city sends out a lot of work to be done in several places where they put down hard surface where it is fixed two times. It is bad again. I am not finding fault with the men for being a long time doing a job. It is because it is not done right. There is so much that needs to be done the city has not the money to do it. There is an immense amount of money wasted. A man that cannot put the earth back in a hole only two or four feet deep is a disgrace to civil service if it stands for workmanship. No one kicks at these men, for their work is hard. They don't get paid much. Maybe that is the meaning of civil service, not much pay. Osborne Yates.

MEANING OF CIVIL SERVICE. Portland, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—Did you ever take note of the terrible expense a city is put to by careless workmen, called civil service men? I thought that civil service men meant men with a knowledge of the work they took examinations for. I must be wrong. It must mean how long they can make the job last and how poor they can do it. I have in mind 10 or 20 places where the city opened up our streets to

put in water service. They were from two to three days on each job. Just across the street in some places they put down planking and the next day these planks settled down enough to be dangerous to travel. Just think of it, a ditch only two or three feet deep and they don't put the earth back so it won't settle. A man that does that kind of work should not be allowed to open a ditch on the public streets. That is not the worst of it. The city sends out a lot of work to be done in several places where they put down hard surface where it is fixed two times. It is bad again. I am not finding fault with the men for being a long time doing a job. It is because it is not done right. There is so much that needs to be done the city has not the money to do it. There is an immense amount of money wasted. A man that cannot put the earth back in a hole only two or four feet deep is a disgrace to civil service if it stands for workmanship. No one kicks at these men, for their work is hard. They don't get paid much. Maybe that is the meaning of civil service, not much pay. Osborne Yates.

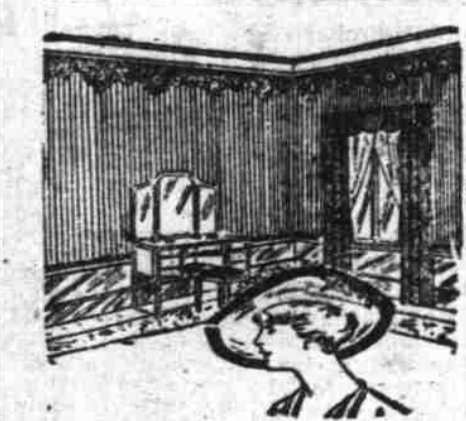
WHERE RESPONSIBILITY BELONGS. Placer, Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—Is it a fact that the Telegram can be believed in politics? It makes some broad statements that do not coincide with the sentiment of the people of the state of Oregon. Let the people of Oregon beware of what they read in newspapers, especially those newspapers which wobble around a subject and leave the reader in the dark. Article X of the League of Nations is a subject handled

SOME GOOD PICKERS. Beaverton, Aug. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal—I think I saw in The Journal that a lady south of here made \$41.15 a day picking loganberries and a boy made \$6. There are four girls at Hazeldale, four miles west of Beaverton, who made one dollar per hour, so you see we have some pretty good pickers at Hazeldale. Henry C. Schoena.

BENEATH CONTENT. Portland, Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—As a reader of The Journal, the best paper in Portland, I want to offer my protest against the third degree methods in Pendleton on Till Taylor's slayers. It would be far better to let them be lynched by the mob, than to be tormented and abused by irresponsible officials. Till Taylor has got my sympathy, but officials who will tie men hand and foot and torment them are not Americans—John Wilkins.

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