

DEATH IN ICY WATER OF RIVER IS DEIFIED

Blackstone of Vaudeville Fame Aids Chest Drive.

SKEPTICS SEE MARVEL

Daring Act Arouses Interest in City Charities and Adds Substantial Sum to Fund.

Two thousand skeptics lined the railings of the Morrison-street bridge, took possession of docks and river boats and loudly claimed that "it couldn't be done."

"How can a man be nailed up in a box, tied hand and foot and live under water long enough to get out?" they asked.

Though their question wasn't answered, the feat was performed. Blackstone, the magician, accomplished the impossible. Clad in a bathing suit, he permitted himself to be bound hand and foot. He was placed in a box, the cover of which was securely nailed on by a delegation of prominent citizens. Sacks of concrete were tied to the corners to insure its weight. Then the box and its human contents were lowered into the river—for a minute the cold, muddy waters of the Willamette flowed over the spot—and then Blackstone appeared.

Wonder Feat Reversed. And not content with this demonstration, he dove under water, re-entered his box, was hauled out and landed on the deck of the steamer Weonah. For fifteen minutes the prominent citizens pried and hammered before they could release him. How it was done, Blackstone only knows—but it was done, and the 2000 skeptics went away satisfied.

Blackstone, who is not a Portland native, but a vaudeville performer who is spending a week at the Bantages, risked his life for Portland charities. The tug Weonah was used for the performance. On her forward deck stood the box, dived under water, re-entered his box, was hauled out and landed on the deck of the steamer Weonah. For fifteen minutes the prominent citizens pried and hammered before they could release him. How it was done, Blackstone only knows—but it was done, and the 2000 skeptics went away satisfied.

Death Again Deified. "Just to show you folks that I am willing to risk my life for this cause," he shouted to the spectators, "I'm going back into the box while the girls pass among you and take up your donations for the chest."

The magician disappeared, the girls worked the chest and in a matter of three minutes the box was pulled back to the deck of the steamer. After hammering and prying, the prominent citizens succeeded in releasing the intrepid man.

Blackstone's defiance of death put courage in the ranks of the chest workers. "If a total stranger is willing to risk his life for charity, why can't Portland at least risk its pocket-book?" they asked.

The chest campaign is going ahead with renewed vigor. It will be a still hunt for dollars from now on. About 85 per cent of the residence section has been covered, the difficulty being the shortage of workers. Minute men who have not been active heretofore have been asked to lend their services for the windup of the drive. Those who have not been visited are being asked to send in their donations to headquarters at the Honeyman building, Fourth and Alder streets.

Total of \$457,949 Raised. The system of sending committees of employes from various mercantile houses and factories of the city, to see for themselves the good being accomplished in the charitable institutions supported by the chest, is bringing gratifying results. A delegation from the Ames-Harris-Neville company inspected the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, returned to their plant, told fellow employes of conditions and as a result raised \$72.50 among the workers. The largest previous subscription from the employes of this plant was \$239.50.

Chest headquarters reported at 5 o'clock last night that a total of \$457,949 had been raised. The coupon, printed on this page, is for the benefit of those who desire to subscribe and who have not been approached, as yet, by chest workers. Through the coupon the chest executives expect to be able to reach many Portlanders who have not been formally invited to do their share in the work of supporting the city's needy.

BOND HEARING IS BEGUN

Pacific County Judge Relieved of Duties by Own Request.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Because Judge H. W. B. Howen of the Pacific county superior court is a heavy taxpayer in South Bend, he did not care to hear the case of several holders of South Bend bonds who are suing the city for a large sum. He asked Judge Simpson of the superior court of Clarke county to take the case and the hearing was held in South Bend before Judge Simpson. The bondholders charge the city of South Bend with unlawfully withholding payments on the bonds. They did not file an affidavit of prejudice against Judge Howen, who declined voluntarily to hear the case. Judge Simpson is sitting on the Lewis county bench today and will return here Monday.

Mother and Daughter Sue.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Mother and daughter yesterday filed actions in circuit court here for divorce. Mrs. Sarah Prine of Cottage Grove seeks a decree from Lawrence Prine and her daughter, Mrs. Ora May Arnold, of the same place, sued Clinton Arnold. Both allege cruel and inhuman treatment. The Prines were married in Albany, Or., June 22, 1909, says the complaint, and the Arnolds were married there September 5, 1918. Both mother and daughter state that their respective husbands are cross and crabbed. Mrs. Arnold alleges that her husband compelled her to work hard on the farm and that he has beaten her.

VAUDEVILLE MAGICIAN RISKS LIFE IN COLD WATERS OF WILLAMETTE FOR SAKE OF COMMUNITY CHEST.



WESTERN ART EXHIBIT

SELECTED PICTURES TO BE SEEN AT PORTLAND MUSEUM.

Collection Comprises Cream of Work Done in Widely Separated Artistic Centers.

The exhibit of the selected work of western artists, a traveling collection recently on show in Seattle and other coast cities, was opened at the Portland museum of art yesterday. Seventy-seven pictures representing the work of artists of western art centers from Kansas City to Seattle, compose this collection, which is being displayed under the auspices of the Western Association of Art Museum Directors personally managed in Portland by Miss A. B. Crocker, head of the Portland museum of art.

Although disclaiming any pretensions to being an exhaustive representation of western art, the exhibit comprises very successfully the cream of the work being done in such widely separated artistic centers as Santa Fe, Denver, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Kansas City and Portland. Portland's contribution to the collection is a portrait by Sidney Bell. The pictures range in style from the Impressionistic landscapes of disciples of Cezanne to colorful Spanish and Indian character sketches by Lee Angles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Kansas City and Portland. The collection was assembled in Kansas City, where the first public exhibition of it was held, and since then has grown in size and scope, exhibiting in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle. It will remain in Portland a month.

TWO TRUE BILLS FOUND

County Grand Jury Indicts for Burglary and Bad Checks.

True bills were returned by the county grand jury yesterday against Clarence Suer and Walter Holman, who are twice indicted for larceny in a dwelling, and against Hugh L. Rosebrook, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Suer and Holman, who have just been placed under arrest in California, are accused of having robbed the homes of F. J. Cobb and Coleman H. Wheeler on Portland Heights. From the Wheeler home valuable furs, a necklace and other articles worth \$1500 in the aggregate were taken on the night of September 13.

FORM OF COMMUNITY CHEST SUBSCRIPTION BLANK.

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The Cobb residence was robbed on September 11, several articles of value being taken. The officers selected to serve during the initial term are Charles DeWitt, president; H. C. Phetteplace, treasurer, and R. E. Allen, secretary.

WATER USERS ORGANIZE

Garibaldi Property Owners Unite for Their Mutual Benefit. GARIBALDI, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Home owners and property holders in the first and second additions to Garibaldi have formed a water users' association, and already the new organization has a good-sized membership to start out with. The regular membership fee is \$40, the payment of which into the treasurer of association entitles the member to all the water benefits to be derived from this water users' organization.

Women's Club Gets Equipment.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Furnishings for a clubroom for the Aberdeen Business and Professional Women's club were assured yesterday with receipts for the dance given Thursday night amounting to several hundred dollars.

ALBANY Physician Elected.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Dr. W. H. Davis of Albany was elected president of the Central Willamette Medical association at a meeting held in Eugene Thursday night. Lion county physicians won all the other offices of the association. Dr. Woods of Lebanon was elected vice-president, Dr. F. E. Beuchamp of Albany secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Clarke of Harrisburg censor.

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 - Daisy and Benjamin Air Rifles.
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A temporary office has been established by our Mr. A. Schaller at 869 Irving Street, Astoria, and, during the period of this emergency, consultations and advice will be cheerfully rendered all Astoria business men, gratis, whether clients or not.

Likewise, our offices in Portland and other Northwest cities are at your disposal. Our Eastern office in Chicago is available for the use of those who have home offices in the East, financial connections there, or who need direct contacts with home offices of insurance companies.

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