

MINGUS AITKEN GIVEN SCARE IN CINEMA HOLDUP

Mingus Aitken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aitken of this city, broke into the front page of the Palo Alto Times, as a result of a holdup of the Stanford theatre Sunday, of which Aitken is the assistant manager. The holdup men made their escape with \$1200.

The Palo Alto paper, in part, said: "While a thrill hungry audience was nearing the end of the evening's second show at the Stanford theatre last night, the managerial staff of the playhouse was getting more than its fill of real life adventure in the upstairs office. Flourishing guns and threatening to use them on the least provocation, two highly nervous bandits held up three employees of the theatre and scooped up the Saturday and Sunday receipts.

"Mingus Aitken, assistant manager, who had just entered the office, was struck by the door. Looking around he came into contact with the deadly looking weapon.

"Don't look at me or I'll drill you," the robber, evidently nervous, snapped out.

"Hearing the click of the hammer as the gun was cocked, Aitken obeyed orders. The leader threatened death again as the two men left the office and went down the stairs of the mezzanine floor. When the theatre men heard the side door slam, they summoned the police by telephone, which was not disconnected, although an effort had been made to do so. The bandits escaped by a back door.

Other parts of the story throw light on more details and on the clipping Mingus sent home to his father, he wrote: "I will write a book on Why Gray Hairs Grow, Etc."

TRACE OF SNOW SEEN IN VALLEY

Following a fall in temperature, which began late last night until a minimum of 28 was reached this morning in Medford and the valley, enough snow fell during the night to give a touch of winter. With just a sufficient amount to barely cover the ground and roofs of buildings, and add beauty to the trees and shrubbery. However, according to reports, no snow fell in the foot hills.

While the official forecast issued this forenoon was for a temperature below normal and probable showers, the winter predicted precipitation may be in the form of more snow. There was quite a fall of fresh snow at Crater National park during Monday night and more may have fallen at that high elevation during yesterday and last night, but no word was received in the city from the park today.

NO IMPROVEMENT BUTTE FALLS BOY

Wayne E. Whaley, 18, who is receiving treatment at the Community hospital for abdominal wounds, made by entrance of a bullet, accidentally fired from a gun in the hands of his brother, Fred, 16, at their home on the Butte Falls road, is still in a critical condition. It was reported at the hospital this afternoon.

Whaley was brought to the Community hospital about 1:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Meteorological Report

December 17, 1930
Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Thursday unsettled, probably showers. Temperature below normal.

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Thursday; probably showers west portion and local snows east portion.

Local Data	5 P. M.	5 A. M.
Temperature (degrees)	43	31
Highest (last 24 hours)	46	43
Lowest (last 24 hours)	32	28
Rel. humidity (per cent)	69	99
Precipitation (inches)	0	0
State of weather	Clear	Clidy.
Lowest temperature this morning	28 degrees.	
Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1930	4.85 inches.	
Temperature a year ago today:	Highest 49; lowest 36.	
Sunset today	4:42 p. m.	
Sunrise Thursday	7:34 a. m.	
Sunset Thursday	4:42 p. m.	
Observations Taken at 5 A. M. 120th Meridian Time		

CITY	High Temp.	Lowest Temp.	Weather
Baker City	36	16	Cloudy
Bismarck	50	18	Snow
Boise	34	20	Snow
Denver	42	24	Snow
Des Moines	26	12	Clear
Fresno	58	34	Clear
Helena	32	28	Clear
Los Angeles	72	48	Clear
Marshfield	52	36	Rain
Phoenix	66	38	Clear
Portland	48	44	P. Cldy.
Red Bluff	60	42	Clear
Roseburg	50	36	Rain
Salt Lake	30	24	Snow
San Francisco	64	50	Clear
Santa Fe	28	20	Cloudy
Seattle	46	44	Cloudy
Spokane	32	34	Cloudy
Walla Walla	46	36	Cloudy
Winnipeg	26	20	Clear

W. J. Hutchison, Meteorologist.

PUPILS DESCRIBE IMAGINARY TOUR

A "Cook's Tour Around the World" was conducted in Ralph Bailey's public speaking class this afternoon at the senior high school. Each student was assigned a different country to speak about, giving a brief story of conditions.

Journalism students of Arthur L. School were guests of the public speaking class, and wrote an account of the trip as one of their exercises.

Those giving talks were George Bennett, Fern Barton, Wildon Colbaugh, William Dorn, Roger Eberly, Ada Edwards, Goldie Hildon, Maxine Hagen, Juanita Hopkins, Frances Jones, Wayne Lowry, Lucille Littrell, Gerald Latham, Ruth Ottoman, Dick Proebstel, Lloyd Sunderman, Robert Shaw, Ralph Thomas, Miriam Watson, Harriet White and Betty Wafer.

HOUSTON WILL HEAD ROYAL ARCH MASONS

The annual election of officers of the Crater Lake chapter, No. 22 Royal Arch Masons for the year of 1931 was held last evening and resulted as follows:

C. M. Houston, high priest; E. L. Lenox, king; O. W. DeJarnett, scribe; O. D. Frazee, treasurer; George R. Alden, secretary; L. G. Stewart, captain of host; L. G. Smith, principal sojourner.

STEEL GATES FOR LOCAL IRRIGATION WILL HALT WASTE

The Medford Irrigation District, in accordance with a water conservation policy is installing steel gates throughout its system. In the past month 34 steel gates have been put in place, and 14 more are ready for installation. All the wooden gates of the district will be replaced with steel gates as fast as finances will permit, and it is expected to have the entire system "steel-gated" by next summer.

The steel gates are water-tight and are operated with a wheel and screw lift device. The life of a wooden gate is about six years, and a steel gate is practically eternal. Manager E. J. Leach of the Medford district says the steel gates will pay for themselves through saving water.

Manager Leach says that in six months the average leaky wooden gate will lose sufficient water to irrigate 4.5 acres for a season to the full allowance, valued at \$10.16 per acre foot. He asserts a leaky gate loses .02 of a cubic foot per second, or 7.1 a. m. for a season. At the going irrigation rates this amounts to \$72.19, or more than enough to pay for the steel gate a couple of times.

Besides the above loss, there is the loss of land from seepage, the loss of revenue from water-logged land, and cost of extra labor to repair the wooden gates and clean the ditches.

COUNTY COURT TO AID IN EXTENSION RURAL MAIL ROAD

Steps to secure an extension of the present route of R. F. D. No. 3, out of this city were taken by the county court this morning, when they assured James Owens of Welles, the county would gravel next spring the roads in the Welles district from the Antelope bridge north to Eagle Point. The postal department is anxious to extend the route.

According to Mr. Owens the road at the present time "would mire a horse blanket" and that nobody was rugged enough to get over it but Carl von der Hellen. He described it as the "worst and stickiest piece of sticky the sun shines on."

According to Mr. Owens the postal department will extend the mail route if the road is made passable, both in summer and winter, by the addition of gravel. The route is along the Meridian road, and if the new territory is added would cover about 40 miles, and serve half a dozen additional families.

The county court referred the matter to the county engineer, who may include the road in the spring graveling work.

LIONS CO-OPERATE TO FURNISH TOYS FOR LOCAL YOUNG

Christmas plans were foremost in the minds of the Lions club members today at the regular luncheon held at the Hotel Holland. The work being carried on by the Lion Ladies to provide all poor children of Medford with toys was discussed and the co-operation of the club promised the group. The next meeting of the club will be a Christmas meeting.

and an interesting program is being planned under the leadership of the new radio artist, Don Collier.

The toys placed on the Lions tree will be donated to the Lion Ladies for their Christmas boxes.

A vote of thanks was also extended Jim Grieve and his Prospector, station KMED, and all local artists who participated in the Thanksgiving program broadcast for the benefit of the toy solicitation.

Lou H. T. Hubbard gave a short talk on the Christmas campaign, informing the members that the Lady Lions started wrapping and marking toys for distribution today.

A letter from Earl Davis, who is now living in Los Angeles, was read by Lion Marc Jarmine. Business is bad in southern California, according to Lion Davis, and the Rogue River valley is still his favorite location.

All members of the club were urged by Lion Allen Smith to attend the community hall to be held at Oriental Gardens Saturday evening for the benefit of the community chest fund.

The musical program for today's luncheon included two numbers by the popular Crews sisters and several selections by the Wakefield sisters of Jacksonville, all were followed by much applause.

The statement was signed "William Randolph Hearst."

What was true then is true now. Those that allow themselves to be cowed foolishly frightened when the country has lost nothing real, except its courage, hurt themselves and others.

Every intelligent person should know that what we call a dollar is used over and over again by many. The property of the United States is not in cash. There are a few dollars at most for each American. We do our business with checks and credit, our real wealth is in land, mines, mills, factories.

In the whole United States there isn't enough money to pay the depositors in the savings banks alone if a lot of frightened fools started to draw it out all at once.

High-spirited Americans in Wall Street, learning nothing from the past, are cowering like frightened chickens when they see a hawk near the clouds, and in this case there is no hawk. The human chickens have squawked themselves into a state of fear. They emphasize their

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ernment is equally as great as that of the property owner.

Likewise, the man who draws money from a perfectly solvent bank, in such a time as this, instead of protecting himself, may be promoting his own undoing.

"Credit is the life of business. If banks fail, business will totter. If business is wrecked, employment will cease. And what will profit a man if he got his small hoard from a bank at the price of his business or of his job?"

"Think of this before you join a line of the panickercken."

A great man, of whom the world knows too little, died 100 years ago today. Our southern neighbor, Bolivia, is named for Simon Bolivar, who was born in Venezuela in 1783 and died in 1830, after giving freedom from Spain to Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Bolivia.

Born a rich man, his father an owner of much land and many slaves, Bolivar interested himself in human liberty, and fought for it to his death.

He was a far-seeing statesman, and lawmakers today might learn from him. He foresaw the trend and the difficulties of a democracy, and his last proclamation, as supreme head of Bolivia, was issued to the people on his death bed.

He went successfully through 200 bloody battles. That will interest those that care little about statesmanship.

In the way of real news, you read about more violent fighting in China and more trouble in Spain. Yesterday's news from Spain told of rebels executed. The rebels are supposed to have captured Valencia, and they have killed three generals. "Reds," a new feature of civilization, help to make matters worse in Saragossa, and famine threatens because of many strikes.

News, important to the world, is the fall of silver to a new low

price. It sold yesterday for 31 1/2 cents an ounce.

India and China, with one-half the population of the earth, depend on silver for their buying power. And the buying power of one-half the world's population makes a big difference to the other half.

Czechoslovakia and Hungary are fighting a trade war, building up tariff walls against each other, a bad thing for the economic condition of central Europe.

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