

1917 CLIMATE
VERY DELIGHTFUL

With Average Mean Temperature at 53.2 Degrees the Weather Is Ideal.

ANNUAL RAINFALL WAS
39.5 INCHES-AVERAGE

Growing Season Was Short But Harvest Was Protected With Late, Bright Days.

Speaking from general climatic conditions, the year 1917 was delightful. From an agricultural standpoint it was not quite so desirable, but not so bad at that. The spring rains extended a little too late in the planting season, and then followed too much dry weather in the growing season. But the dry weather also extended over the harvest season, which enabled the farmers to save what was raised.

A survey of the meteorological data on file in the office of F. M. French, local weather observer, reveals some interesting information. To begin with, here are a few facts that the general public is not intimately aware of:

Albany lies in latitude 44 degrees 38 minutes north of the equator and longitude 123 degrees and four minutes west of Greenwich, near London, England. The annual average rainfall for Linn county is about 40 inches at the present time, although 30 years ago it was 45 inches. The precipitation is gradually growing smaller.

1917 Rainfall

The total precipitation during the last 12 months was 39.5 inches. The snowfall was 12 inches, which is included in the precipitation, and equals 1.2 inches of rain. There were 74 dry days in the year, extending from June 25th to Sept 7th. The rainfall and snow by months was as follows:

Month	Rain	Snow
January	3.20	.50
February	4.08	11.25
March	4.74	.25
April	4.97	
May	1.81	
June	.89	
July	.00	
August	.00	
September	1.55	
October	.03	
November	4.39	
December	13.84	

December was the wettest month in the past 20 years.

Temperature Mild

The past year was neither extremely hot nor extremely cold. There were a few days of uncomfortable weather either way, but not as heat and cold is known in the East. The hottest day was on July, 1914, when the thermometer registered 99 degrees. The coldest was on January 25, when 16 degrees above zero was reached and the ice enthusiasts enjoyed a brief spell of skating. Taking totals, the average maximum temperature for the year was 74.7 degrees and the average minimum temperature was 31.7 degrees, giving an average mean temperature of 53.2. The accompanying table shows the hottest and coldest day in each month of the year:

Month	max.	date	min.	date
January	55	23	16	17
February	60	3	23	1
March	64	16	23	1
April	70	28	30	15
May	76	27	37	12
June	91	13	38	12
July	99	14	45	29
August	96	12	45	4, 5, 7, 30, 31
September	98	16	41	20-29
October	86	4	26	29
November	63	1	29	18
December	59	17	29	10

High Water Records

The year past had no extreme high water. The highest point on record was 36 feet, which was reached in 1861. The lowest mark was also reached in the summer of that year and is used as the basis for measuring

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THIRTEEN YEAR OLD
BOY PLACED IN JAIL

Portland Youngster Running Away From Home; Albany Police Take Him Off Train.

Taken off the southbound train at 11:30 last night, a 13-year-old boy is held in the city jail awaiting news from his father, Dr. Robert Burroughs of Portland.

The boy was on the blind when he was located by the Albany officers and says that he was starting out to see the country.

Chief of Police Catlin notified the Portland police, and is waiting instructions from the boy's father.

TRADE COMMISSION
AFTER HIGH SHOE COST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The federal trade commission is to investigate the higher price of shoes and leather goods. Commissioner Davies, who will conduct the probe, is developing much information through the meat investigation.

CITY NEWS

Wade Funeral Today—

The funeral of the late Mrs. Phoebe Wade, who died in Monmouth Sunday, was held from the funeral parlors of the Fisher-Bradley company at 1:30 o'clock today. Rev. D. Lloyd Morgan preached the sermon and the body was laid to rest in Riverside cemetery.

Appreciates Magazines—

C. F. Smith of the Soldiers' Home, Roseburg, who has been in the city for the past few days, asks the Democrat to convey the thanks of the home to those who gave magazines for the old soldiers. A request was made for the magazines and a large supply was received, which will be greatly appreciated.

Transferred to Portland—

J. C. Sigrist, switchman in the local yards of the S. P. Co., for some time, has been transferred to Portland. Owing to a fall which he received December 19, he will not be able to go to work for some time. He is receiving treatment in a Portland hospital.

Henry McElmurry First—

To Henry W. McElmurry, councilman from the First Ward, belongs the honor of having paid the first subscription to the Democrat in 1918. Councilman McElmurry was on the ground the first thing after the office opened this morning and paid up for another year. Mr. McElmurry has been a subscriber to the Democrat for many years. The first new subscriber to the Democrat was Andrew Skaar, who also paid for a year in advance.

Visiting Daughter—

Mrs. R. J. McElmurry, mother of Councilman Henry McElmurry, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willard Cauthorn of Wells Station.

Visiting Greens—

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller and Miss Miller of Salem, and Mr. James Griffin of San Francisco, were dinner guests last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Greene.

Fred Dawson Sick—

Fred Dawson is confined to his home with an attack of rheumatism.

Goes to Portland—

L. E. Hamilton left today on a business trip to Portland.

Visiting Palmers—

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Coon of Oakville are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Palmer.

Visiting Here—

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Nutting have returned to Portland after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Albany.

On Business Trip—

R. Clunker went to Portland at noon today on business.

Going to Camp Kelley—

Arch and Hale Gould passed through Albany at 1:30 this morning on their way to Camp Kelley, Texas, where they will receive training in the United States Aviation corps. They enlisted some weeks ago in Vancouver and hope to be in France in a few months.

FIERCE FIGHTING
ON WESTERN FRONT

New Years Day Sees Great Struggle Between Allies and Germans Near Cambrai.

BRITISH MAKE GAINS
DESPITE GERMAN EFFORTS

Italy Drives Germans Back to East Bank of Piave; Germans Lose Near Jerusalem.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—On the west front, New Years was ushered in with violent fighting in the Cambrai sector.

Unceasing German efforts to secure a grip on the Welsh Ridge continue. Several positions being taken and retaken many times.

General Haig reports that the British lines are intact after regaining the positions left to the German fire attacks.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—General Allenby advanced further north towards Jerusalem and made prisoners of 750.

ROME, Jan. 1.—The Teuton forces have been driven back to the east bank of the Piave river at Zecson bridgehead. The entire river bend there is now in the hands of the Italians.

BOOTBLACK STAND ROBBED
OF CIGARETTE PACKAGES

Sunday night some person or persons with a greater regard for cigarettes than for the manner in which they got them, pried the lock off of the tobacco case in front of Nick Topolis' shoe shining stand on the Globe Theatre building, and took all the "coffin nails" on display. The total loss only amounted to between \$3 and \$4. Nothing else was taken. Several cans of tobacco were left untouched. One brand of cigarettes was also left, showing discriminating judgment on the part of the thieves. Nick is of the opinion that the robbery was committed by boys.

HONOR GUARD DANCE
IS GREAT SUCCESS

The Honor Guard dance last night was a great success. Although only a "jitney" was charged for dancing, and the general admission for spectators was but a dime, the total receipts amounted to over \$115. The Honor Guard cleared about \$75. The money will be used in the interest of enlisted men in the army and navy who have volunteered from this city.

Over 300 spectators were present. The music, by Prof. E. A. Moses' orchestra, was among the best heard here for many a season and received warm applause and commendation from the dancers. At times the floor was crowded with dancers and all had a most enjoyable time. The dance did not break up until after the hour of 12 and the New Year was well ushered in.

AIROPLANE FACTORY IS
DAMAGED BY FIRE

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The American Propeller Works, making American airplane propellers, was damaged by fire believed to be incendiary. The damage is \$100,000. Federal agents are investigating.

To Spend Day—

Mrs. Henry Baker and son went to Talbot to spend the day at the home of Will Baker.

Went to Farm—

Glen Jenkins went out to his farm at Verdure this morning.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WATCH
MEETING IS BIG SUCCESS

Crowd Throngs Y.M.C.A. Halls and Enjoys Time as Old 1917 Slips Out.

The union young people's watch meeting held last night at the Y. M. C. A. was a decided success in every way. Throngs of happy young people filled the reception rooms, and were kept busy with stunts, games, music and entertainment of various kinds, and the hours slipped quickly by.

Upon entering, each one was tagged and numbered and gathered into groups. Each group was then required to perform some "stunt" for the amusement of the others. This was followed by an exciting marshmallow eating contest that had to be seen to be appreciated.

The program committee here announced a half-hour program consisting of piano selections by Ronald Reed, whistling by Lena Tobey, a quartet by four preachers, and readings by Miss Una Hall, Miss Gladys Gilbert, and D. Lloyd Morgan. All then were invited to the gym, where ten young men engaged in a side-splitting suitcase relay race. Then a spelling watch with human letters, and a basketball game prepared the young people for the peanut feed which followed. As the midnight moment approached, all joined in singing familiar hymns, and Rev. Young offered an earnest prayer. By a unanimous vote of all present it was decided that a series of like events shall be held during the winter and spring.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS
OFF YAQUINA POINT

A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—The steamer F. A. Kilburn is in distress off Yaquina point according to a wireless message. No details are given. The steamer Celilo was sent to the rescue.

AT THE THEATRES

Globe Theatre

The Globe will present a double bill in honor of the New Year tonight, featuring Dorothy Phillips in "Bondage" and Big Bill Hart in "The Aryan." Both are strong features and will prove attractive to the followers of the silent drama. Hart never fails to please, and "The Aryan" is one of his strongest dramas. Dorothy Phillips, who is known as "Hell Morgan's Girl" from the title role which she played in the play of that name, is a charming actress and handles the difficult part in "Bondage" in a most satisfactory manner. There is also a comedy.

Rolf Theatre

At the Rolf last night two packed houses witnessed the return of Theda Bara in "The Darling of Paris." Miss Bara was never better than in her portrayal of Victor Hugo's famous play, adapted from "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," and she immediately fell into popular favor. The second episode of "The Retreat of the Germans from Arras" shows the ravages of war at first hand, and compel the conclusion that these are among the best war pictures ever made. It is better than being on the field of battle. The Fox comedy is a scream and, in all, concludes a very satisfactory New Year's bill. The same program will be repeated tonight.

ITALY REQUISITIONS ENTIRE
CIVILIAN POPULATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—It is officially cable that the entire civilian population of Italy has been requisitioned for the purposes of war.

It is stated that there will be a general mobilization. Persons unable to bear arms will be put on farms, and in other essential industries.

KAISER MUST GO-
ALLIES VERSION

U. S. and Other Nations at War With Germany Will Not Consent to Half Victory.

PEOPLE MUST REPLACE
RULE OF KAISER

Views Will Be Exchanged on Peace; Kaiser Says God Is Directing German Army.

By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The dawn of the new year found the United States and her allies unwaveringly opposed to any peace on Teuton or Russian terms.

Subsurface suggestions that the allies are weakening before the Teuton propaganda are positively repudiated by the foremost government leaders. They say the Kaiser must become the puppet and the people the rulers, before the fight will halt.

Consideration given the propaganda now isn't toward its acceptance, but to counteract it.

By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The entente and America are understood to be exchanging views regarding the allies' action to counter the Teuton peace terms.

The reply may take the form of a counter statement of war aims, or may be an analysis showing what is behind the German proposals' camouflage.

The Kaiser, addressing his troops on Christmas Eve in the Cambrai sector, said:

"We are all instruments in the hands of God. You must have wondered why God allowed the fourth year of war. We maintained peace for half a century, while others disturbed it. Now by force we must bring peace."

MCADOO RUSHES
COAL TO NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—McAdoo ordered that the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel into New York be used in rushing coal there to relieve the famine.

The shipping board turned over several vessels for carrying coal to New England.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MAY
BE BIG OIL CENTER

ROSEBURG, Jan. 1.—Douglas county as an oil producing district may be one of the possibilities of the new year. Operations were started in Camas Valley today with a big standard well drilling outfit on the farm of D. O. Jones. Nearby farms have also been leased by Jones, who refuses to state who is with him in the search for oil. Jones stated, however, that his associates are ready to spend over \$10,000 in development work, making a thorough test of the valley. Should oil be struck in Camas Valley, operations in the Flourney district may be expected.

SHIPYARD EMPLOYEES WILL
WEAR WAR SERVICE BADGES

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Beginning today practically all employees in the Northwest's shipyards will be wearing war service badges. Persons found around shipyards who cannot show their right there by display of the badge, are liable to arrest by federal authorities as spies. Such badges also show the men are serving their country even though they are not in uniform.

To Visit Brother—

Judge H. H. Hewitt and wife went to Salem this morning to spend the day with Mrs. Hewitt's brother, Chas. Elgin.

GERMANS RAISE BLOCKADE
OF RUSSIAN PORTS

Prepare For Commercial Invasion of Markets; Traveling Men Already There.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Russia and Germany are preparing to execute the plans of the recent peace negotiations. It is reported that the German navy chiefs are raising the White Sea blockade. Commerce will be resumed when the German ships and German cargoes arrive.

Already German traveling men are reported taking orders in Russia, promising January delivery.

TANGENT GRANGE ELECTS
OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

TANGENT, Jan. 1.—(Special to the Democrat)—At the last meeting of Tangent Grange the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mr. Urban Shroder; O. J. L. McFarland; L. M. J. Looney; S. Gordon Pike; A. S. J. C. Cochran; chap. J. H. Scott; T. E. R. Reswick; sec. Rova Conn; G. K. Wayman Fisher; C. Catherine Pike; P. Mrs. E. R. Berwick; F. Corn Fisher; L. A. S. Hilda Cochran; organist, Mrs. R. Sloops.

CITY NEWS

Visiting Here—

Miss Rose Rathbone of Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived from Seattle last night and will visit for a month with relatives and friends in Albany.

Independence Man Here—

Thos. Fennell of Independence is spending New Years with F. M. French.

Visiting Albany Friends—

Charlie Warner of Portland is visiting friends in Albany and attended the Honor Guard dance last night.

To Make Their Home—

Mrs. Chas. Fox and daughter left today for Portland to make her home.

To Visit Essex—

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fish will arrive tonight to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Essex.

Here From Camp Lewis—

Frederic Carver of Co. P, 362d regiment, of Camp Lewis, is visiting at the home of Thomas Dixon near Albany.

Night Clerk Goes to Portland—

Henry Pape, night clerk at the Hotel Albany, went to Portland this morning to visit relatives and friends.

Spending New Years—

Miss Emma Summerfield is spending New Years in Portland.

Leave for Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ferguson left this morning for Portland to spend a couple of months with their son and daughter.

To Attend Meeting—

Dr. A. W. Cormack went to Corvallis this morning to attend Farmers' Week at O. A. C.

On Business Trip—

L. E. Hamilton and Miss Hattie Hamilton went to Portland this morning on business.

Returned to Corvallis—

V. O. Thomas returned to Corvallis this morning after a visit here with friends.

Went to Salem—

C. W. King went to Salem this morning to visit relatives.

Weather Report—

Fair weather for Wednesday is predicted by F. M. French, local weather observer, according to barometric observations. The temperature for the 24 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning ranged between 39 and 40 degrees. The rainfall was .05 inch, and the river fell to 10.2 feet.

SPECIAL OFFICER
FOR THE EAST END

Owing to persistent complaints from residents in the vicinity of the Pierce Store to the effect that men were prowling around the store, Chief of Police Catlin last night investigated the matter and commissioned Geo. Hamilton as special police for that section of the city last night.

CALIFORNIA MOB
CHASES NEGRO

Insult to United States Army Causes Riot on Streets of Los Angeles.

POLICE ARE ATTACKED
BY ANGRY MOB

Soldiers and Sailors Join Citizens in Chase; Prisoner Demanded of Officers.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Enraged at an alleged insult to the service, 300 soldiers, sailors and citizens attacked Fred Thompson, a negro, and necessitated his going to the hospital.

The crowd followed the police to jail, demanding that the negro be surrendered to them.

Police orders to disperse were jeered. The crowd fought the police until they told them the negro had been taken to another jail.

ADJUTANT GENERAL TELLS
ABOUT DRAFT QUOTAS

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Except to fill vacancies in calls already made, no more men will be drafted from Oregon or other states before February 15. As all questionnaires will be completed before that date, this will give men taken hereafter, except such few as may be needed prior to February 15 to fill vacancies, the advantage of the new classification system.

Very few men would have been taken from Oregon in any event prior to the next draft, which it is now announced will be not earlier than February 15. This is one of only ten states that have already filled their quotas in the first draft, barring a few vacancies caused by rejections at the training camps.

Future draft quotas are to be filled first from Class 1, comprising men without dependents. They will be drafted from deferred classifications only when Class 1 is exhausted, thus making it necessary to go to the next class for enough men to fill up the quota.

An exception to this will be made in the case of experts and men highly skilled in agriculture or industries. It is announced that the government soon will call for a large number of men of this special class. They will be taken as needed for such special work from whatever classification they may have been granted.

A limited number of officers not now in active service, and retired officers of the Oregon National Guard, who are physically fit and between the ages of 23 and 47, are eligible for enlistment as privates, first class, for attendance at the next Officers' Training Camps, which begin January 15. Official word to this effect has just been received by John M. Williams, Acting Adjutant General, from the chief of the bureau of militia affairs at Washington, with the request that it be given publicity. Applications for the camps by such officers must be approved by the bureau. Those qualifying at the camps which will be held in southern California and the Southern states, will receive commissions.

ALBANY MAN CLAIMS
PORTLAND GIRL AS BRIDE

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Doris Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Miller, to Mr. Donald Olin Nebergall. Mr. Nebergall is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Nebergall of this city, and is associated with his father in the Nebergall Packing Co. They will be at home to their friends in this city after January 12.

NEW CLASSIFIED

LOST—One 30x3 1-2 tire and rim between Albany and Halsey. Finder please return to Clarence Cameron. Reward. J1-3*