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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Saturday rain west probably rain or snow east portion, strong easterly gales.
LOCAL: Temperature, minimum 36, maximum 47, sea 38. Fairly cloudy, trace of rainfall, northerly winds, River 8.5 feet, falling.

Salem, Oregon, Friday, December 17, 1920

Price Three Cents

Passage of Home Rule Bill Assured; House of Lords Is Won Over

London, Dec. 17.—The possibility of a conflict between the house of lords and the house of commons over the Irish home rule bill has been averted. The amendments of the measure made by the lower house were amicably discussed in the upper chamber today and all were disposed of in a manner that will permit the measure becoming a law tomorrow.

Constabulary Force in Manila Disarmed As Result of Riots

Manila, P. I., Dec. 17.—The entire constabulary garrison here has been disarmed and arrested and complaints were being prepared today for the prosecution of seventy-eight constabulary soldiers who admitted participation in the riot Wednesday resulting in deaths of four Americans and seven Filipinos.

Leaders Agree On Emergency Traffic Plans

Washington, Dec. 17.—Senate and house leaders practically agreed at a conference today on a program for the enactment of an emergency tariff measure to serve as an embargo on the importation of wheat, cotton, wool, beans, potatoes and livestock meats.

Car Goes Into Ditch; None Hurt

Mr. Angel, Or., Dec. 17.—A car belonging to Mr. Eperling of Mt. Angel in making a turn in the road near the Binegar farm Wednesday night went on its side in the ditch at the right side of the road.

Oregon Berry Plants Banned By California

Portland, Or., Dec. 17.—Approximately two million strawberry plants destined for California growers have been held up by an embargo placed on Oregon grown plants by the California state board of horticulture, according to information received at the state chamber of commerce today from E. M. Brodie of Oregon City.

Mines Reduce Wages In Two States Today

Butte, Mont., Dec. 17.—Wages reductions of 50 cents to \$1 for employees of copper and zinc mines in the Butte district and mill and smelter men at Anaconda and Great Falls were announced today, following a conference between mining companies and representatives of unions and representatives of companies under contract with them. The reductions, effective January 20, will affect approximately 9500 men, was stated.

Charlie C. Barker, Former Salem Man, Dies in Portland

Charlie Clinton Barker, a resident of Salem for many years, who was well known here, died yesterday at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland after a short illness. He had been engaged in the insurance business.

Bank Deposit Tax Proposed

Washington, Dec. 17.—A tax on one quarter of one per cent on all bank deposits is proposed in a bill introduced today by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, a republican member of the house and means committee. Mr. Treadway estimated that such a tax would net a revenue of approximately one billion dollars annually.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Reapportionment in the house of representatives to correspond with population changes as recorded in the 1920 census will be considered by republican members of the house at a caucus tonight.

Valuation of County Units Is Decreased

Taxable Property is \$509,538 Short of Total Levied Upon Last Year

The figures of valuation compiled by Ben F. West, county assessor on the incorporated towns of Marion county, the school districts and the road districts show total appraised value of \$41,782,695, a decrease of \$509,538 over the total valuation of last year.

Table with columns: Valuation of Cities, Total, School Districts. Lists various cities and their respective valuations.

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