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Port Arthur Falls.

After withstanding a siege of eleven months to a day, the Russian forces surrendered Port Arthur to the Japanese troops Monday, January 2. Port Arthur is a total wreck and the original Russian garrison of 35,000 is reduced to 6000 able to bear arms. Eleven thousand have been killed and 18,000 are sick or wounded. The cost of the victory to the Japs is not known, but it is undoubtedly much greater than the Russian loss. The financial cost on both sides has been enormous, the expense to Russia, counting the destruction of the Port Arthur fleet being many times that to Japan. Neither power seems willing to make peace proposals and the end is not in sight.

LEADERLETS

Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann were indicted by the Federal grand jury last Saturday afternoon for complicity in the famous 11-7 land frauds. This action was not unexpected. Every man in Oregon who is so unfortunate as to be an acquaintance of S. A. Puter, the ring-leader in the fraud, or who has had any connection with public land business, has been marked by Hitchcock as a probable criminal and must stand for the searchlight. We do not believe that any citizen of Oregon who is familiar with the public careers of Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann believes them to be guilty of these charges. Their connection with the affair was evidently only what fell to them as simple duty to constituents whose honesty they had no reason to question. THE LEADER believes the gentlemen cannot be convicted except by testimony of witnesses who are already in the criminal class.

John H. Hall, United States District Attorney for Oregon, was removed from office last Saturday by order of President Roosevelt, at the request of Francis J. Heney, who has been conducting, as the nominal assistant of Mr. Hall, the land fraud cases in this state. This man Heney seems to be a solid Muldoon with the Administration, possibly for the reason that he himself was once convicted of complicity in land frauds, but was pardoned by the President, who probably was influenced by the old adage that it takes a thief to catch a thief. Mr. Hall was removed because Heney charged him with being in sympathy with the accused.

The Oregonian's New Year, or Lewis and Clark number, must be seen and read to be appreciated. It is too big, too artistic, too meaty, too complete to be described in THE LEADER'S limited space. If you want several times your money's worth, send and get a copy; also send several to your friends in the east. The price—10 cents—will carry it to any address in the United States which you may send with your order. THE LEADER contributes this notice for the good of Oregon. The New Year number of the Oregonian will do good work for the state.

Oregon's practically even temperature is emphasized by Portland's marriage record for 1904, one month making about as good a showing as another. In the words of the good old hymn, "December's as pleasant as May"—possibly a little more so—the record being, December 149, May 101, July and August show 119 and 130, respectively. Come west, young man, come west.

Every honest man hopes all the real public land frauds in Oregon will be uncovered, but the powers that be should not stoop to persecution. Oregon's representatives are just as honest as the representatives of any other state, and they are entitled to the benefit of every doubt—which they will hardly get from Hitchcock and Heney.

As proof that Portland is growing steadily and giving the high sign of metropolitanism, or something of that kind, her citizens point with pride to the fact that her "crippled police force" made 5721 arrests during the year 1904—a "healthy" gain over the preceding year. Congratulations are in order.

The Salem Statesman's New Year number is by far the best special number ever issued by that progressive newspaper. It is a genuine work of art and will prove of much value to the field which it covers.

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Portland has the jiu-jitsu fever and
hold-up artists will soon find the
metrop not such easy picking.

The constitution of the United States
is real mean. It has just been discovered
that it permits liquor to be shipped
into prohibition states in the original
packages, and state legislation against
it doesn't go.

It cost Russia \$364,000,000 to carry
on the war with Japan during the year
just closed, and the cost in human life
has not yet been figured up. The Czar
probably thinks by this time that Uncle
Billy Sherman's definition of war was
entirely too mild.

Fun at Our Old Home.

Tuesday's blizzard was the worst
storm that has visited this section for
sixteen years. The storm began Monday
with rain and sleet which soon
turned to snow; this was accompanied
by a terrific wind which kept up all day
and until well into the night. Business
was practically suspended in town, no
one venturing out unless absolutely
necessary. The railroad was blocked,
and no mail was received at the post-
office after Tuesday morning until
Wednesday evening.—Casey (Iowa) Vin-
dicator, Dec. 29.

December Weather.

Station: Toledo; Month: Dec., 1904.
Mean temperature, 44.5.
Maximum temperature, 59; date, 6, 18.
Minimum temperature, 31; date, 16.
Total precipitation 17.40 inches.
Prevailing direction of wind, sw.
Number of cloudless days, 6.
Number of partly cloudy days, 7.
Number of cloudy days, 18.
Dates on which hail fell, 22.
Date of light frost, 16.
Date of killing frost, 0.
Dates of auroras, 0.
Dates of thunder storms, 20.
OTTO O. KROGSTAD, Observer.

Real Estate Transfers.

Dec. 29—A E Stout to Ida M Stout,
6½ of sec 12, township 11 south,
range 11 west. \$1.
Dec. 29—Ida M Stout and L Stout to
A E Stout, w½, sec 12, town-
ship 11 south, range 11 west. \$1.
Dec. 29—Charles Reber and Lena Reber
to C. C. McBride, sec 4 of n½ sec 10
township 11 south, of range 9
west. \$230.
Dec. 30—William H Palmer and Mary
Palmer to C C Spencer, w½ of sec 4
of s½ and lot 4 of section 14 and lot 1
of section 23 township 14 south, range
12 west. \$1900.

An Irishman meeting another, one
holiday, asked him to the nearest sal-
oon to have a drink. "What'll ye
have, Jim?" said the host. "I don't
know. What are you going to take?"
"I think I'll take a pale ale." "All
right," said the other, "give me a pail,
too."

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for
many years from rheumatism," says W.
H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania.
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all, while at all times walking was pain-
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MAHOGANY WOOD.

The Way It Came to Be Used in the
Making of Furniture.

Chippendale owes his reputation to
the fact that he published a book of
designs with over 200 copperplate
engravings, so that today any one who
wishes may get them and reproduce
them exactly or with such changes
and improvements as suit his fancy.
That they are capable of improvement
Chippendale himself was the first to
declare. Chippendale was one of the
first makers of mahogany furniture.
Before his time this precious wood was
valued only for the medicinal qualities
it was supposed to possess.

The idea of making furniture of ma-
hogony wood appears to have been the
result of chance. A certain physician
in London had a great many mahogany
planks, and, wanting a candle box, he
sent for a cabinetmaker and instructed
him to use the mahogany for the re-
quired article of furniture. The man
objected that the wood was too hard
for his tools, and the doctor told him
to get harder tools. The man did so,
and when the doctor saw the box he
was amazed at its beauty. Patients
and friends talked about it, and at last
the Duchess of Buckingham came to
see it. She was enraptured and per-
suaded the doctor to give her wood for
a similar box. As a result mahogany
got to be the fashion.

HORSEPOWER.

The Unit as It Was Originated and
Defined by Watt.

When steam engines were employed
to drive mills, pumps and other ma-
chinery which had been previously
driven by horses, it was natural to at-
tempt to express the work done by
them in terms of the working power
of the horse.

James Watt was the first to define
the unit of horsepower, which by ex-
periment he found to be 33,000 foot
pounds a minute. In other words, a
one horsepower engine would raise
33,000 pounds one foot every minute,
and so on proportionally to the number
of "horsepowers" indicated by the en-
gine.

He arrived at this conclusion by ob-
serving the work done by heavy dray
horses in breweries working eight
hours daily and found that a horse go-
ing at the rate of two miles and a half
an hour could raise a weight of 150
pounds by a rope led over a pulley,
which is equal to 33,000 pounds raised
one foot in one minute.

Watt, for the credit of his engines,
selected horses of more than average
power.

THE ELDER TREE.

In Days Long Gone by It Was Held
In Disrepute.

In olden days to be crowned with
elder was a disgrace. In an old play
we read, "Laurel for a garland and
elder for disgrace." This may have
been due to the story which Shake-
speare has noticed that Judas hanged
himself upon an elder tree:

Well follow'd; Judas was hanged on an
elder—"Love's Labour's Lost."

This legend was generally accepted.
Ben Jonson in "Every Man Out of His
Humour" has, "He shall be your Judas,
and you shall be his elder tree to hang
on," and Nixon in his "Strange Foot-
steps." "Our gardens will prosper the
better when they have in them not one
of those elders whereupon so many
covetous Judases hang themselves."
Shakespeare also makes it an em-
blem of grief:

Grow patience
And let the stinking elder, grief, untwine
His perishing root with the increasing
vine—"Cymbeline."

—London Telegraph.

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