

## SHORT STORIES OF TOWN AND COUNTRY

Miss Winona Wood has returned from a visit with Portland friends.

Dance to the music of a Brunswick. For sale by H. L. Stiff Furniture Co., Salem.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will be entertained by Mrs. Hill next Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Horn and children of Newberg are guests at the J. S. Bohannon home.

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Mrs. Sara Claggett Young was home Sunday from Albany where she expects to pass the winter.

Meet your friends at the W. O. W. dance in Dallas next Thursday night. You'll like the good time they furnish.

Mrs. Grace Hussey and Mrs. O. C. Locke were here Wednesday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Damon.

Miss Cecelia Birkholtz is here from Portland spending her vacation. She is employed in the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mrs. Claude Skinner and daughters and Mrs. Nat Wither will return tomorrow from a several weeks' sojourn at the Withers' cottage in Newport.

We are happy to note that W. B. Huggins continues to improve and it is thought that recovery from his serious illness will be complete ere long.

Harry Patterson, who has charge of Civil Engineering at O. A. C., has been asked to be host at the Forestry division at the State Fair. Mr. Patterson is a grandson of "Daddy" Hedges and visits here frequently.

Miss West has returned from the "Little Brown Nest" at Seaside and we feel warranted in saying the season has been most kind to her. She will remain here for a brief visit with her many friends.—Monmouth Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henkle will leave the first of October for Los Angeles. The Henkles have a daughter and two sons in the neighbor state and expect to pass a delightful winter with them. They have let their residence property on Second street to Mrs. Zulu Buffum for the winter.

### Union High School Planned

Corvallis—Six school districts in North Benton county will vote September 21 on the question of having a union high school at Kings Valley. The Simpson chapel grounds have been chosen as a permanent site and a new building will be erected there.

### Baptist Church Announcements

Rev. H. L. PROPPE, Pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m., Mr. Archie Justin, Supt  
Preaching services 11 a. m. Rev. Proppe, preacher.  
Young Peoples Society 7 p. m. Miss Fern Johnson, leader.  
Preaching services 8 p. m. Sermon by Rev. Proppe.  
We have prayer meeting and Bible study every Wednesday night at 7:30. You are welcome to all these meetings.

Under Inspector Hokansen, a group of customs men boarded the Bowes Castle as she lay at pier 4, American docks, Stapleton, S. L. In search of liquor, drugs and other contraband. Crawling through a narrow passage near the engine room on the port side of the ship, Inspector Christian Schmidt found a manhole cover from which the bolts evidently had been removed.

### Goes In to Explore Tank.

He lifted the lid and flashed his pocket lamp about the black interior of a ballast tank about two feet deep. Straw at the bottom of the tank attracted his attention and he decided to investigate further. He crawled into the tank and paused a moment while his sight became accustomed to the dark. He found himself looking into a pair of gleaming eyes.

Schmidt glanced about and counted 12 such pairs of eyes before he realized that he was surrounded. He flashed his pocket lamp, called for help, and the Chinese were herded into the engine room.

So weak that they could barely stand, 22 crawled out of the tank. Their muscles were cramped, faces drawn and emaciated, and three promptly collapsed and were carried to the deck. The inspectors continued their search and routed two more Chinese from the crew's nest. When they checked over the Chinese crew of the engine room they found two men who had not been entered on the ship's articles.

Inspector Hokansen called for assistance in taking the stowaways ashore and Inspector James W. Hallock sent the police boat John F. Hyman. From the Hyman the stowaways were transferred to a police launch and landed at Ellis Island. The three who collapsed were taken to the hospital. Physicians who examined the others found them so ill that none could stand upright.

**Paid to Get Passage.**  
A Chinese interpreter who questioned the men reported that the majority had lain in the water tank for several hours after they were gathered together from hiding places all over the ship. Some had been in constant hiding in the shaft alley, others took to the coal bunkers, holds and double bottoms.

"They paid money to a Chinese member of the crew, who acted as go-between in obtaining the permission

of those in authority in the engine room," the interpreter reported. "What food they received during the months in hiding they cooked themselves or it was furnished by the Chinese go-between."

Food was so scarce, one stowaway told the interpreter, that several rats captured in their narrow quarters had been eaten raw.

The cases of whisky and opium pipes were taken to the barge office by a police launch, and one Chinese, who said he was Chung Kwong, "Number One Chinaman," or foreman of the Chinese members of the crew, was taken into custody by the customs inspector as a witness.

**Child Hanged Itself on Crib.**  
Howard Johnson, fourteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson of Pittsburgh, Pa., was accidentally hanged when he tried to adjust his shirt, which had worked up over one shoulder. The child lost his balance and fell from the crib in which it was lying. The shirt caught on a post and formed a noose about his neck.

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## STARVING MEN ATE RATS RAW

A New York customs officer who searched the British freighter Bowes Castle, in from Kobe and Singapore recently, found 26 half-starved Chinese stowaways, three so weak that they had to be carried to Ellis Island on stretchers, and brought to light a story of hardship in the black hole of a vessel which investigators described as comparable to the tales of the "black-birders" of slave-running days. Other searches found 16 cases of whisky and a number of opium pipes.

Summed up for the customs men by an interpreter, the Chinese said that they had been offered transportation to America by a Hongkong boarding house keeper. They were shipped to Singapore, where they boarded the Bowes Castle, leaving that port late in May. Since then they had been stowed away, unknown to the ship's officers, in ballast tanks, dark corners where rats consumed their ration of rice, and the crew's nest, where two were found. Two others lined up with the ship's engine-room crew.

After the Chinese had been quieted and questioned as they huddled together on Ellis Island their story was pieced together, and it was not completed then. Customs officers said that the cruelties they endured may include the starving to death of several who started the voyage with the TWENTY-SIX.

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