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## COUNTY REBECCA ASSEMBLY

### Several From Tillamook, Bay City and Beaver in At- tendance.

The Rebecca lodge at this place entertained the county assembly of the order Wednesday afternoon and evening. In fact the entertainment commenced in the forenoon with a dinner in the banquet room of the Odd Fellows' hall.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and at 6 o'clock a dinner was served, followed by an enjoyable program.

Mrs. Rose Palmer, president of the assembly, was present and addressed the convention on the work being done in the different Rebecca lodges of the state.

Rebeccas to the number of 17 came over from Tillamook and Bay City and about the same number from Beaver.

The Cloverdale lodge exemplified the initiatory degree. After a short program ice cream and cake were served and the assembly adjourned to meet next year in Bay City.

## HIS WIFE'S TRIUMPH.

A Record That Used to Inspire Green, the Famous Historian.

It has been the fate of many men of letters to have ill health bearing them down as they struggle on toward literary achievements. Thus beset in recent times were Stevenson, Richard Jeffries and J. R. Green. Each of these, it happened, had a high hearted wife to keep him up, even to help him with the actual labor of writing. "The Life and Letters of J. R. Green" show forth a great and sweet man. They show, too, a wife whose sympathy and fortitude helped to make his accomplishment possible.

In copying the vast amount of manuscript of her husband's books Mrs. Green contracted writer's cramp and was forced to stop using her right hand. This looked like a final obstacle in the way of the invalid, who did much of his thinking in bed and could not write himself. But Mrs. Green set to work at once learning to write with her left hand.

One of her first practice pages, which she was about to destroy with the rest, her husband took quietly and put in his pocket. Years afterward when ill health seemed unbearable and in discouragement he felt that he could not work he used to take out that piece of paper, a living record of his wife's triumph over difficulty. When he saw the painful, patient strokes by which Mrs. Green had learned to write with her left hand he could work on with something near to inspiration.

### Echoes.

The time which elapses between the utterance of a sound and its return must be more than one-twelfth of a second to form an echo.

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## A FRIEND IN NEED.

The Pleasure That Came With a Little Act of Kindness.

"I am one of your new neighbors, Mrs. Estabrooks," said a cheerful voice at our door in the very middle of our first attempt at moving. "No, I can't come in. I just brought you a bit of lunch, knowing you would be too busy to fix any. Please call on me—just next door—if I can be of any help. Goodby!"

My husband and I glanced at that tray with its two bowls of hot soup and steaming little pot of coffee and then at each other in dumb surprise.

We had just reached that dreadful state in moving when nothing is in place and the things wanted first are underneath the things wanted last—that awful moment when a sense of helplessness, weakness and homesickness combined swoops down upon you.

We had not realized that we were hungry and physically exhausted, but after sitting down at an improvised table and sampling that delicious soup and drinking the stimulating coffee we suddenly knew what had been the matter with us. Courage returned.

"Blessings on our neighbor!" cried Ben.

"Yes," I answered. "She's the jolliest caller I ever received. She has taught me how to introduce yourself to new neighbors and win their everlasting gratitude. Whatever happens in this neighborhood I'll stand by Mrs. Estabrooks—see if I don't!"—Woman's Home Companion.

### Public Penance.

A quaint old law for the punishment of petty offenders exists to this day in Middleburg, the Netherlands, and anything resembling it is not known to exist elsewhere. Owing to dampness weeds quickly spring up in the streets between the paving stones, and here, under the eye of a none too severe guard, the offenders are put to work with a large trowel shaped knife clearing away the upspringing blades of green. Each is provided with a wooden stool; hence it may be imagined that they are not hard driven. Here men and women alike who have been convicted work in this manner.

## INVENTIONS WE NEED.

Plenty of Opportunities For Would Be and Could Be Edisons.

The world is full of would be Edisons, and the point we want to bring out is that quite a lot of them are could be Edisons.

A man invented the stocking frame for weaving silk stockings. He got the idea while he sat watching his wife work. But surely he wasn't the first man who sat and watched his wife work.

There is a huge fortune for the man who can commercialize weeds. The raw material is inexhaustible, for it renews itself automatically every year. It might pay a reader in the paper making trade to follow up this idea.

Then we want a paint that will last as long as the material upon which it is placed and an iron that won't rust. We want something that will counteract the wearing effect of the atmosphere. It's going to be invented some day, and it may as well be done now, and you who read this may as well be the person to do it.

In some remote corner of the earth today a could be Edison may be experimenting with the possibilities of cities on the sea. There are millions of square miles of water that are more or less wasted, and sooner or later, as the land area of the earth becomes crowded, people will inevitably take to cities on the sea.

Above all, keep your eyes on Nature, who is continually making inventions which she never protects with patents. —Stray Stories.

### Eternal Curiosity.

"So you think all public entertainments should be censored?"

"Yes, and I'd like to be one of the censors."

"What for?"

"So as to be sure of not missing anything."—Washington Star.

### Spiteful.

Patience—This paper says it is estimated that the annual catch of lobsters in the world is 125,000,000.

Patrice—You haven't caught one yet, have you, dear?—Yonkers Statesman.

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