

## HAVE BIG DOINGS AT LOCAL GRANGE

REGULAR MEETING ON SATUR-  
DAY, MARCH 11, LARGELY AT-  
TENDED BY MEMBERS.

## LEGISLATION TOPIC IS DISCUSSED

There Should Be More Politics at the  
Fireside is the Opinion Held  
By Worthy Grangers in  
Clackamas.

Clackamas Grange No. 298, at its regular day meeting Saturday, March 4, held an old fashioned banquet dinner. The Worthy Master presided and appointed Wm. Morfitt toastmaster for the occasion.

He gave as a toast, "The Grange and its Possibilities." In his remarks he brought out the idea that the present is the time, and the Grange is the place for the farming interests to get together and discuss questions of government and legislation in which they

That a new order of things under the Initiative, referendum and recall had placed more power in the hands of the people and brought them nearer to the government and made it more essential that they should get together on these questions that affect their interests. For want of organization, unity of action, farmers become paymasters for the schemes of others, who, though less in numbers and voting strength, gain their ends by unity of action and means of purpose. The farmer must also trace out and define the power and influence that the farmer might exert when the Grange made it a fundamental principle to use these influences for the protection and benefit of its members.

The first response to this toast was made by sister Dickenson, the wife of the District Deputy. She spoke interestingly of woman's work in relation to the Grange committee work; also the establishment and management of bazaars as a financial need. The uses of public entertainments.

The Worthy Master's response was that he had intended to talk on "The Sociability of the Grange," but the quantity and quality of the vands set before him had driven other ideas from his mind.

Brother Lewis Jones, pastor of the Congregational church, responded in a pleasing and forceful talk on the ethical side of Grange work. His words well befitted the position the popular pastor and brother granger occupies

Brother Trabue gave a very pleasant talk on the relation between the citizen and the government. He declared that the dread of the word politics in an organization like the Grange, was based upon a misapprehension of the subject. Politics is the science of government. It should be studied and understood by every citizen in a republic that depends for its sustenance upon the enlightened votes of the people.

Brother Dickenson, district deputy, responded, though disagreeing somewhat with the general consensus of opinions preceding him, as to methods to be pursued in building up the Grange by means of soliciting new interests, never-the-less admitted the necessity of a general change in methods. His experience in rejuvenating old granges has taught him the utter failure of the old regime. He thought it well to locally introduce any moral and legitimate method adapted to each locality.

The worthy chaplain and lecturer gave short talks, thus ending the banquet in a most satisfactory manner.

SALEM ELECTRIC FRANCHISE.

### Council Passes It and the Mayor Immediately Signs It

SALEM, Or., March 13.—(Spl.)—Salem Council tonight passed the franchise for the Oregon Electric, 13 to 1, giving them a way out to the south. As soon as Council passed it the Mayor signed the franchise.

The passage of this ordinance was of much moment to the people of this city. It means a connection to Albany and Eugene, and the road will spend more than a quarter million in betterments and new line.

## FAILS TO PROVE HER CONTENTION IN COURT

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**ADMITS ON STAND THAT HUSBAND DID CONTRIBUTE \$20 TO \$50 MONTHLY.**

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Failure to prove her charges of non-support caused Mrs. Phoebe Hughes to lose her suit for divorce against Ellis Hughes in the Circuit Court Friday. The case was tried before Circuit Judge Campbell and Mrs. Hughes admitted on the stand that her husband had been away from home for several years, but had sent her every month sums ranging from \$20 to \$50.

Mrs. and Mrs. Hughes were married April 2, 1893 at Portland and have three children, Olive, Ellis and Ivy. Hughes was charged with abusing and cursing his wife, and threatening her with bodily harm. She says he manifested an ill temper and made her home life unbearable. Mrs. Hughes asked for \$50 a month in alimony and for the title to 28 acres of land, two miles from Williamette.