

TALENT NEWS.

TALENT, OR. JANUARY 15th, 1894.

LOCAL ITEMS.

There will be a social dance at the hall next Saturday evening.

Emmette, Welia and John Beeson are over on Antelope rounding up their cattle for the winter.

Mrs. Jennie Goddard has been visiting relatives and friends at Talent the past week.

S. Smith who has been down with la grippe for several weeks is now able to be up and around a little.

There has been several cases of Scarlatina about Talent but all are now recovering.

Geo. Edwards will ship a carload of apples from Talent to New York city in a few days.

Bob. Wilcox is recovering from the shot received in the shooting affray two weeks ago.

Having examined Dr. A. C. Caldwell's roof plates we can recommend the Chase Metallic Roof Plate as being the most beautifully carved, highest in price and natural in shape and color of any in the market. They are for sale by him at his office over bank of Ashland.

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POPULIST CLUB MEETING.

Last Wednesday evening the club discussed the tramp question. As usual the sentiment was not all on one side. A good deal of independent opinion crops out in this camp. This is as it should be.

A true American should be independent and have the courage of his honest convictions no matter to what party he belongs. It has been charged to the rank and file of the Populists that they accept every utterance, no matter how absurd, put forth by their leaders, as equal in truth to a revelation from the Almighty.

But in this Populist camp whoever struts off with a bell to his neck is likely to strut alone. Mr. Breese believed that the tramp is the legitimate offspring of our civilization which was not evlogized to any remarkable degree. A handful of gold bugs in Wall street control the industries of the United States. These few men can at will turn millions of honest, industrious workmen out of employment and set them to tramping on the roads.

Neither are times getting better, but rapidly growing worse. The prospect is alarming. A terrible conflict between the upper classes and the starving millions will surely take place unless the people rise en masse and by proper legislative enactments put a check to the power of the monopolists. Brother Wilcox started off rather gingerly but finally got warmed up and preached a sermon full of pathetic eloquence or eloquent pathos, in which the tramp was held up to view as the most persecuted mortal on the face of the earth. Some of his appeals would have wrung big, briny tears from the eyes even of a tramp. The tramp was his brother and entitled to brotherly sympathy and aid. The speaker closed with a round of glowing sentences followed by prolonged and enthusiastic applause.

J. W. and Wm. Abbott and W. J. Dean viewed the subject in another light.

While admitting and regretting the fact that the tramp is largely the product of the merciless scheming of the money power, yet they would lay perhaps an equal part of the blame to the tramp himself—to his improvident habits and, disinclination to work. The business of the tramp—the professional tramp—was "looking for" work—not finding it, nor wanting to find it, but looking for it.

Too much sympathy was wasted on the tramp. All agreed that charity was worse than useless. Every man able to do so should earn his living, voluntarily if he would, involuntarily if he wouldn't.