

TALENT NEWS.

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It will not be hard for our readers to see that this issue is pretty well filled up with politics, religion and temperance.

A good rain would be just the thing in this locality.

A new American citizen—with presumably Populistic tendencies—registered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Abbott on the 4th inst.

Arbor day was observed in Miss. Cheney's school on Upper Wagner creek. The exercises were very entertaining and appropriate.

We hope the communication on 2d page from the pen of Rev. R. H. Sherill will prove as interesting to our readers as it was difficult for us to put in type, for setting up such an array of Scripture texts was a new departure for us. But we can work 'em now all right.

Several months ago we received a letter from a subscriber, renewing his subscription, but who ordered his name at once taken from our list if we favored either of the old political parties. Of course we didn't want to lose a cash subscriber so we instantly went back on the g. o. p.'s. took up the Populist cause, joined the Talent club and commenced whooping up the People's party, feeling highly elated over the thought—vain, vain thought!—that we were sure of that subscriber for all time to come. But now he writes us to stop his paper forthwith.

O, vanity, thy name is Politics! Even an editor can't suit everybody.

GOOD BYE "PREFERENTIAL"—At a meeting of the People's party central committee, held in Medford yesterday, the preferential vote manner of selecting candidates was arraigned as the cause of all the inharmony in the party ranks in this county, and that system, from which so much was expected; that system, the adoption of which as was boasted, would insure the people an entrance into the delectable land of political Canaan, was sat down upon by all the avoirdupois the committee could bring to bear upon it. Thus endeth a laudable attempt to "get back to the people."

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Rev. Wm. Crowhurst, a noted temperance advocate, lectured in the school house hall last Monday evening. His discourse considered the confirmed inebriate as one whose physical system is so far effected by drink that high moral and intellectual conditions could not prevail.

Albumen, a substance which enters largely into the composition of the brain and nerves, is hardened, coagulated—"cooked"—by being placed in alcohol; therefore alcohol taken into the system and coming in contact with the albumen in the brain is highly injurious to the delicate tissues of the latter. No drunkard can have a perfect mentality; no sound mind in an unsound body. The speaker believed in educating the body and in accomplishing this purpose, total abstinence is absolutely necessary. Cultivation of mind—acquiring intelligence was a duty. The giving out of intelligence was no less a duty. But you can give nothing out unless you have taken something in. The inebriate can have no taste for the esthetic—the beautiful.

Liquor tends to dwarf the finer sensibilities of our natures.

The speaker was an ardent believer in woman suffrage. Women would vote for men who are not only total abstainers, but Christians. When women get the ballot, the United States will become a Christian government. We judged from his remarks in this line that the speaker is an enthusiastic supporter of the National Reform or God-in-the-Constitution party. The lecturer would attribute the present hard times more to the liquor traffic than to any other cause.

Over-production was nonsense. It was under-consumption that is troubling us—no money to buy. The speaker denounced the policy of our government in permitting so many ignorant, degraded, foreign paupers to come to our shores and the ease with which they become citizens.

He would have all foreign immigrants remain in America the same length of time required of Americans—21 years—to become citizens.

At the conclusion of the lecture a Good Templar's lodge of 14 members was organized,