

TALENT NEWS.

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The "sprig" orators, Jeffrey and Rawlings, will make the eagle scream for the benefit of the Talent kickers, on the 31, inst. at 8 P. M., at the school house hall.

The aforesaid kickers are expected to fall in line at once when the "Demosthenes of Applegate" sounds his bugle and submit to a raking fire of oratorical shot and shell for at least two hours.

Then the handful of shreds and remnants will be gathered up and decently interred.

Having the misfortune to be one of the doomed kickers, we take especial interest in suggesting the following as a suitable inscription to be placed on the monumental stone which kind friends—if kickers have friends—may erect to the memory of the kicker band:

Sacred to the memory of a score of gallant kickers who fell while bravely attempting to withstand a two-hours steady fire of words from the vocal artillery of a silver-tongued orator.

Where their spirits have flown no one doth know,

Whether to realms above or regions below,

But kind friends may rest assured that, like the plucky frog in the milkman's can, if conditions fail to suit them, they will keep up a vigorous kicking until victory crowns their efforts.

S. H. Holt, candidate for state senator on the People's party ticket, addressed a fair-sized audience at the Talent People's party club room last Saturday evening.

He confined his remarks mainly to county and state matters. A dozen years ago this county was out of debt. Since then a debt of \$219,000 has accumulated and rapidly growing larger. The people were taxed as much as they could stand.

What was to be done? The speaker suggested that unless some radical change for the better could be brought about, and that right soon, each family would have to hitch up the old greys and migrate to fresh fields and pastures new. Taking up state matters he said that though county affairs were bad enough, state affairs were worse and our national government worse than all. Corruption held sway from the White House down to the foot-hills precinct. Each voter must do his own thinking, not farm the job out to some political boss. Salaries of all public officials should be lowered, the Initiative and Referendum adopted, appropriations cut down, four-fifths of the commissions done away with, etc etc. His remarks were to the point and well received.

A splendid rain last Sunday and Monday.

J. S. Aid and family will leave for California this week.

James Purves is still confined to the house.

O. Coolidge and wife, of Ashland were visiting at J. Foss' a few days last week.

H. H. Goddard returned from his visit to Sacramento last Wednesday and reports crops extra short there this season.

E. J. Kaiser, editor of the Valley Record, made a call at our office last Saturday and had a few hours chat.

Nick Branam, a deaf and dumb son of Mr. Branam on Wagner creek, returned home from the state school last week.

Reno Goddard spent a few days last week looking at the sights at Yreka, Dunsmuir and Pokegama.

Dr. A. C. Caldwell fills and extracts teeth without pain. Office over the bank Ashland Oregon.

John Shook of Klamath county spent a few days in Talent the past week visiting friends.

Geo. Barron and Geo. Dunn, of Ashland, candidates for sheriff and representative were shaking hands with the voters of Talent last Sunday.

The annual meeting of the Wagner Creek Cemetery Association will be held at the Cemetery grounds on Memorial day at 2 P. M.

We were requested by Elmer Coleman of Phoenix, to announce that he is an independent candidate on the People's party ticket for the office of constable for that precinct.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Wagner, of Salem, who have been to the Midwinter Fair, stopped a few days in Talent and paid old friends a visit. Of course they made a pleasant call at the News office.

The new postoffice at Talent can be found between J. B. Dyer's blacksmith shop and Barclay and Son's store, with Leo Netherland acting Postmaster.

J. B. Carlisle, our road supervisor, has commenced a vigorous attack on the roads. Brittian lane and Beeson avenue should claim his special attention.

A letter from J. J. Miller from Salubria, Idaho, under date of May 8, gives a blue account of the condition of that country: rain, snow, mud in extra quantities since last November, farmers discouraged and everybody wanting to migrate.