General News Items.

Active work on the college building commenced Monday, says the Palouse *Gazette*.

The wooden business houses destroyed by the recent fire at Pullman, W. T., are being replaced by two-story brick buildings.

The students of the Indian school at Chemawa are now enjoying their vacation, the year's work having closed some time since, says the Salem *Statesman*. A large number of the students have been permitted to depart for their several homes, but the majority are still at Chemawa. During the spring the disease of scarlet fever was contracted, and, although over a hundred were taken down with it, not one case resulted fatally. Owing to the prevalence of the disease, the usual commencement exercises, which are always interesting, were omitted. The fever has now disappeared, and the school is enjoying its ordinary good health. The next school year will begin about September 1st.

The Mayor of Arizona, Kansas, is a woman—Mrs. Susanna Medora Salter.

The subject of universal penny postage is being discussed in England.

Quito, in Ecuador, is the only city in the world on the equator, and the sun rises and sets there at six o'clock the year round.

Miss Grace Howard, daughter of the well known New York journalist, Joe Howard, has entered upon missionary work among the Indians of Dakota.

A man during a lifetime of fifty years, according to a paper recently read before the Academy of Science, Paris, sleeps away an agregate of 6,000 days, works away the same period, eats away 2,000 days, walks away 800 days, is ill during 500 days days, and amuses himself with the remainder of his half-century on earth.

A Hungarian band which played before the Czar at St. Petersburg had a novel experience. Each horn was taken to pieces and searched for bombs, and even the catgut of the fiddles was minutely examined before the players were allowed to appear before the emperor.

Philadelphia papers say that the highest price ever paid for real estate in this country was paid a few days since in that city. A plat of sixteen feet front on Chestnut and thirty-four feet on Fourth street sold for $85,000—$156 per square foot. The highest previous price was $145 per square foot for a small lot in Wall street, New York.

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The National Convention of Brewers voted $13,000 to the brewers of Michigan, Texas and Tennessee, to aid in fighting prohibition, and $9,000 for anti-prohibition literature. We have never seen any of the latter article and are not aware of its existence to any considerable extent.

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Some new business enterprises for Monmouth soon.

Prof. V. Garrigus died at his home in Independence on last Friday night.

A. N. Halleck left Monmouth on Monday with an assortment of canvassing and peddling articles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant of Dallas were in Monmouth on Sunday.

The temperance work is being urged and sustained in a creditable manner by W. C. T. U.

The Sunday-school time of meeting is now changed from the afternoon to 10 a. m.

Misses Patie Cooper and Ella Smith, of Independence, were pleasant callers at the HERALD office Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Powell, who has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Miller, for some time past, will return to her home at East Portland this week.

Peter Nystrom preached at Lewisville on Sunday at 11 a. m., and at Airlie in the evening.

Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Powell and Mrs. Margaret Boothby went to Linn county, during the week to remain a few days with friends.

Many little improvements are being made to houses and business places about Monmouth.

Mrs. W. C. Hembre of McMinnville, was the guest of Mrs. Cattron, here on last Friday night. She thinks of moving to Monmouth for the school advantage the coming session.

Eld. Richardson's sermon on last Sunday was listened to by a very attentive audience. The plain effective ministrations of his talk were well received. At the close of the sermon, five were added to the church.

Mrs. A. R. Riggs, State President of the W. C. T. U., will speak in the church at this place on next Sunday at 3 p. m. Also, Prof. M. V. Rook, of Lansing, Michigan, will speak that evening on the prohibition work.

Wild blackberries are reported to be abundant in some of the near foot hills of the coast range. We expect to hear of a large quantity being gathered by the crowd who left here Tuesday organized for that purpose.

Paragraphs.

We know people who have built cyclone cayes but who have not spent a moment preparing for the day of judgment.

Polished steel will not shine in the dark; no more can reason, however refined and cultivated, shine efficaciously but as it reflects the light of divine truth shed from heaven.

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A little fire is quickly trodden out; which being suffered, rivers cannot quench.

It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27.

The fear of man will make us hide sin, but the fear of the Lord will make us hate it.

The beating of the surf along the shore of the ocean is not more incessant than is the call of God to you to give your heart and life to him.

The manly course is to own the blunder and reinstate the reputation where it has been enthroned.

Love one human being with warmth and purity, and thou wilt love the world.

Robbing young men of opportunities to furnish old men chances, is poor policy.

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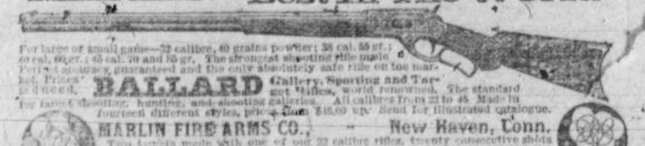

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