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**Low Rates To The  
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 Railroads Fix A Fifty Dollar  
 Round Trip Rate For The Alaska-  
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 Seattle Next Year.

Travel to the North Pacific Coast next summer will undoubtedly be the heaviest in the history of the transcontinental railroads. The railroads have fixed upon the rates that will be charged from what is known as the St Paul and Missouri River points. At the recent meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger Association the rates for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition next summer were settled. From the following points—Omaha, Council Bluffs, Pacific Junction, Atchinson, Leavenworth, St Joseph, Kansas City, St Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Superior—the round trip rate to the North Pacific Coast points—Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Everett, Bellingham, Victoria and Vancouver, B C—was fixed at \$50. The tickets will go on sale May 25, 1909, and continue on sale until September 30 with a final return limit of October 31. These rates and the wide limit of time will stimulate travel to this section as never before. Thousands drawn by the magnet of the great Pacific World's Fair will come with the idea of looking into the resources of the country and hundreds of intending settlers will use this unexcelled opportunity to make their investigations. The liberal rates for the St Paul and Missouri River points means a like reduced round trip rate from Chicago and St Louis points and proportionate reduction from extreme Eastern points. Never before have people had such a splendid opportunity.

**Pumpkin Center.**  
 The weather at this writing is very pleasant. Mr Charley Apple and his sister Grace spent Sunday in Salem, returning Monday. Mrs H N Huntley visited at the home of Mrs Beecher Lake the first of this week. Miss Ethel Frame, who has been staying with her sister Mrs Lake, has gone to Stayton for a weeks stay. Mr Otto Herrling returned Monday from a business trip to Portland. Mrs Beecher Lake and children spent the latter part of last week with her Uncle, Will Frame, west of Stayton. Those who attended the dance in Stayton Saturday night report a good time. Mr Walter Busby of Turner is working for F Herling this month. Mr August Nealen, who is working near Mill City, visited at A P Kirsch's home, Sunday. He is a nephew of Mr Kirsch. We are all glad to welcome Miss Nellie Corrigan, of Amity, as our teacher again this winter. Miss Corrigan has been very successful so far in teaching our school, she has won the confidence and respect of all her pupils and we think our school will continue to do good work. Miss Ethel Frame and Miss Nellie Corrigan, spent Sunday at the home of Will Frame, west of Stayton.

**SCIO.**  
 People in this vicinity do not make much of a noise in the world, never the less they occasionally do something. The Union Sunday School has just had a Rally Day in which many of the little folks took part and did it very creditably. A class in vocal music has been organized with Rev Carman as instructor. A Young People's Society has also just been organized and F Arnold elected president. The church attendance is increasing. Services were held in the Christian church last Sunday. The public school with Prof Reed as principal is well under way and we hear good reports from the same. Prof Reed takes an interest in things out side the school and is a wide awake addition to our citizenship, aiding in the church choir and other religious services. We understand the other teachers are capable and doing good work. The establishment of a Milk Condenser will be quite an addition to business interests and from this time forth you can count on Scio as moving forward in more lines than one.

**SECRETARY STARR FAVORS  
 COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PLAN.**  
 The county high school plan, which will be submitted to the voters of Marion county at the November election, is receiving the favorable consideration of educators in all parts of the Willamette valley. There are perhaps few men better qualified to pass on the merits of any plan designed to benefit the rural school than C L Starr, at present secretary of the board of regents of normal schools, but for many years county superintendent of schools of Polk county. At the request of the Statesman Mr Starr gave out the following interview on the county school plan. "Do you favor the distribution of the county high school funds among schools of the county maintaining school of high school grades rather than having the central county high school?" "I do, for the following reasons: Under our present public school system many students graduated from the eighth grade course in schools not maintaining any grade above the eighth, must if they secure higher education, attend school in some district other than their home district. At that tender age it is ordinarily unwise for the child to be removed from the parents supervision, and the single county high school would require a large majority of the students who would enjoy the high school privileges to move, for the school year at least to the city. Few parents can afford to leave their homes and move to the city for school facilities, and for this reason, the child, to receive higher education, must have the high school within a reasonable distance from the home. Under the law, the county high school board may contract with boards of directors of any district in the county that maintains a school of high school grade, to teach pupils of high school grade, and the board may pay the tuition of such pupils out of the county high school fund. This provision of the law enables many of the small districts of the county to maintain high school grades, since the fees received from high school pupils make it possible for such school to be maintained with a nominal local tax. The reason that many students leave school at the completion of the eighth grade is that they have no school of higher grade that is easy of access, and the execution of this law removes that condition." "Would not that condition cause many of the small districts to maintain high schools when they are not sufficiently equipped for conducting the same?" "One of the problems that has been the most difficult of solution with rural schools during recent years, has been the one of giving to the students of small district schools, higher educational privileges. Where grades above the eighth grade have been taught it has caused dissatisfaction since it is claimed that one or two teachers in the schools in which all grades are represented, must neglect the pupils of the grades below the eighth, or those above it, and the tax will be willing to assist, I believe, in establishing and maintaining a high school, to relieve this situation in their own districts. "Would the establishment of the union high school obviate the difficulty found in trying to teach high school subjects in the one room country school?" "Whereas there is some hesitancy among rural schools in establishing the union high school, or in including their course grades above the eighth, I feel that the creation of a county high school fund with which to pay teachers of pupils above the eighth grade, in the district or districts which have united for high school purposes, would remove one of the strong objections to the union high school, as the fees secured for the teaching of the high school students would materially reduce the amount which would have to be raised by local tax, and the majority of the payers would rather pay their share of the county high school fund than to bear the entire burden of the union high school."

**North Santiam Nuggets**  
 NORTH SANTIAM OCTOBER 27.  
 The Oglesbee brothers are putting a new coat of white paint on their house, this week. There will be a "Shadow Social" at the North Santiam Church, the night of November 7th, the proceeds go for the benefit of the North Santiam public school. Everybody is invited to come and bring supper and sell their shadow. Eld. Gressman of Eugene, delivered two very interesting discourses, at the North Santiam Christian Church Sunday. There was a surprise party given at the home of Ed Beal, Friday night, they report a very enjoyable time. Mr Byron Kuenzi went to Salem Monday, to haul wood for the Reform School. Mrs Frank Mack and Mrs Ed Beal went to Stayton Friday. Miss Sadie Ashford is home visiting her parents of this place. Miss Esther Brown went to Salem Monday, where she will visit friends a few days. Mr Shaw's father, mother, brother and family of Wisconsin, are visiting at his home of this place. Ed Beal has several hands digging spuds. Ralph Neal and Cephas Hornbuckle, who have been employed by the Curtis Lumber Company, at Mill City, was visiting friends in this neighborhood, Sunday. Messrs Houser and Thomas are hauling maple wood for Fred Veal and son of Albany.

**Like the Country.**  
 Mrs W J Funk and daughter Miss Margaret, arrived in town from Turlock California Saturday last and have been the guests of ye editor since their arrival, his wife being the oldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W J Funk. The country has greatly pleased the newcomers and reports made by W J Funk on his return from this section a short time ago, are carried out in full. They like California, but the climate is too hot for comfort in the summer and with poor drinking water, excessive heat and no market for farm produce, is anything but a desirable place to reside. Joe McMillan and son Jesse are engaged in work for the Curtis Lumber Co., of Mill City. During their absence their farm near Mehama is left in charge of the younger son L E McMillan.

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