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LAUGHS AT RUMOR.

Story of Wallowa County Projection by O. R. & N. Has Flaw.

The Pendleton Tribune writes editorial about the Morning Oregonian story recently as to advances of the O. R. & N. for a water grade to Portland:

A few days ago a local writer on the Oregonian indulged in a bit of speculation as to the purpose of Harriman building the Elgin extension of the O. R. & N. to Joseph, and said it is a piece of cute work pursued only ostensibly to reach the Wallowa country, but in reality to form an opposition to the Hill route by building a sort of cut-off to Portland on a water level route to that city and avoid the pull over the Blue mountains. But to those who are familiar with this part of Oregon the notion of the writer is ludicrous in the extreme. He says the purpose, of Harriman is to build the road down the Snake river from Huntington to a point nearest the Joseph branch, come directly over that line into the Grande Ronde valley and thus avoid the climb over the Blue mountains.

It is also said that "over the new road the grade will be practically level. Leaving from the point near Homestead (on the Snake river) trains will pass Joseph and Enterprise into La Grande, thus avoiding the unnecessary climb over the Blue mountains."

But the writer has evidently never been in eastern Oregon and was bunched by some practical joker. The fact is the only climb any railroad makes over the Blue mountains is between La Grande and Pendleton, and after the trail which is piloted by the Oregonian writer reaches La Grande it will yet find that barrier rising to something like an altitude of 4000 feet to mount in its "water level" route to the sea.

Besides, instead of the new road "being practically level" after leaving Snake river into the Wallowa valley, the fact is that Joseph is more than 4000 feet above sea level, while the Snake is probably less than 1000, and since it is a comparatively short distance between those two points it would involve a fearful climb to reach the Wallowa town.

Taking it all in all, it is not likely the Harriman interests were playing a deep game, or any other, against Hill in preparing a road from the Snake river out into Grande Ronde valley in search of a down hill grade to Portland, making that immense climb up from Snake river into Wallowa valley at an elevation of 4000 feet, only to come plump up against the foot of the Blue mountains at La Grande.

Evidently some fellow reporter had been giving the author of the article a "fill."

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