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Last week's issue of the *Argus* contained one of the most peculiar specimens of logic it has ever been our lot to meet with. In an article relative to the proposed road to the Pine creek mines it says: "While the construction of this road will benefit a very few of our citizens who wish to visit the mines, of what advantage will such a road be to the tax-payer who must put up the coin for its construction? There was a petition presented here for signatures, during the last month, simply asking that the County Court should lay out and open such a road, and our people were genially informed that it was an exceedingly harmless matter, merely intended to show the aforesaid court how earnest the people were in wishing such a road built. How many of those who signed that petition would have done so had they known that its real purpose was to get an appropriation of $2,000 or more of the county funds—which means more taxes to the already enormous rate?" Lucid, indeed, and very flattering to the petitioners at La Grande, to say substantially of them that they signed the petition "merely to show how earnest they were in wishing such a road built, but if they had known it would be built, they would not have signed it." The above jibberish would be inexplicable were it not for the heavy argument against the road, generated in the head-piece of the chief scribe of that paper and expressed as follows: "And this all done simply to make Union the supply point for the mines and for Union's trade and people. Too dead and unenterprising to put up the required capital herself, her citizens propose to compel La Grande and other points in the county to contribute, nolens volens. Baker City built her own road to the mines but Union could not raise a flag pole without crowding the county for aid." Stunning argument, certainly, but showing the animus of the writer. Because the road would probably benefit Union more than it would La Grande, he is doubtless anxious to see it fall through, no matter how much the county at large would be benefitted by its construction. We are of the opinion that the sensible people of La Grande, and especially the petitioners for the road, at that place, will not appreciate the utterances of this self-constituted mouthpiece of theirs and would prefer to speak for themselves, which they have done in a sensible and commendable manner. No objection was made that we know of when the County Court appropriated $800 toward the construction of the bridge at Preobstel's ford for the benefit of La Grande, and a few people living in that locality, If the County Court should appropriate to this road according to to the appropriation made for that, fifty thousand dollars would not be out of the way. An appropriation of only two or three thousand dollars will be asked, and doubtless enough more can be raised by private subscription to complete a good highway. This city will contribute about three thousand dollars, and if other localities will contribute in proportion, the work can be accomplished, and when it is done, will be of incalculable benefit to the entire county of Union. The necessity of this road is apparent to every one, except, probably a few, who for private spite or personal interest, don't want to see it. The crudite Eckley propounds the question "Of what advantage will such a road be to the tax-payers?" We suppose it has not leaked into his head that the Pine valley country is the most valuable portion of the county to-day, and destined to become more so,—that the revenue from it will henceforth be immense—that the poll tax alone, (to say nothing of the property tax,) will be sufficient to build such a road every year,—that with our present road facilities, these mines properly belong to Baker county, and will be annexed to it unless we offer equal inducements,—that this road will bring thousands of dollars to Grande Ronde Valley every year that without it would go elsewhere,—that every taxpayer in the county will be benefitted one dollar for every cent he is taxed to construct this road,—that the Wallowa people are, or ought to be, to a man, in favor of building the road at any cost, as without it we shall lose Pine creek, and their chances for a new county of their own, postponed for many years. The above are but a few of the reasons the road should be built without delay and at any cost. We believe that every thoughtful person in the county is convinced of the above facts. A genuine argus, we believe has a hundred eyes, but this "Airgoose" of Eckley's, evidently has but one, and there is a monstrous fly in that, in the shape of New La Grande, which renders it practically useless and unreliable as a public optic.