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Dear Dale: [Johnson]

In between work at the office I've been scanning Union Gap and Associated Place Names. My reaction is that a magazine would not wish so extensive a presentation on such a comparatively restricted area. By restricted, I mean Union Gap and the region in comparison with the entire United States.

I would think if the article could be cut by at least one third, it would be more acceptable, but one never knows.

✓ Also, "water gap" is perhaps a proper terminology, it throws me a little and it is repeatedly used.

✓ Highway 97 the "Cariboo" (spelled this way in this occasion, passes through the gap.

✓ The "Pah-quy-ti-koot-lema " and "Ah-tan-um-lema " are not listed as one of the 14 tribes or bands of the Yakimas, confederated at the Treaty Council at Walla Walla, June , 1855. Their status might have been "colloqual."

✓ Page 3, line 4 and also line 7, spelling of prophecy.

Page 3= reference to failure of townsite (Has Union Gap failed?) It is an incorporated town, booming right along.

Page 3-Late 1883 ( or 84? also page 4, 1884. Railroad reached Yakima City at Christmas time, ~~1885~~ 1884, moving started early in the spring, soon as they could get over the ground in 1885 and it was quite a rush at first.

Page 5 the meaning (literal) is to become peopled . the d was dropped off in the Yakima story, by the printer. More specifically "to become pregnate." ~~Wahm~~ Yaka, to become, ma, the locative for people.

You asked for criticism and in fairness helpful criticism is always best rather than it is fine , etc. ~~It~~ It is very completely done,

but if you compare it to the length of other articles I believe you will concur that it would be cut or boiled down without losing too much, in fact it would improve it some.

But, you are to be commended on tackling the complexities of place names , origins etc.

My understanding, and I have a record I don 't know where it is right now, that Union Gap was the name given it by a survey party just after the Civil War who ~~was~~ camped there on a July 4th and on that occasion gave it the name, Union Gap. This was recorded in old Yakima papers but the name of the surveyors, as I recall, was not given.

Sorry to have kept this several daysbut I bogged down, time after time and didn't get a chance until this afternoon. Don 't know whether the remarks will help out or not, but here they are.

Regards

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