

Photographic History

Where Are The Falls? Right Here ---



LINK RIVER FALLS, ONCE A GOOD SIZED SPLASH, GAVE NAME TO TOWN ON RIVER BANK

Where are the falls? That oft-heard question by newcomers and visitors is answered today by this excellent picture from the Maude Baldwin collection of early-day photographs.

But it will be necessary to show questioners the picture, because the falls, as they are seen above and as they were when they inspired a local booster to propose the name Klamath Falls for the town, aren't that way today. Dynamiting the reef above, and construction of a reclamation-power dam, changed the character of Link river and there are no falls of consequence today.

Link river falls, however, was quite a splash of white water when Miss Baldwin, early-day photographer and member of a well-known Klamath family, took the picture. Those were the days when salmon fought their way up Klamath and Link rivers and even into Upper Klamath lake and its tributaries—and in the picture you can see the lone figure of a fisherman standing on a rock with his line in the boiling water below.

The salmon runs stopped when a power dam was built on Klamath river many miles downstream.

The name of Klamath Falls was given to the little town of Linkville in 1897, when the place was only about 25 years old. In the late 'eighties, the town began looking to incorporation, and at the same time, some of the folks began talking about a new name. Linkville was not generally disliked, except for the diminutive termination, but folks with big ideas for the future thought something else would be better.

But before anything was done about it, the legislature adopted a law incorporating the place as Linkville.

In the Klamath Star, April 10, 1891, there appeared the following notation:

"Ira Leskard, who has been in Portland most of the time since last summer, thinks the name of this town should be Klamath Falls. That name advertises the fact there are falls here, and thus gives the town an advantage fully recognized as such by other towns similarly situated, though provided by names of the falls at which they stand. 'There is,' he says, 'a great deal in the name of a town situated by a heavy cataract,' and we (the editor) are inclined to think so, too."

Leskard was county surveyor at the time. In December, 1891, a petition was addressed to the post office department, giving objections to the name of Linkville. In that month the Star commented that there were some "dry-mouthed old settlers" who thought Linkville was good enough as a name, but the "more spirited" wanted Klamath Falls.

The "more spirited" won out. The post office department granted the petition, and on April 1, 1892, the name of the post office was changed from Linkville to Klamath Falls. In 1893, the legislature granted a new charter with the new name substituted. On the stroke of midnight, Monday, Feb. 6, 1893, Linkville ceased to exist and Klamath Falls was born.

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