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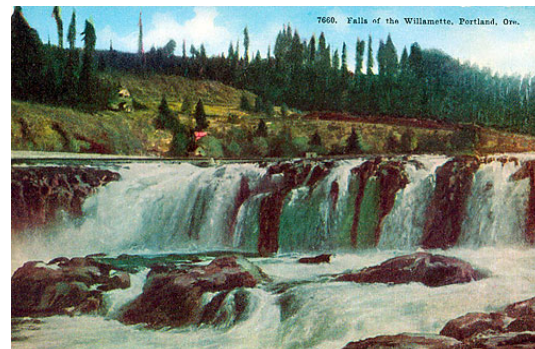
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Hyas Tyee Tumwater "Great Chief Waterfall" AKA (Willamette Falls)



According to Indian legend, long ago a hero named Tallapus (also called Coyote) came to the Willamette Valley. At the time, gigantic skookums (ogres or bigfoots) terrified the people of the Valley.

Worse still, the people had no place to catch the delicious salmon that teemed up the Willamette River every season. Tallapus decided to provide fish for the people before he freed them from the worst of the skookums.

First, Tallapus tried to make a fishing place at the mouth of the Pudding River. This proved unsuitable so Tallapus moved on, leaving behind a small rifle at the place where the Pudding River meets the Willamette. Next, at Rock Island in the middle of the Willamette River, Tallapus created an even grander design. But this also was not quite right, and Tallapus moved on, leaving behind a strong rapid in the River. Finally, from bank to bank, Tallapus constructed the Willamette Falls.

There he placed a wondrous machine to catch the salmon for the people. Tallapus instructed the fish-trap to shout out "Noseepsk, Noseepsk" whenever it became full of fish. But so great were the numbers of salmon (at one time said to be so many that a man could walk across the river upon their backs) that the amazing machine called out "Noseepsk, Noseepsk" almost without ceasing.

Annoyed by the trap's constant summons, Tallapus told the machine, "Wait until I build a fire, and do not keep calling me forever". The wondrous fish-trap was so offended by Tallapus's anger that it instantly ceased to work for all time. From then on, the people must trap their own salmon but the Willamette Falls remains a scene of great beauty and the perfect place to catch fish.

But while they were thus prospering, a gigantic skookum that lived upon the Tualatin River began to commit fearful depredations. His abode was on a little flat about two miles from the Indian village but, so long was his tongue, that he was in the habit of reaching it forth and catching people as he chose. Because of this, of course, the village was almost depopulated and when, after a time, Tallapus returned, he was very angry to see that the benefits of his fishery had gone, not to the people, but to the wicked skookum.

"Tallapus therefore went forth to the monster and cried out to it, 'O, wicked skookum, long enough have you been eating these people.' And with one blow of his tomahawk

Willamette Falls Cont.

cut off the offending tongue and buried it under the rocks upon the west side of the Falls; after which the people flourished. When, a long time later, a canal was dug to go around the Falls from the Tualatin River to Waluga [that is, Sucker or Oswego] Lake, "this was nothing more than laying bare the channel made for the tongue of the skookum".

According to Indian legend, the Indians traditionally left the west side of the Willamette Falls for the "hairy beasts" to fish and live. That's the current south West Linn area. (no reflection on you current residents)

At the Falls, a band of Clackamas built large scaffolds of cedar plank piers resting on poles sunk deep into the riverbed. Platforms projected far into the waterfall and were large enough for dozens of men at once to harvest the fish with dip-nets and spears. Once the fish were brought to shore, teams of women prepared the huge quantities of salmon for drying on racks in the sun or over smoky fires. Mixed with nuts or berries and made into cakes or preserved in tightly woven baskets, the salmon at the Falls were plentiful enough to enrich the Clackamas beyond simple survival; other tribes came for trade fairs to purchase salmon or to pay tribute for the privilege of fishing in Clackamas territory.

For generations, the Clackamas people--the source of the name for both the County and the river that cuts diagonally across it--lived on the east bank of the Willamette and in the valleys of the Clackamas and Sandy rivers.

Best Of Area

Hippo Hardware and Trading Company Museum

If you have a fixer-upper or are looking for an old glass knob or any hardware from back in the day then this is the place for you.

Hippo Hardware is a number of things: It's a museum, a junk store, an antique store, a plumbing store, a lighting store, an architecture store and a hardware store. This is died-and-gone-to-hardware-heaven for hard-core addicts. Stretching the definition, this part-store, part-museum covers three big floors. Explore, browse for creative possibilities or buy vintage inventory from doorknobs to lighting to plumbing fixtures and furniture. They sell old antiques, mirrors, clawfoot tubs, etc. It is just a fun place to see you never know what you will find.

This is not the place for you if you want the basic hardware supplies you would find at Home Depot. Hippo Hardware is all about the type of hardware that you add to your house to give it a vintage/retro or classy look. This place is chock full of bins, buckets and stacks of antique fixtures, knobs, lights and just about any other type of vintage hardware.

Steven "Capt Zoom" Miller and Stephen "Oppy" Oppenheim started Hippo Hardware in 1978. Their first store was on SE 12th Avenue in Portland, Oregon.

In the early days, the two Steves did it all. In addition to running the store, they attended auctions, garage sales, and demolished buildings to build their inventory. They averaged 1500 miles a month while looking for merchandise for their store. Sixteen hour workdays, six days a week was the norm in those early days. It was three years before they hired their first employee.

By 1990, Hippo had outgrown their location, tenfold. Utilizing the street people of Portland, they packed over 125,000 one of a kind items and moved four blocks to their new 30,000 square foot home at 1040 E Burnside in Portland, Oregon.

In 1995, Hippo put their first web page on the Internet. Hippo Hardware was the first hardware store on the web. Hippo Hardware now has sixteen employees, two brick and mortar stores, and an online store.

Hippo has supplied prop fittings for the films *Body of Evidence*, *Maverick*, *Free Willy 1 & 2*, *Mr. Holland's Opus* and more. The Oregon Preservation League calls it the preeminent junk store on the West Coast.

1040 E. Burnside St.
(503)231-1444
Hours: Mon-Thu: 10a.m. - 5p.m.
Fri-Sat: 10a.m. - 6p.m.

Portland Market Action

A summary of 2006 shows that there were 14% more new listings when comparing market activity in 2006 with that of 2005. However, closed sales fell 13.4%. Portland had its second highest total volume in real estate sales in 2006 with \$10.4B compared to \$10.6B in 2005. Average sales price increased 14.1% (\$332,600 v. \$282,800) and median sale price appreciated 13.9% (\$270,500 v. \$237,500). Days on market for 2006 YTD was the same as 2005 YTD, 43. Though the market appears to be slowing, Portland is still the most affordable city on the west coast!

Source: Regional Multiple Listing Service, 12/2006

Willamette Falls cont.

the Falls were the heart of life and trade. At least three large Clackamas Indian villages thrived along the riverbank between the base of the Falls and the Clackamas Rapids. Diseases such as smallpox and malaria decimated the Indians in the early 1830s. Surviving people were relocated in the late 1850s to the Grand Ronde Reservation.

A concrete dam was built along the lip of Willamette Falls during the turn of the century.

In the late 1800's, the Willamette Falls provided the first long distance transmission of power in the U.S. by transmitting power 13 miles to downtown Portland. PGE continues to operate a working power station on

How To Prevent Childhood Ear Infections

Do your kids get ear infections? Let them chew more gum.

Childhood ear infections can be prevented with sugarless gum sweetened with xylitol.

Study: Kids who chewed xylitol gum five times a day were half as likely to get ear infections.

Theory: Xylitol kills bacteria. It blocks the growth of most bacteria thought to cause ear infections.

Source: Matti Uhari, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland.

New Year's Resolutions

The tradition of the New Year's Resolutions goes all the way back to 153 B.C. Janus, a mythical king of early Rome, was placed at the head of the calendar.

At midnight on December 31, the Romans imagined Janus looking back at the old year and forward to the new.

With two faces, Janus could look back on past events and forward to the future. Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions and many Romans looked for forgiveness from their enemies and also exchanged gifts before the beginning of each year.



Tips

Take baby steps. Set realistic goals that are attainable and then take small steps that are likely to be met with success toward those goals. Don't try to lose 10 pounds in a week. Instead, try joining a weight loss program and try to lose a pound a week.

Write down and track it. Keep track of each small step you make toward reaching your larger goal. Short-term goals are easier to keep and small accomplishments will help keep you motivated.

Acknowledge the price and decide to pay it. Any worthwhile human achievement requires sacrifice, risk, effort and perseverance. Of course it does! This is how life works! And, you must pay the full price in advance!

Driving On Black Ice

Always monitor the conditions of the road, their surroundings and adjust your speed accordingly. Remember, it's not an accident; it's someone who made a bad decision and drove too fast for the terrain they were on and for the grip of their tires. Remember bridges freeze faster than normal roads in the Portland area.

Monitor the temperature. Adding a temperature gauge is one of the most important things you can add to your car. It will tell you when the road is either about to freeze or has frozen over.

Listen to your tires. On a wet road the tires make a sizzle sound. If they are quiet; that's black ice. You have three chances to know the black ice is coming: dropping temperature, windshield fogging and the lack of tire noise. Now you're on black ice. Drive safer.

Keep your foot on the gas. When the car starts to slide out of control, people tend to over steer and let off the gas. Lifting off the gas is bad. If you stay on the gas when you start to slide, it will pull you out of the slide. Also, people tend to get 'target fixation'. It helps to look down the road and pick where you want to go. Don't look anywhere else. If you start to skid, look where you want to go, not what you think you'll hit. If you look at that tree, you're going to hit it.

Trivia Question

Which house over 100 years old still holds the title as the largest house in the U.S.?

Hint—here's a picture:



Everyone who **emails** me with the correct answer by the **last** day of this month will be entered into a drawing for a **\$100 gift certificate** to Newport Bay Restaurants.

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Historic Houses

Rose Farm (William Holmes House)



William and Louisa Holmes were pioneers who joined the 'great migration' in 1843 along with 900 other people that year.

The Holmes family settled on a 640-acre land claim at the south edge of Oregon City. They first built a log cabin with a view of Mt. Hood. Water came from a nearby spring, probably the source of Singer Creek, which empties into the Willamette River after cascading down the bluff near Main Street in Oregon City.

Their home, completed in 1847, is the oldest American home in Oregon City and was the scene of early government meetings. The first Oregon Territorial Legislature met there in July 1849. The first territorial governor, Joseph Lane, gave his 1849 inaugural address from the balcony of the Rose Farm and the celebrants gathered on the lawn below.

The claim was nicknamed the '**Rose Farm**' by friends and neighbors because of the many roses Louisa planted in the yard.

The house is now a historic museum and is open to the public. Hours: Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. May through September 2007. Admission: \$3.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for Seniors, \$2.00 for Youths (age 6-17), Children 6 & under free.

Directions:

The **Rose Farm** is located on Holmes Lane in Oregon City. To reach Holmes Lane, travel north approximately seven blocks from Warner Milne Road. on either Molalla or Linn Avenue.