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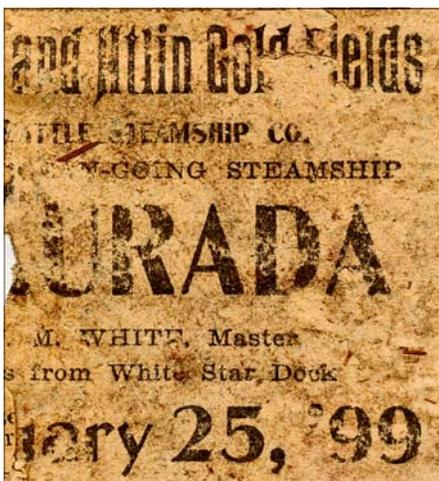
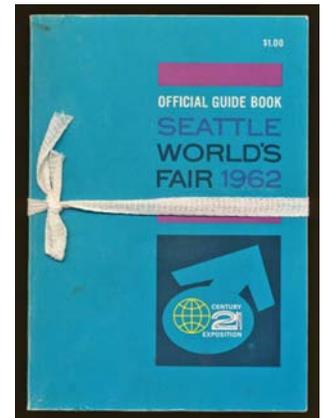
This Old House...

We thank all the kind folks who have come across interesting and quirky things in their work on old houses! Here are a few more:



You may remember our earlier article on items found in the Ronnei house. Since then another find was shared with us: two coins, presumably Norwegian, were found wedged under the bedroom door jamb. These are a very old design, but clearly reproductions, since **copy** is stamped on one side. Any coin enthusiasts out there who can research this for us?

In remodeling the basement of the former Wylie Gochnour home, Del Moore found a variety of Seattle World's Fair memorabilia (guide book at right), and a bottle of rhubarb wine!



Carley Schweet is the current owner of the Rube Smith home, built in 1900, and the "Little Old Building" in back, thought to have been built in 1888. In carefully removing the interior wood in the small building, she came across some old newspaper, probably added originally as insulation. It was pretty fragmented, but one area showed an ad for steamship passage to Atlin Gold Fields (located in British Columbia), to sail from the White Star Dock in Seattle in 1899. (above, left) And in doing yard cleanup, she discovered a "sump" just south of the house, formerly connected to the kitchen drain. It is a cylindrical hole, about two feet in diameter and five feet deep, lined with brick. (above, right) In pre-septic days, outhouses and drainage sumps like this were the common technology to deal with wastewater... in addition to taking the wash pan out and watering the garden with it!