

RHINE VALLEY GOLD.

Plentiful in the Days of Caesar. Who Exacted Heavy Tribute.

In the time of Julius Caesar the prolificacy of the Rhine valley in gold must have been very great, for there are frequent allusions to gold spoil in his account of the conquest of Germany, and his remittances of gold from this country to Rome were very heavy. The method employed to obtain it was to impose a tribute of gold upon the conquered and enforce it at the point of the sword. This simple but efficacious method continued in vogue for several centuries until the Roman empire began to decay. As this decay proceeded the vigilance of the imperial officers of the revenue became relaxed, and the slavery of the German gold washer came to an end.

Between the fifth and tenth centuries it is probable that the Rhine washings, which had grown to be odious from the slavery connected with them, were abandoned. Dunbree (1846) says that at one time the magistrates of Strasbourg leased out the privilege of washing the river for gold, and it is probable that similar powers were exercised by other municipalities. By the year 1718 the washings had become so poor that the share of the Strasbourg magistrates was only four or five ounces of gold per annum. In 1846 the entire produce was estimated at thirty-six pounds troy. A writer of a little later period stated:

"Many of the gold seekers are women. They seize a wooden bowl, charred inside to render the glistening grains more readily visible, kick off their sabots, pull off their stockings, tuck up their frocks and wade into the Rhine. After securing a bowlful of the auriferous sand they select the soft side of some emergent boulder for a seat and go to work. The stones and pebbles are raked out of the bowl with the fingers, then a sort of sifting and gyrating motion is imparted to the bowl, which is held low enough in the water to permit the surface of the sand to be washed off, and so little by little all the sand is washed out of the bowl and the gold remains at the bottom. Each bowl contains a cubic foot of sand and about one-fifth of a cent in gold."—Argonaut.

MYSTERIES OF EXISTENCE.

Consider the Case of the Apple, the Potato and the Sponge.

There is life here on this earth that is immortal, that never dies, so biologists tell us. A book by Professor C. M. Child of the University of Chicago tells of observations and experiments of the immortal life of sponges, potatoes and apples.

Take the potato, for instance. You wish to grow a new crop of potatoes, and you do not want a seed; you simply split the living potato, you divide the substance, and place the different pieces in soil into different holes in the earth, and the living potato becomes its own ancestor. The potato you eat today at dinner may be a part of the very potato your great-grandfather ate 100 years ago.

And so with the apple. It is perpetuated by grafting a piece of the tree upon a seedling, and that grafted twig, a part of the very body of the parent tree, grows on into a large tree, and a limb of it, again, is grafted on to another seedling, and so on and on for limitless thousands of years the original tree living always.

The sponge cell splits itself in two and grows two sponges instead of one, and those two reduplicate again and produce four sponges.

The biologist scraped a small sponge from a wooden pile of Narragansett Pier, cut it into small pieces, squeezed the sponge cells from each piece, strained them through fine cloth and put them all into a basin of water. Within an hour the minute cells had collected themselves together again and began immediately to build an entirely new sponge like the mother sponge, of which they were originally a part.

These and kindred facts, as they are accumulated, may throw light on the great mysteries of life and death. Just how it is impossible to see. But the great discoveries have followed the painstaking collecting and comparing of facts that in themselves seemed unrelated and often trivial.

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(Paid Adv.)

CHARLES H. LEONARD

Candidate for the Republican nomination for

County Surveyor

Graduate in Engineering of O.A.C. and have had six years practical experience, one year municipal engineering and five years surveying in Linn county and am the owner of the original field notes of E. T. T. Fisher, County Surveyor from 1881 to 1889. I am familiar with handling deeds, road records, and other records of the county. I have platted the Road Index of all the county roads in Linn county which is in use at present.

(Paid Adv.)

P. H. FREERKSEN

Candidate for Republican nomination for

Linn County Commissioner

Subject to the primaries
May 19, 1916

(Paid Advertisement)

ALFRED L. GEODES

Candidate for the nomination to the office of

County Surveyor

I am a candidate for the nomination to the office of county surveyor. I am now serving my fourth term as county surveyor for Linn county and feel that this service should be a recommendation to the voters of Linn county.

The office of county surveyor is one in which experience makes proficient. It requires several years experience in the matter of handling deed, road and other records in connection with the surveyors office before a surveyor is competent to give his best matured judgement to those requiring the same. I am familiar with all parts of Linn county in connection with road and other surveys.

I am the personal owner of what is known to the early settlers of the county as the E. T. T. Fishers field notes which cover a period of over 20 years surveying in Linn county. These notes are the government fieldnotes written in book form and have all the re-establishments of government corners inserted. These notes make an invaluable record for accuracy and efficiency in surveying.

I attended school at the University of Oregon and served several years as U. S. deputy surveyor in the districts of Washington and Idaho.

If nominated in the coming primaries and elected in November to the office of county surveyor, I will endeavor to give to the citizens of Linn county the best of my knowledge and experience.

(Paid Adv.)

J. H. GLASS

Brownsville, Ore.

Republican candidate for nomination
County Treasurer

(Paid Advertisement)

Ralph Thom

Candidate for

County Recorder

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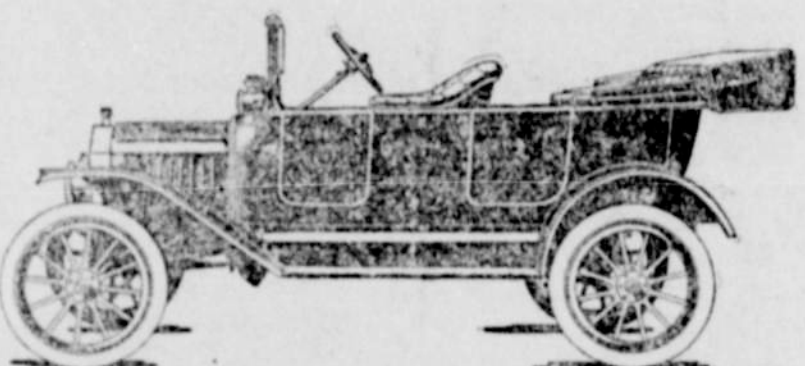
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Bud Fisher

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Republican candidate for

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Present incumbent.

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Republican candidate for nomination for the office of

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Mrs. Ida Maxwell Cummings

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