

## SOUGHT LOST EL DORADO

**Clairvoyant Sent Him to Search  
in the Shifting Sands of Lake  
For the Lost Blue Bucket.**

An evening telegram correspondent has "discovered" a man who secretly stepped into Lake county to steal away one of our hidden treasures. He came here to search for the famous lost Blue Bucket gold mine and was guided by the uncertain lines of a fortune teller's chart. He failed and went home a "sad and sorrowful" man. It was James P. McMinn, of Milton, Oregon, who was the latest to traverse Lake county's shifting sand, seeking for the lost Blue Bucket, says the Telegram. Mr. McMinn carried with him a chart made by Mrs. Marsh, a Walla Walla, Wash., clairvoyant and cup reader, who claimed to know accurately the location of the long-lost mine, and to be able to point it out for a consideration to anyone who cared to seek.

Mr. McMinn is a leading fruit man, who lives in Umatilla county, between Milton and Walla Walla, and is the well-known proprietor of McMinn's prune drier. He is about 60 years old and is said to have a penchant for consulting fortune-tellers when embarking on new enterprises. When he became imbued with the fever for searching for the lost Blue Bucket, he came to consult Mrs. Marsh, who said she had always known the exact location of the much-sought property.

Armed with the chart which indicated a certain spot among the sage and sand of southeastern Lake, and fortified by a couple dozen "readings" which the fortune teller had given him, Mr. McMinn took a team and driver and set out on the long and arduous journey across Eastern Oregon from Umatilla to Lake.

His way led across mountains and deep canyons and through almost trackless deserts, a total of some 350 miles before the Warner's Lake country, where the Blue Bucket was supposed to be located, was reached. At this juncture, the Umatillian found himself unable to follow the road as indicated in the chart and had to make a digression. After much search he gave up the quest disgusted, left the outfit with the driver to get home, took stage to Ashland and went back to Walla Walla via the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. It is said there was another lengthy seance with the fortune-teller on Mr. McMinn's return, and strained relations are reported to exist at present. Rumor varies from \$5 to \$100, but Mr. McMinn holds that since he paid for the location he has exclusive right to it, and will not permit Mrs. Marsh to locate it for any one else. Mrs. Marsh says the mine is still there, and that it was due to McMinn's failure to follow the indicated road that he "fell down" in making the expected find.

The famous Blue Bucket mine has been featured in the traditions of Southern Oregon for 50 years. Originally, so runs the tale, a party of immigrants coming through to the Willamette Valley across the Southern Oregon desert in 1849 made the discovery of the mother lode, after picking up many valuable nuggets of free-milling ore. In the new strange country the train got lost, and none of the members were ever able to

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find the mine again. Since then probably dozens of men have spent time and money looking for it, but none have ever been successful. One Umatilla county prospector named Lehman is said to have spent ten years of his life looking for the lost Blue Bucket.

Fifty years of wind across the plains of Lake has changed the topography of 1849 is not the geography of today. Whether the fortuneteller and clairvoyant takes this into account in her "readings" is not known. Anyway, the Blue Bucket still remains a fortune for some lucky man who will stumble onto its hidden treasures.

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