Esra Leeker Springs, near Kamela, Union County, Oregon. (Manganese Showing)

The Lost Bucket Mine

Mr. Franklin Truax, 1902 Second Street, La Grande, Oregon.

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According to rumor, a pocket of high-grade gold was found somewhere on this property during the 1850 or 60's, and the container holding the gold was subsequently lost. In this connection the property is sometimes referred to locally as The Lost Bucket Mine. There has never been any mining, or systematic prospecting, of any consequence done on the property.

The best mineralization observed consisted of a stain on the fracture surfaces, or as a lining to gas bubble cavities of the bedrock which was a mixture of andesite and basalt. A qualitative lab. test at the Baker lab. confirmed its identification as manganese. Considerable prospecting will be necessary to show whether or not there is any greater extent or concentration of manganese mineralization than that reported.

Respectfully submitted:

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