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An interview with Paul
Delorvin, Jr., at his home
124 E. 5th, Okla. City.

Paul Delorin, Sr., came to Blocker, Oklahoma, in 1900 and put in a general store--groceries, plow tools, hardware, coffins, dry goods.

At this time this little town was starting to boom. Coal had been found in the hills and strip pits were running full blast.

But the thing that was of most interest was a tale about some lost money. One and one-half miles north of Blocker on the mountain is a pile of old wagon irons, old steel wagon tires, bits of rotten wood, pieces of wagon hounds, parts of the brake. An old tale was told how soldiers coming across the country with a payroll of Gold was raided by Indians (tribe unknown). All of the soldiers were killed and the gold stolen. The story goes on that half the money was buried on the mountain and the rest was sewed up in a cowhide and taken to Blue lake, 2 miles south of Blocker and was

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thrown in at the upper end of the lake. Blue lake is a small body of water about an acre in size. Folks have hunted this money for years but none has ever been found. The mountain has been dug over from side to side by hunters.

About 15 miles southeast of Blocker is Burning Springs. It is a high hill and is called Burning Springs because the ground is full of gas. You can take a stick and scratch the ground, and light with a match and a flame will shoot up a foot high. Also on the mountain is a row of dressed rock, all the same size, supposed to have been put up there by Indians.