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### TREASURE ROCK AT CITY OF ROCKS

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Tales of stage robberies that included stolen gold buried at City of Rocks have formed part of local lore in that area for more than a century. Some of them are pure fiction, while others are associated with actual robberies. Some bandits who held up an Albion-Kelton stage in September of 1882, for example, actually were captured in that general vicinity.<sup>1</sup> Digging for buried treasure around Treasure Rock became quite an attraction, but such efforts failed to produce any success that got reported.<sup>2</sup> City of Rocks is far from alone in having such a tradition, which forms part of western lore in widely scattered places. Even if most such incidents are fictional, they still make up an interesting feature of our western heritage.

#### ENDNOTES

<sup>1</sup>*Idaho Statesman* (Boise), September 19, 1882, p. 3, c. 3.

<sup>2</sup>Charles Brown, "Oakley's City of Rocks, Little Known to Idaho," *ibid.*, January 17, 1926.