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# Gold Strike!

Local prospector finds high grade gold and precious gemstones at Camp Dakota while digging out of record snowstorm.

Prospector turned millionaire, *Sourdough Pete* tells the unbelievable story of his gold mine discovery.

In his own words, *Sourdough Pete* describes his find.

"I'll never forget the day I discovered this here *Lucky Strike Mine*. It was so cold that morning that the flames in the woodstove done froze solid. I had to pour some of moonshine on it to unfreeze it. (I only keep it for medical reasons).

Anyways, I poured some of that high test on them frozen flames and that warmed the cabin up real quick and after that I had no need to shave my beard anymore. After I got the fire under control I stepped outside to fetch some more firewood and when I opened the cabin door I found a wall of snow clear up to the rooftop. Well I just grabbed me a shovel and commenced to tunneling my way toward where I figured that woodshed to be. Just as slick as a gopher I was a tunnelin along. I dug all morning long but I couldn't be quite sure which direction I was

a headin on account of I had lost my compass the year before in the river. Anyways I tunneled all day and pretty soon I noticed that the snow had changed color and had got considerably harder. That snow wernt like any other snow I had ever seen. There was all sorts of purty colors such as yellers and greens and reds and it were so hard I had to use my pickaxe just to chop threw it. Before long I was so tuckered out that I just set right down on that pile of funny colored snow to rest and go to lookin around. Well that wernt snow at all. It were dirt and rock and it was full of GOLD and JEWELS! I had done tunneled my way right smack dab into the hillside between my cabin and the woodshed. Well I dug all winter long and come spring I went down to town and filed a claim. I named the mine the *Lucky Strike* on account of I felt real lucky after I finded it."

## BLIZZARD BLASTS CASCADE FOOTHILLS

Residents spend days digging out after worst snowstorm on record!

Record cold temperatures and the worst snowstorm on record gripped the Oregon Cascades this winter and local residents continue to struggle to dig out. Over 14 feet of snow fell on the small town of Scotts Mills and surrounding areas in late December and temperatures fell to -50F. Local resident *Theodore Coldfoot* tells his story.

"I woke up that morning and walked to the outhouse and it was snowing so hard that when I looked behind me my footprints was already filled in. I had to tie a rope from the outhouse door to the cabin door and over to the woodshed to keep from getting lost. I just held onto that rope for dear life cause I knowed that if I let go I would never be able to find the house again. When the snow finally stopped I had to dig my way out of the house and over to the barn to check the livestock."

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