SAPPHIRE DEAL CLOSED.

The Spratt Property to Be Transferred to the English To-morrow.

A. B. Wood Will Receive It and Active Operations Will Begin Immediately.

Eight Thousand Acres of Gold and Sapphire Bearing Ground Sold for Two Million Dollars.

The sale of the Spratt Bros. sapphire ground to the Sapphire and Ruby company of Montana has at last been consummated. A cable was received from London yesterday by F. D. Spratt, from his brother, A. N. Spratt, telling him to place the deeds to the English company on record, and to turn the property over to A. B. Wood, general manager of the company, and its representative in Helena. This will be good news to the people of Helena in particular and of Montana in general. When Directors Mallaby-Deeley and Streeter visited Montana last winter, inspected the property and returned to England and made a favorable report, it was the general belief that the deal would be closed in a few weeks. But a number of details remained to be settled, and time and again, just as the business was about to be closed, something came up and delayed the consummation. About a month ago A. N. Spratt left Helena for London, going straight to the world's metropolis without a stop. Later he was joined there by J. B. Clayberg, who has been the attorney for the Spratt brothers during the negotiations. The results of the visit of Mr. Spratt and his attorney were shown in the cablegram received yesterday announcing the consummation of the deal.

The price agreed upon for the ground is £400,000, or $2,000,000; one-half of which is to be in cash and the balance in fully paid up shares. The company is stocked for £450,400, in shares of £1 each. Two hundred and twenty-five thousand shares have been taken, besides 400 founders' shares. The property which originally figured in the negotiations comprised about 4,000 acres, but this is just about one-half of what the consummated deal includes. Eldorado bar, containing 1,583 acres of patented land, the most thoroughly prospected of all the gem land was the nucleus, and to it has been added gem bearing ground, making a total of 8,000 acres on both sides of the Missouri river, and extending a distance of twelve or fifteen miles. In addition the company has acquired by lease or purchase all the water rights in the district, including those of Beaver, Trail and Soap creeks, about 2,500 inches in all. For more than two years the Spratt brothers have had all the land from the Gate of the Mountains up the river, a distance of forty miles, prospected, and they bonded a good deal of gem-bearing land. The result was that when the time came for a consolidation of all the gem-bearing ground, they were able to do it, and at the same time secured all the water rights in the country. The money received by the Spratt brothers will go to the purchase of the lands and water rights last secured. Among these are included the Spokane bar properties of ex-Gov. Hauser, and also water rights in which he was largely interested. There are other Helena people who will receive direct monetary benefit from the recent purchases by the Spratt brothers. A number of prominent Helena people will become shareholders in the company. While all of the gem-bearing ground has not been purchased outright, nor have all the water rights, those which have not been bought have been leased for a long term of years.

The plans of the company are pretty well matured, and active operations will commence immediately. A. B. Wood, of Detroit, the mining engineer, is the general manager of the company and has charge of the work. All the water will be concentrated on Eldorado bar, where mining will be carried on for the first year or so. During the winter Engineer Sizer has had a corps of surveyors in the field, preparatory to the work of constructing flumes.

The success of the deal, while based on the merits of the property, is due in great part to the high standing of the men who, as founders, became sponsors for the company. It is not very difficult to get men with titles to act as officers and to take a prominent part in the organization of English companies; that is, if the promoters look only to the title and not to the character of the bearer. But the founders of the Montana Sapphire company comprises some of the most prominent men in England, and there is not one among the list but who represents something. Of the nobility there are a number who are quite close to the queen. The marquis of Lorne, the queen's son-in-law, is among them. Sir Francis Knollys, the prince of Wales' business man, is another; the English ambassador to St. Petersburg, Sir Robert Morier, is another. Then, there is the Marquis of Breadlebane, deputy governor of the Commercial bank of Scotland, with a capital of £5,000,000; the duke of Portland, the third richest man in England; and so the list goes, including, beside, such men as Lord Chelmsford, duke of Leister, marquis of Tweedesdale, Sir Robert Collins, Lord Suffield, earl of Mayo. There are also among the founders, twenty-six members of the London stock exchange, embracing representatives of the most prominent firms. Then there are well known bankers, prominent solicitors, wealthy merchants and capitalists of all sorts. The jewelry interests are represented by Edwin W. Streeter and Horatio Stewart, members of the two most extensive diamond firms in England.

Buy your vegetable seeds from T. C. Power & Co.

Sheet music just received at The Bee Hive, comprising the latest sensations, only 10 cents per copy. Send for catalogues.

Ladies' Three Crown hose, absolutely fast black, high spliced heel and toes, only 50c per pair at Fowles' Cash Store

Slight Misunderstanding.

Jessie: But I wouldn't wear a ready-made dress, Flossie.

Flossie: You wouldn't? You must get that idea out of your head at once. Raleigh & Clarke have some in storm serges and Soudan suitings that you can't tell from one made to order by your dressmaker. We'll go in and see them this week.

Buy a ladies' silk umbrella for $1.50 or a gentleman's 28-inch all silk umbrella for $1.75 at The Bee Hive special sale.

Men's natural gray underwear $1 per suit at Wm. Weinstein & Co.

Ladies' Superior cotton hose, in fast black, only 25c per pair at Fowles' Cash Store.

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The furniture of the Windsor hotel at Boulder is for sale, and the hotel for rent. The hotel is doing a good business and is crowded at all times. A great bargain for the right person. Apply to or address the Windsor hotel, Boulder, Montana.

Everything needed for the kitchen or dining-room at Wm. Weinstein & Co.

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HELENA OUTFITTING STORE.

THE CHURCHES.

Grand street Methodist church, corner Grand and Warren streets, D. B. Price pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

Congregational church, corner Benton avenue and Spruce street—Services at the customary hour. Rev. Mr. Howell, of Butte, will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening.

Rev. J. M. Gugel will hold German Lutheran services to-day at 10:30 a. m. at the Norwegian Lutheran church, corner Idaho street and Twelfth avenue. All are cordially invited.

Unitarian services, G. A. R. hall—Mr. Crooker will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Ways of Salvation;" at eight p. m. on "The Building of the Bible," completing the subject discussed a week ago.

German Methodist church, corner Hoback street and Prospect avenue. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

First Presbyterian church, corner Eleventh avenue and Ewing street. The usual services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. T. V. Moore. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Christian church—Preaching this morning at 11 o'clock by M. L. Streator, state evangelist of Montana and Colorado, on the divine worship of the Messiah from the text, "What Think Ye of Christ, Whose Son Is He?" All interested in this theme are invited to attend. No preaching at night.

St. Peter's church—Rev. F. T. Webb, rector. Regular services: 7:45 a. m., celebration of the holy communion, (except first Sunday in the month); 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes 2:30 p. m. The Easter music of last Sunday morning will be repeated this morning. There will be Easter music also in the evening.

Carl Upman's All Nations cigars eight for 25c at Wm. Weinstein & Co.

Ladies' blouse waists in large variety just received at The Bee Hive.

All qualities and styles in handkerchiefs from 5c to $1.75 each at Fowles' Cash store.

PERSONAL.

R. J. Hilton, of Salt Lake, is in the city.

W. Dawson, of Livingston, is in the city.

James Ryan, of Great Falls, is in the city.

H. W. Child returned yesterday from the east.

Sheriff Jefferis returned from Butte yesterday.

J. C. Ross, of Missoula, is a visitor in Helena.

John Dobey, of Miles City, is a visitor in Helena.

C. Worrel, of Anaconda, is registered at the Grand Central.

James W. Scully, of Great Falls, is stopping at the Grand Central.

Attorney Thompson Campbell, of Butte, is registered at The Helena.

W. A. Chessman returned to Helena yesterday from a short eastern trip.

G. C. Freyschlag, of White Sulphur Springs, is a guest at The Helena.

John W. Tattan, of Fort Benton, is among the Northern Montana people in the city.

Mrs. Irvine Idell left Helena yesterday for a short visit to the family of Mrs. Judge Hare, of Bismarck, N. D.

W. C. Herrey expects to leave on Monday for a trip east. He will accompany his mother, who has been seriously ill for several weeks and who goes in hopes that a change of climate may prove of benefit.

Mrs. O. J. Holmes, for St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holter and children, for Europe; H. B. Lyman, for Chicago and G. L. Nunstend, for Owen Sound, Ont., were among the departures over the Great Northern yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Allen for New York, Marin Ragston for New York, C. E. Travis for Boston, F. M. Douglas for Chicago and John R. Todd for Sissin, Cala., were among the departures over the Northern Pacific yesterday.

General Superintendent Case and General Passenger Agent Whitney, of the Great Northern, are in Helena, having arrived yesterday in their special car from the east. They are on their regular tour of inspection and will go to Butte to-day. They were the recipients of a very warm welcome from their many Helena friends.

Rev. D. B. Price returned yesterday from St. Louis, where he went to consult physicians in regard to the case of his son. He was advised that while no fatal results are apt to ensue, the boy will probably not entirely outgrow his injury. Mrs. Price will remain in St. Louis with the child for some time. Mr. Price returns more fully convinced than ever that Montana is the greatest state in the Union.

Will Arrive To-Day.

The following passengers will stop off at Helena to-day from the west-bound Northern Pacific express: John Mack, Gan Leclek, C. P. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer.

Arrivals at The Helena.

Thompson Campbell, Butte.
O. J. Holmes, city.
W. Dawson, Livingston.
Leo Scheben, St. Louis.
J. B. Lawrence, city.
A. K. Barlow, city.
Maria Decca Chrisman, Washington
Anna L. Chrisman, Washington.
H. W. Daniels, Boston.
Frank Christian, U. S. Marine Band.
R. C. Stout, Chicago.
Louis Heilman, White Sulphur Springs.
F. M. Shears, city.
A. L. Lee, city.
F. J. Whitney, St. Paul.
J. E. Goldsmith, St. Paul.
M. Howard, Chicago.
F. H. Wood, Portland.
E. E. Baker, Kowana, Ill.
R. A. Lake, city.
J. R. Hodson, Marysville.
Mrs. James Miller, Deer Lodge.
G. O. Sanborn, Petaluma, Cal.
James Henley and wife, Marysville.
W. F. Franklin, city.
F. L. Patterson, Butte.
Donald Bradford, city.
Sam Hendskon, Chicago.
John Philip Sousa, Washington.
Francis Leon Chrisman, Washington.
W. L. Mason, New York.
C. W. Nilsor, Milwaukee.
E. C. Freyschlag, White Sulphur Springs.
S. L. Greenwood, St. Louis.
R. Cooper, Great Falls.
F. B. Ober, St. Paul.
Mrs. Annie S. Turner, Fort Benton.
Edw. Worcester, Chicago.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart, Cleveland.
B. H. Cook, Butte.
Robt. J. Hilton, Salt Lake City.
B. Webster, city.
J. Wardner, Fairhaven, Wash.
O. T. Swett and wife, Minneapolis.
C. L. Clark, city.

Arrivals at the Grand Central.

Edw'd Gourley, Placer.
Ed Goody, Placerville.
W. C. Pardilliar, city.
C. Morrell, Anaconda.
Mrs. Morrell, "
Court Sherill, Canyon Ferry.
Miss Hooper, Canyon Ferry.
Master Hosch, Jefferson City.
W. R. Murray, Empire.
H. P. Murray, "
T. R. Murray, "
G. Maanel, Wickes.
J. S. Bristol, Wickes.
James W. Scully, Great Falls.
John Dobey, Miles City.
J. A. Robinson, Elliston.
Mrs. Chas. Jackways, Elliston.
Mrs. A. O. Darley, Garrison.
Jas. E. Faulkner, city.
Frank Casey, Beach Park.
Members of the United States Marine Band, Washington, D. C.
John W. Tattan, Benton.
Mrs. Wm. Davis, Silver City.
J. E. Whitcher, San Francisco.
Mrs. F. C. Whetstone, Corbin
Charles Goudy, Beartown.
W. C. Butler, East Helena.
C. Drekon, Marysville.
Thos Dolan, "
Tom Ball, "
Mrs. E. Mulvey, Corbin.
Miss Emma Lorrell, E. Helena.
A. Maraney, Bonner.
Mrs. A. Markey, Bonner.
J. C. Ross, Missoula.
R. A. Abercrombie, E. Helena.
John Thompson, Stemple.
Mrs. John Murray, Bedford.
Mrs. C. Sheriff and family, Canyon Ferry.
Peter F. Hosch, Jefferson City.
Jas. Ryan, Great Falls.
Mrs. Minnie Washaw, Empire.
C. A. Mathews, Marysville.
Moses F. Root, Canyon Creek.
Mrs. W. S. Dodge, Placer.
Mrs. J. A. Robinson, Elliston.
A. O. Darboy, Garrison.
Geo. Deis, Elliston.
J. B. McLellan, Elliston.
Joe Carlson, Alta.
W. J. Davis, Alta.
F. C. Martin, Elliston.
P. L. Batbrick, Elkhorn.
A. H. Harsey, Great Falls.
Ed Rosselin, Silver City.
W. B. Lorentz, Toston.
F. C. Scott, Corbin.
Chas. Hessling, city.
Ford Eggers, Beartown.
John Farrell, East Helena.
Jas. W. Ralston, Marysville.
Miss Anne Grady, Joe Wilkinson, Valley.
C. M. Silverman, city.
Louis R. Muncorne, E. Helena.
A. A. Wismolek, Seattle.
Geo. Bruzzor, Wolliston, N. D.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

E. F. Shanahan was admitted to practice in the district court yesterday.

It is announced that the work of paving Main Street will commence May 1.

The Bonanza lode, in Seven Mile district, has been located by Julius C. Hallum.

W. H. Orr yesterday broke ground for a new $4,000 residence for John Murta, on Spruce street.

J. P. Brusvitz has appropriated 500 inches of the waters of Seven Mile creek, near Clough junction.

The eighth annual encampment of the department of Montana, G. A. R., will be held May 19, 20 and 21.

The Helena and Victor Mining company has declared a dividend of $10,000, making a total of $80,000 paid to date.

A half interest in the Gold Leaf lode in Seven Mile district has been sold for $250 by W. H. Morrell to J. C. Hallum.

The Ladies' Auxiliary society of Temple Emanuel will meet Monday, May 25, at Mrs. J. Feldberg's, 221 Fifth avenue.

The Murphy gospel temperance meeting to-night will be led by W. R. Connor, W. S. D. Smith and Billy Sears. All are invited.

An overheated flue in St. Vincent's academy last night caused the city hall fire apparatus to be summoned by telephone. Very little damage was done.

Homestead patents have been received at the Helena land office for Patrick Holland, of Choteau county, and Eddie Suter and Joseph Suter, of Fergus county.

The executive committee of the Woman's Relief corps desires to thank all those who aided in making the meeting for the relief of the Russian sufferers a success.

There will be a mass meeting of the colored citizens of this city on Monday evening, April 25, at the rooms of the Silver Leaf club. A full attendance is desired.

The Hayes-Allen twenty-round contest will take place this afternoon at Corbett & Irvines' sporting resort, for a purse of $100. Both men have been in training and it promises to be a great go.

C. W. Cannon yesterday received the following telegram from Le Grand B. Cannon, dated New York, April 23: "Doctors report Mrs. Cannon as improving. I believe she is skillfully attended. Will do all we can for her."

Chick Rodgers has deposited $50 in the hands of the sporting editor of THE INDEPENDENT for a match with Harry Rodgers, $100 a side, winner to take all. The contest is to be with four-ounce gloves, and Rodgers' money must be covered by nine p. m. Tuesday.

The T. H. 13 Whist club was organized last Friday evening by thirteen Helena people who do not believe in superstitions. A series of games will be played, and the one winning the most is to receive a prize costing not less than $13. The officers are: J. B. Walker, president; R. H. Beckwith, treasurer; C. A. Campbell, secretary; F. M. Merrill, general utility.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will give a basket social for the benefit of the mission (started in the Sixth ward a year or two ago), on Monday evening, April 25, at Stoner's hall, on Helena avenue. All the friends of this enterprise are urged to attend and bring others with them. Coffee, cake, and other toothsome articles will be furnished, and a good time is promised.

Sister Josephine requests the members of the building committee of the orphans' home to meet on the grounds where the home is to be erected, at 10 a. m. Monday. The excavation for the new orphans' home will be commenced to-morrow. W. C. Hickey and John Bradey are giving their teams and services. Any other person who may feel disposed to give their labor to help the orphans may report to Mr. Hickey or Mr. Brady.

The first state convention of the Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor of Montana, will take place at the Presbyterian church, corner of Eleventh avenue and Ewing street, Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29. Dr. F. E. Clark, of Boston, the founder of the Christian Endeavor movement; Rev. F. P. Tower, president of the Montana univesity; Rev. Jas. Reid, president of the College of Montana, and other prominent Christian workers will deliver addresses. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and those interested hope that the Christian people of the city will, by their attendance, show their interest in the young people of the city and state, and thus aid in the success of the convention.

The Jackson corset waist in black and colors only at Butcher & Bradley's, 105 Broadway.

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Foster kid gloves at The Bee Hive this week only $1.25.

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Branch No. 298 meets every second and fourth Sunday in each month at three p. m. at St. Aloysius hall. Assessments No. 330 and 281 called.

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WM. STUEWE, Recording Secretary.

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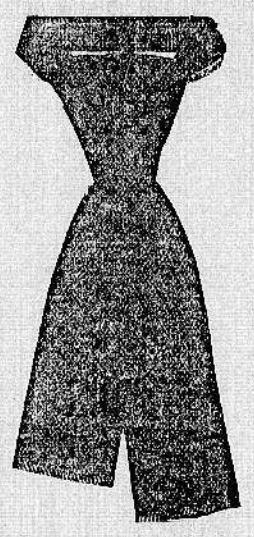

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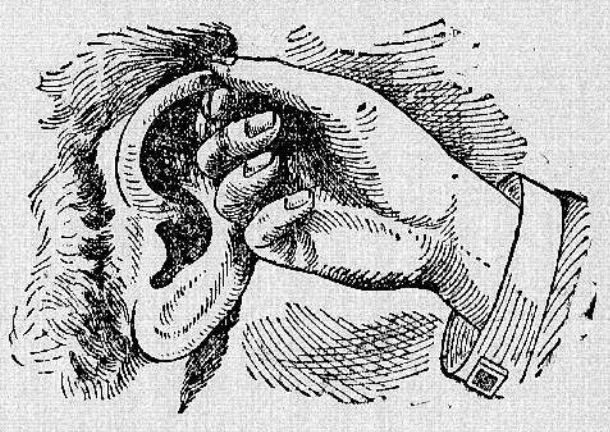

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