WHY STOCK IS SOLD, stamp mill for the Jay Gould mine

Capital to Develop.

To many people it is hard to understand why it is necessary to offer for sale shares of any good mining propposition. They seem to think that local capital should gobble up and control all the goob investments in sight, and because this isn't done, they seem to feel that the investment is not as good as it should be.

That this idea is entirely wrong a few minutes' thought will convince almost any one who is open to conviction. Knowing what an expensive operation it is to develop a mine properly it seems necessary to count the number of mines in a country to realize that millions of bollars are invested here in development work and it will not take long to arrive at the conclusion that there is not local capital enough to furnish more than a very small part of this sum. It becomes necessary, therefore, to attract and interest capital from other places, for which purpose stock or shares are sold.

Nor is this mode of operation confined to mining investments only. We find the same thing done in railroading, in the industrials, in fact, in all businesses where it is necessary to raise capital in order to accomplish certain resuls.

A man would be considered extremely foolish if he asserted that the shares and bonds of our large railroad companies or even our government bonds should be looked upon with suspicion because they are offered for sale to the public at large. Yet these bonds and shares are sold in order to raise money to accomplish certain objects. Take, for example, some of the big railroads, like the Santa Fee and Union Pacific, which are issuing millions of dollars worth of bonds to raise the amount of money necessary to equip their engines with oil burners. These bonds are bought all over the world, yet no one would dare say that the investment was a suspicious one because local capital did not take the whole

The United States Steel Trust at its conception offered its stock to the general public and the general publie all over the world subscribed for it. The Russian government came here to raise \$50,0000,00, yet it would seem that there is sufficient wealth in Russia to take up such an amount locally.

It must be remembered that local capital has a good many calls upon it, and no man cares to put all he possesses in one thing. He figures that money well scatteted is well protected and he is perfectly right.

Agood business man will examine different investments before investing a dollar; then, if he is well impressed, he will buy stock in the different ones, always reserving a few dollars for some other good proposition that is bound to come along.

An investor should not, therefore, jump to the conclusion that because he has the opportunity offered him of investing in a good mine, the proposition is of no value simply because local capital has not yet taken it up. On the contrary, if his investigation is satisfactory, he should lose no time in thanking the one who gave him the opportunity. - Exchange.

Mill Purchased for Jay Gould. Word has been received from Cyrus Bradley, of Spokane, that the ten-

has been secured and that it will soon be shipped and set up on the prop erty. The Jay Gould is located on There is Not Sufficient Local Gimlet creek, about ten miles westerly from Sumpter. Bradley, Hartman and Thomas are the owners. Mr. Bradley is now in New York, where he completed arrngements for all necessary machinery. Mr. Thomas is in charge of the property. Over 2000 feet of work has been done and large quantities of ore, of a paying grade, is developed ready for the

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After a long dissertation on other industries, the Journal for Investors, has this to say regarding the industry of mining for gold:

Withuot proving it, it would sound irrational to say that a mining enterprise is the best paying proposition on earth, provided the right conditions were observed in developing that property.

In the east and middle west, we don't appreciate the cost and trouble in developing a mine. We may vsit a mining country. We see the mills and other buildings. But those are only symptoms. Down in the earth is the real work and there, too, is the real wealth. It takes hard work. It takes patient endeavors to push work of this kind.

But mineral wealth is more tangible than land. It governs trade. That is especially true of gold. It is the medium whereby all else material is judged. There is something worth thinking of there.

The railroad, the store, the factory, the steamship line exist for one thing—that thing is gold. The great men and the small men of finance are in business for but one thing-gold.

An enterprise designed to produce gold, then, can afford to pay more for invested capital than can any other enterprise in existence. Invested capital is the co-operation on the part of the investor and the enterprise in which it is invsted. It is just that same spirit that makes governments possible. It is the greatest principle in the world. It is tempered. In different things it is varied. In gold mining it is exemplified in its highest

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