

SILVER AND CHINESE.

A California Millionaire Discusses Those Two Subjects.

J. L. Flood, the multi-millionaire mine owner and speculator of San Francisco, and Nat T. Messer, president of the Comstock and Virginia mines, owned by Flood, were in the city yesterday and will leave early this morning for New York. Mr. Flood had retired when a TIMES reporter called at his room at the Midland last night, but Mr. Messer was awake and talked freely of affairs in California. In speaking of the financial situation Mr. Messer, who is also a member of the San Francisco Stock exchange, said that he was not in favor of free silver.

"If they'd call in all the greenbacks under \$10," said he, "and coin silver to take the place of it all, I believe it would be a good thing for all sections of the country. We haven't enough silver on the coast."

Mr. Messer said that the sentiment on the coast was for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act to be followed by some sort of an arrangement which would strike a happy medium between the views of gold and silver extremists. He said that the Comstock mine was not getting out silver now unless the ore contained enough gold to make the mining of it profitable.

"The Comstock can't mine silver at a profit when it gets below 72 cents," he said.

"We don't hear much about the Geary act out there," said Mr. Messer. "The better class of people on the coast don't believe in deporting the China men. We are willing to give them a show. They are law-abiding and don't interfere with our citizens, and their labor is indispensable in gathering the fruit crops. The cry of 'The Chinese must go' is the stock in trade of sand-hot politicians and is not popular."

On and after October 15. Chicago and return.

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