

NEWS IN GENERAL FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Silver Bill of Representative Oates of Alabama.

Silver Bill of Representative Oates of Alabama, Introduced on the 3rd Providing for the Coinage of Silver Bullion now owned by the U. S.

Section 1. All silver bullion now owned by the United States shall be coined as speedily as practicable into standard silver dollars of the weight and fineness as now prescribed by law, which shall be legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, provided one-seventh part of said bullion may be coined into half dollars, quarter-dollars, and dimes in the proportion directed by the secretary of the treasury and to contain such amounts pure silver and alloy as now prescribed by law for such coinage.

Sec. 2. The secretary of the treasury shall set apart \$40,000,000 coined as aforesaid for the redemption of notes issued by the treasury and paid out for the purchase of silver bullion in the manner provided for in the act of July 14, 1890 and whenever said sum is reduced below \$40,000,000 by redemption of said notes the secretary shall, from any other silver dollars in the treasury not otherwise appropriated add to said sum so as to keep it up to \$40,000,000 until the aggregate amount of said notes outstanding is reduced below that sum, and then the secretary shall keep in the treasury for redemption an amount of silver dollars equal to the amount of notes outstanding until all are redeemed; provided, the secretary may reissue any of said notes when redeemed as provided in the act of July 14, 1890.

Sec. 3 Any contract hereafter made by the United States government, or between corporations, or between corporations and a person or persons, or between private persons, which is by its terms or by law payable in dollars or dollars and cents, may be paid at its maturity or thereafter in any lawful coin of the United States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—John L. Sullivan, the ex-champion pugilist, who was in company with his former backer, Charley Johnson, speaking relative to the Corbett-Mitchell contest, said: "It is my desire to challenge the winner of the Corbett-Mitchell fight. I think with good, proper training, and with faithful, conscientious work on my own part I can whip either of these men." "Well," answered Johnson "if you will say right now that you will train conscientiously, and will do the right thing, I will back you for \$20,000 against the winner." To this Sullivan replied, "I will, and

if I succeed in getting on a match with the winner of this fight I will have Phil Casey train me. I think there is no man in the business today who can compare with him." When asked who he thought would win the coming fight, Sullivan shook his head dubiously and said, "I hope the America.

Whv." shouted an excited attorney in Kansas, "you can poke your head out of the court room widow and call for five beers and get them in two minutes." And he thought he had made a great point against the "administration" for the non-enforcement of the prohibitory laws. But the opposing counsel promptly opened his watch and poked his head out of the window calling loudly for five beers. The watch ticked off two minutes and the malt beverage did not come. The court ruled that the beer was on the lawyer who made the bluff and there was a recess of ten minutes.



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