

HITCH OVER SOLDIERS' HOME

Negotiations for the Purchase of the Property at a Standstill.

UNCLE JAKE WOLFE MIXED UP IN DEAL

His Own Taxes Due Lancaster County Have Not Been Paid and Distress Warrant is Issued for Collection.

LINCOLN, April 25.—(Special.)—There is some hitch in the negotiations to buy the Soldiers' home property at Millford. The Legislature appropriated for this purpose, and it is understood that Land Commissioner Wolfe wants the owners of the property to accept the warrants for \$13,500, less the premium on the same. He maintains that the intention of the legislature was that the price should be limited to \$13,500 cash and that the property owners are not entitled to the premium. This story has led to some talk as to the insolvency of the land commissioner. His own special salary under the constitution is fixed at \$2,000 per year, yet he takes warrants at their face value as his pay and pockets the premium. This complication may call for extended explanations before it is cleared up.

The Millford matter is not the only thing that is worrying Uncle Jake. He has been owing to Lancaster county \$315 for taxes due for the years 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877, and all during last year he was importuned by the county treasurer to make the payment. He had often made promise to do so, but as often failed. During the 1898 campaign there was a move at one time to issue a distress warrant against the official, who was traveling over the state telling of the large amount of money he had "saved to the taxpayers," but the warrant was held back under further promise. With the last few days, however, a distress warrant was issued to collect the amount that had so long been due. It is understood that when the notification is served on Mr. Wolfe yesterday he at first denied the debt, but later remembered his oft-repeated promise to pay, took back his general denial and invited the officer to go ahead and see if he could find any property. At the latest report the property has not been found and Uncle Jake is still "saving the money."

Sprecher Gets a Place.

John C. Sprecher of Colfax county has at last received an appointment that suits him. The governor has named him as the deputy oil inspector for the Fourth district and it is known to be a sinecure position that never is made. Sprecher has had a curious time over the matter of appointments. Early in January he himself made the announcement that he had been appointed superintendent of the Kearney industrial school. This was for some time at the governor's office, but later in the winter the appointment was officially announced and Sprecher went out to investigate his new job. A few days later he declined the position for two good and sufficient reasons. One was that the school was in the management of such an institution did not suit him, and the other was that Hoxie, the incumbent of the office, declined to recognize Sprecher's authority and in effect shut him out of the school.

ARE WAITING FOR BETTER TIMES.

Reciprocity Negotiations to Be Continued by the Administration. WASHINGTON, April 25.—It is said at the State department that the expiration on July 24 of the period allowed by the Dingley act for the making of reciprocity arrangements and treaties with foreign governments will not terminate the activities of the department in that direction. The department takes the view that the act itself cannot and does not in any manner limit the treaty-making powers of the president. The department has proceeded with the drafting of treaties and reciprocity arrangements as appear to be desirable and this work will continue under the direction of Mr. Kasson, the present special plenipotentiary, who is entrusted with all the details of negotiations.

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Yukon Mail Contracts Let.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Richard Chilcott of Seattle has been awarded the contract for the mail service to be performed on the American overland route from Valdez, on Prince William's sound, through the interior to Circle City, on the Yukon, a distance of 503 miles. There is to be one relief trip a month.

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General Henry, the military governor of Porto Rico, in the controversy between him and Lieutenant Colonel Hood of the Ninth infantry, who was reprimanded by the governor for his action in removing a local judicial official from the court room, Colonel Wood thought he had not been fairly treated in the matter and appealed to the War department, but it is said that he is now satisfied that the governor took the proper course, and that he exceeded his authority.

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