

HART UNDER FIRE.

Evidence Given by State Officials.

DEPUTY LAYSON "ROASTED."

First Day's Proceedings in the Investigation of the Attorney-General.

A Session Here To-Day.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 20.—The special committee appointed by the Assembly to investigate Attorney-General Hart held its first meeting in the Supreme courtroom at 10 o'clock this morning.

Mathews, Tidd, Kahn, Mack and Simpson, the committee members present, Attorney-General Hart was represented by General Barnes, ex-Congressman J. H. Budd and F. M. Stone. R. T. Devin was present as attorney for the committee.

Devin then read the charges preferred by the committee on Ways and Means against Hart, and suggested that the first matter to inquire into be the charge of retaining public money.

John Langhorne, the San Francisco attorney, was then sworn. He stated that he was employed by the Attorney-General in the suits to recover on bonds given by ex-Secretary of State Blaine.

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BUSY LAWMAKERS.

To Retain the Viticultural Commission.

AGONY OF COUNTY DIVISION.

A Minority of the Senate Committee to Report in Favor of Abolishing the Railroad Commission.

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THE JOHNSTON INVESTIGATION.

Another Evening Session Brings Out Nothing Very Important.

THE CLAIMANT LOSSES.

Many Valuable Sonoma County Titles Are Protected.

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HEAVEN ON THE MAP.

It Is Said to Be Located on One of the Islands of the Plectides.

EXECUTIVE DOINGS.

The Governor Appoints a Trustee and Issues Two Pardons.

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SACRAMENTO, Feb. 20.—Governor Markham has appointed Francis W. A. Moloney to succeed S. M. White as trustee of Los Angeles Normal School.

The Governor has pardoned George Rowley, serving a three-year sentence for robbery, and San Francisco convict John Samuels, serving a three-year term in the Whittier Reformatory from Sooma.

Deputy Nash, who is imprisoned from San Francisco for forgery, has had his sentence commuted from five to two and a half years.

Reports about the vessels of the Pacific Squadron.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 20.—Letters from the British cruiser Warship announce that she and the Melbourne spent New Year's at Acaepito. The Warship is not likely to be relieved to get home earlier than July.

The Hawaiian Commission Will Visit Tacoma.

TACOMA, Feb. 20.—Chairman Thurston of the Hawaiian Commission has written to the Honorable Charles J. Folger, who is in charge of the Hawaiian Commission, asking him to visit this city on its way home to Honolulu.

Rita Sabreda Took Poison.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 20.—It is generally believed to-day that Rita Sabreda came to her death by taking strychnine, administered by the doctor, Charles J. Folger, who is in charge of the Hawaiian Commission.

PETER IS GREAT.

Jackson's Marvelous Success as an Actor at Santa Rosa.

SANTA ROSA, Feb. 20.—Peter Jackson made his debut as an actor here to-night with L. K. Stockwell's company.

More Smallpox at Paperville.

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 20.—Two more cases of smallpox at Paperville were reported this morning. Engineer Gedding, the first afflicted, died Saturday and was buried in the hills near the old sealer's quarry.

Who Won the Fight?

A Statement Given Out by the Governor of Kansas.

There Was a Compromise, but the Populist House Still Retains Its Organization Intact.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 20.—The case of Frank J. Symmes and others against the Union Trust Company of New York and others is being argued before Judge Hawley in the United States Circuit Court here.

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