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HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

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NEWSY NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 10.—Ex-Governor George W. Wright, of Mercer, the principal member of the syndicate which managed the soldiers' orphans' schools from 1874 to 1880, testified today before the Legislative Investigation Committee, of which Representative Jesse M. Baker is Chairman. General J. P. S. Gobin was present as counsel for Mr. Wright.

The resolution under which the committee is acting empowers it to investigate the management of the schools during the period when Gordon and Wright controlled them. It is the committee's aim to prove that these men enriched themselves at the expense of the schools and State by the use of money from the State which was acquired to the Commonwealth.

The witness declared under oath that he had never been given an opportunity to defend himself from the serious charges made against the schools and their management. He said, in substance:

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The defense moves to quash the indictment on the ground that the act of 1881, which was passed by the Legislature in 1881, does not apply to the act of 1880, which does not apply and that the act of 1880 does not apply to the act of 1881, which does not apply.

In 1883 Mr. Wright leased the McAlister school in his own name. Chester Springs was purchased in 1885. He stated that his relations with James J. Paul, of the Soldiers' Orphan's Department, were of a confidential nature, but that he had no knowledge of anything concerning which he had doubts. The two were associated from 1877 to 1885. There were scandals connected with each of the schools at the time Mr. Wright was made manager. The first trouble he had in 1881. He took a six weeks' trip to California and on his return found that an investigation had been instituted. There was talk all over the State, but he was not summoned by the Governor to attend the day and lodged in jail on a charge of forgery. Last September Hennen presented a note at the Farmers and Drivers' Bank for \$1,400, bearing the names, besides his own, of G. Bell, a wealthy farmer, and his half brother, W. H. Hennen, a few days ago Mr. Bell informed the bankers that his name was a forgery.

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