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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

By CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

May and, 1904. Last week was a hay making and a hay raking one for the demo rats in the House of Representa ives. They placed the republicans n the spit and toast d them to a rich brown In the first place the Hon. John Sharp Williams, the able nd vigilant floor leader of the Minority in the House, caught the republicans napping in the com-mittee on the judiciary, and when there was a majority of demo rats present, and obtained favorable reports on both his resolutions aimed at the vitals of this republican administration. One of these resolu tions requested the Attorney General to inform the House whether any investigation was ever had at his suggestion, of the so called At .thracite Coal Trust, and to send to the House all reports, pape s and documents bearing on the case. The other resolution requested the Attorney General to inform the House whether any criminal prosecutions have been instituted by the Department of Justice against the individua's of corporations who were adjudged recently by the Supreme Court of the United States. in the Northern Securities case, be guilty of having violated the laws of the United States, and to send to the House all papers and documents bearing upon any prosecutions inaugurated or about to inaugurated in that behalf.

These resolutions were sleeping peacefuly in the pigeon holes of the desk of the republican chairman of that committee, and there the republicans intended they should sep and die of inanition or be take any action in either case, When it became known that John Sharp Williams had dug them out of the committee with a favorable, report, and that the committee on rules could not stifle them on account of the fact that they now come up as priviledged matter, there was consternation on the republican side, and many quick heads. It was all to late. The misch ef was done and their Attorney General will be shown up as a tool of the trusts and recreant to his oath of office, for which he ought to be impeached. Let the people of the country note and rejoice at a leadership on the democratic side endowed with vigilance, brains and patrotism.

The next gun shot the republi cans received was on last Saturday when the Hon. W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, simply tore the in nards out of them and strewed them along the floor of the House. It was a great speech and aroused the most intense enthusiasm on the democratic side of the House and the deepest gloom on the republican side. Mr. Cockran reviewed the whole gamut of repub lican legislation on the tariff questhe refusal of the republicans to in- liamentary rules to wit, a common vestigate them and give the people the benefit of such investigation to the end that the light may pour in to the dark places and the guilty crats. may be punished. He arranged them, he lashed them, he sco.ed them and blistered them in language that fai ly sizzled with venom and invective and bristled with facts that were irrefutable. The republicans sank lower into their seats than they have b en wont to ai for many a day. Several of the old dowager statesmen on the republican side, like Grosvenor, Payne and Dalzell, essayed to interrupt him with questi ne and statements but on each interruption they went to their seats limping. He had

### An Open Letter

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the Spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who pre scribed for us, but his medici failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Colic, Cholers and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at ice felt the effects. I procured a ottle and before using the entire is a wonderful remedy and s be found in every househol C. Bailey, Editor. This res for sale by S. R. Biggs.

# THEDFORD'S

flattened old man Grosvenor and old man Payne, and made them look like thirty cents' worth of dog meat. He was a human buzz saw in rapid motion, and any repuplican with the temerity to interrupt him, had the sympathy and commiseration of the House, The climax of the dramatic scene, however, came when Dalzell interrupted him to state that he had under stood that Mr. Cockran had receivmothered to death. They did not ed large pay for his speeches for want them ever to see the light of day, because they knew their re-McKinley in the campaign of 1896. It was like touching off a powder magazine, Mr. Cockran denounced the statement as the vilest slander and made a statement of his position in that campaign, and that he had received not even car fare for the speechts made at that time. He said that no man was quick to attribute infamy to another unless he was well acquainted with jithimself, and that they were trying to accuse him of what every man knew was the universal custom of every republican politician—taking money in a campaign. When Dalcalcitrant Attorney General had not magazine, Mr. Cockran denounced taken any action and would not the statement as the vilest slander conferences and much wagging of every republican politician—taking money in a campaign. When Dalzell again arose and sa'd he had been informed by a democratic membe. of the House of the accusation he had made, the storm broke over his head in real earnest, Mr. Cockran rushed down the aisle shouting, with his arms raised above his head, '!name him" "name him," ' name him," and he entire democratic side joined in the chorus 'name him," until pandemonium reigned and no such dramatic scene has been enacted on the floor of the house during this session. When Da'zell refused to name him, then with the most withering scorn Mr. Cockran turned to him and said that any man who made that confession could not again interrupt him or come voluntarily within his vision. He said that Dalzell, not being able to name the author of the statement or produce the proof, tion, the trust question, and on the was what could not be named on on the driver's box. A h rottenness in the departments and the floor of the House under par-

> every day liar. It was a great speech by a great man, and a field day for the demo-A Boy King's Throne. en the boy king Daudi Chua ganda appears on state co-se he sits on his best throne

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## HIS FIRST **ACHTEVEMENT**

of the pioneers.

If you live awhile in the cabins along the Yuba, above Maryaville, you will find miners still coyoting among the thrice sifted piles of gravel for the aftermath of 49; you will find old stage drivers, with bent and twisted hands, who know every noted driver of the Pacific coast; and twisted hands, who know every noted driver of the Pacific coast; you will hear stories of staging in the fifties and sixties in the wildest parts of the Sierras that have never reached print, but have been car-ried on through manifold traditions until-they have reached the com-pleteness and the dignity of an epic of the stagecoach.

Besides the longer stories one start, there are dozens of lesser epodes of the staging days—the epode of Smoky's runaway, for in-

Smoky was a famous stage driver between Grass Valley and Marys-ville, by way of Penn Valley, Rough and Ready, Smartsville and Timbuc-too. About 1861 he was in his glory. too. About 1861 he was in his glory, the ideal of a driver and able to hold his own with any one on the route. He received his name from the remark of a little girl, the daughter of the hotel keeper at Murphy's ranch. She once slid off his lap and ran off, saying that he was "too smoky to stay with;" she "liked men who did not puff eigars in her face."

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In her face."

After this episode Smoky's real name fell into disuse. He was "Smoky" and "Old Smoky" from the Sierras to the Sacramento.

On the day when Smoky had his runaway affair the stage swung into Grass Valley early in the morning with two passengers aboard, both with two passengers aboard, inside. They had breakfast, then Smoky took charge. He around in front of the store to

turing achievement that has given him place among the score or so of foremost Californians. The other

man was a mere nonentity.

The young man with the bright eyes began to see that something was wrong with the stage. It went too fast. It swung too much. He climbed on the seat and let down

climbed on the seat and let down the narrow window nearest the driver's box. He leaned out and managed to raise himself far enough to see that the horses were running away. He called to the driver, but received no reply.

The young man reflected that the road ahead was not an easy one for a runaway stagecoach to manage. They were now on the down grade; next came a hill, then another descent, then a second hill, then a long, steep and winding piece of down grade. The horses must be stopped before this descent was reached or a smashup was inevitable. He decided to do his best to check the horses. If he failed he would jump out and leave them.

The first thing to do was to swing on the driver's box. A heavier man

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