A CAMPAIGN MEETING OF A DIFFERENT KIND, BUT ALMOST AS LIVELY

AS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Exciting Battle Between Two Big Boas in Brazil-Old Dollar-a-Foot Tells the Story.

The Chicago Times.

"Brazil is the home of the most gigantic boa constrictors in the world," said Henry Closer, of Necropolis, Ohio, the professional snake hunter and dealer, known to circus and museum managers throughout the country as "Big Doc" and "Old Dollar a Foot," that being his market price for ordinary snakes.

'On my last trip to Brazil after snakes I didn't meet with the success I expected to, but I brought back one of the best snake stories that ever came from the land of serpents.

'I was out taking a business look around after some rare specimens of monkeys. I had chased a choice long-tailed fellow up a tree and was trying my wiles on him, when I was startled by a loud hissing sound that came from another part of the forest, like a gust of wind escaping from some narrow space. I looked in the direction of the sound, and to my surprise saw two enormous boas on the ground, locked together and writhing and twisting in such a desperate struggle that big bunches of leaves were sent flying about in the air as if they had been disturbed and lifted by a whirlwind. Then it was that I groaned aloud and metaphorically would have corraled both of those

"The fierce struggle on the ground lasted five minutes, and then the boas suddenly separated. One serpent glided to a large tree near by, tree fifteen feet distant from the first one. I feared that the fight

gantic serpents before they knew

had come to an end, because one of the snakes seemed to be afraid and the other one daren't.

"But I soon saw that I was mis-

length, its head raised but a few inches above the ground. For a had the bulge on him. moment their great bodies swayed to and fro like slowly moving pen-

cables twisted together. dulation, each serpent struggling pen and picked up the tail end to on his hay fork and throw it into the other at a disadvantage. Their half a dozen jist hatched chickens forked tongues darted in and out come tumblin' out. Well, it skeert of their mouths like jets of flame, me at fust, but I braced up in a and their hissing was incessant. minute, and knowin' somethin' The troops of chattering monkey about snakes. I made up my mind spectators had been joined by hun- that them chickens was the result dreds of harsh-voiced but bril- uv undigested aigs. Mother told a prong of the fork had passed liantly-plumed birds, which flew me about missin' them six aigs.

key chorus. "The desperate midair struggle between the boas continued for several minutes, when they separated again as suddenly as they before a notary public," said the blade, where it remained suspendhad rushed together, and each drummer and went out before giv- ed for several seconds, finally disdrew itself back among the ing the man a chance to earn the engaging itself by its violent conbranches of its tree. For two or money. three minutes the snakes lay quiet-

ly, each glaring at the other. "Suddenly in one of the trees a hiss like escaping steam was heard, and the boa in that tree shot his the other boa, and it flashed down to its former position and confronttogether at once. One would strike sale by druggists.

at the other with the rapidity of ightning. With equal quickness that one would avoid the rush by dodging to one side or the other and instantly make a counter attack. This interesting sparring match lasted for at least five minutes, when one of the snakes drew itself two or three feet above the other and made a quick downward feint. Its antagonist ducked its head lower to avoid the stroke, and that movement was fatal. The upper boa darted on down, and so quickly was its deadly intention had been done until I saw the upper snake with three of its coils

around the lower one. "There was a dreadful crunching, and in the twinkling of an eye the victorious snake had drawn the was more crunching, and by degrees the tail of the defeated serpent uncoiled from its hold on the branch of the tree, and at last the great reptile dropped heavily to the ground a crushed and lifeless country. mass. For a moment the victor held the vanquished in its coils and then released it. The victorious serpent glided from its tree, moved rapidly several times around the crushed body of its lifeless foe with loud and angry hisses, shoot- your path, or gliding noiselessly ng its red tongue in and out like a weaver's shuttle. Then it moved

a few feet and stopped. "I straightened the dead boa on the ground and measured him. From his nose to the tip of his tail he covered thirty-four and a half

SNAKES THAT DIFFERED.

One of Them Did Not Know as Much as the Other.

The Detroit Free Press.

The drummer had just finished rather remarkable snake story as he sat in the country store after kicked myself because I had not he had sold a bill of goods, and a gone forth loaded for snake, for I countryman, with some young pul- houses. A few days ago, after a several rattles presented by resilets to sell, had been listening. The drummer's story was about a snake of his acquaintance which had a habit of stealing eggs. He would go out and load up on them, swallowing them whole, and then climb a tree. fall off and break the shells, and his digestion would do and went up its trunk like a spiral the rest. The countryman looked of lightning. The other snake at the drummer with some degree flashed in the same way up another of doubt when the story was finished, but he never questioned its

"Some snakes is different to that, Mister," he said very earnestly, .One on my place was. He was a snake like the one you spoke taken. The snakes had hardly set- of, only he didn't have half the tled themselves among the branches sense. Snakes is a good deal like of their respective trees when the men in that way. Well, this feller foliage of both trees began to hadn't the habit uv stealin' aigs, quiver as if a vind were passing but he run acrost a nest one day, through and agitating them. Sud- and without askin' any questions denly each boa coiling its tan he ups and swallers six whole aigs, around a branch high up in its and he went back to his den under tree, dropped like a plummet to- the barn without ever once thinkin' ward the ground and hung at full about breakin' the shell like your snake done. That's where your'n

"Well, he couldn't digest them aigs to save his life, and they staid dilums. Their eyes glittered like right with him. Snakes kin go a fire. Then each serpent drew itself long time without eatin', an' about quickly half its length above the three weeks after this snake I'm ground. Like an arrow each head tellin' about had swallered them shot forward, and instantly the aigs' I happened to ketch him laytwo enormous reptiles were locked in out in the sun by the barn, and process six diamond-backs, ranging in each other's coils like immense the fust thing he knowed I had cut in length from eighteen inches to him in two with a hoe, about six "Up and down, to and fro, the inches from his shoulder-blades. I writhing mass moved in quick un- slung the head part into the hog for an opening that would place do the same thing with it, when frantically about and added their Them's the very pullets out than able jump, striking the heavy sole excited cries to the deafening mon- in the coop now, and ef you don't of my outing shoe, which was prebelieve me, you kin come out and count 'em yonrself."

"I'll give you the price of your pullets if you'll swear to that story

An Old Doctor's Favorite.

Dr. L. M. Gillam, who practiced nated, used, claimed that Botanic Blood Balm, which has now been great length toward the ground in use about fifty-five years, was again. The challenging hiss was the best tonic and blood purifier answered by one still louder from ever given to the world. It never and the opportunity to make it. fails to cure the most malignant ulcers, sores, rheumatism, catarrh ed its foe. The boas did not rush Price per large bottle, \$1.00. For its power. The fangs will frequent- as much sand in his craw as he operators were sent out from Rauton, JP Hardy, J Jacobs, Clerk.

DIAMOND-BACK RATTLERS

THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM IN FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS.

LIE ABOUT EVERYWERE, length.

Night and Day, and You Must Be Careful Not to Step on Them -Adventures With the Reptiles.

Filley (Tex.) Letter to The Philadelphia Times I have read stories by hunters, prospectors, and others of the vencarried out that I was not aware it omous nature of the seven-foot diamond-back rattlesnake found in Arizona. Whether or not there are any seven-foot rattlesnakes in Texas I am not prepared to say positively, as I have never seen vanquished one three folds further one, but we have the genuine diawithin its fearful embrace. There mond-back, which is, no doubt, fully as venomous as those of Arizona, and when it comes to numbers Southwest Texas will compare with any portion of the

> Walk where you will, day or night, you are liable at any moment to tread upon or step in dangerous proximity to one of these venomous creatures, curled up in across it. If it should be immediately after one of the cool night rains, the snake may be enjoying a siesta, in the morning sun after its cool bath. In this case the danger is doubly great, for the fatal step may be taken too late to retreat after the warning rattle is

The writer has spent two months in this neighborhood. His host's house stands three-fourths of a mile west of the station, which consists of a post-office, store, station, and two or three dwelling cool norther the previous night, an eighteen-inch diamond-back was discovered curled up asleep near the woodpile. The conversation of two persons in ordinary voices failed to wake the sleeping reptile for several minutes, though the creature lay almost at our feet. On another occasion a two-foot diamond-back was found asleep within a short distance of the front gate, almost directly in the pathway. This snake, together with the patch of earth on which it lay, was picked up on the blade of a large cotton hoe and carried several steps before the slightest evidence of animation was mani-

There can be no gamer snake, large or small, than the Texas diamond-back rattlesnake. Prod it with a hoe or rake, or even impale it with a pitchfork, inflicting a dangerous wound, release it, and the diamond-back will still make surprising jumps in its efforts to

strike any object presented. One day last April, when the air was still chilly at times, an itinerant Mexican was employed to clean out the smckehouse, a small frame structure 12 by 14 feet, which stands within ten feet of the south door of the house. During this two feet, were found in the smokehouse. When a snake was discovered, the Mexican would impale it the yard, where, after a fair test of its courage, which in no instance was found wanting, the reptile was

One of these snakes, somewhat darker in color than the others, and next to the smallest in size, after through its body, made a considersented. Another in its rage and frantic efforts to strike the inverted blade of a cotton hoe, actually hung itself by the fangs on the stakes would flatten out and ap-

Decapitation does not immediately deprive the rattlesnake of ly strike any object inserted in the ever had.

cession, even three minutes after the head has been severed from the body. None of these six snakes had more than five rattles or fangs exceeding a quarter of an inch in

On May 9th a three-foot twoinch diamond back was discovered. within six feet of the east door of the house, where it was dispatched by a shot from a 45-calibre Colt's revolver, fired by my host's sou. This snake had but seven rattles and no button, but the broken and ragged edges of the last rattle showed that some were missing.

quite half an inch in length. In addition to the diamond-back there is also the "ground" rattlesnake, somewhat different in appearance, smaller and shorter in haps a half acre, was then thorproportion to its size than the diamond-back, and possessing fewer rattlers, but equally as venomous, I am told, though not so plentiful. A "ground" rattler was killed at the station. J. A. Roberts reports tive grass. This cleared spot killing a monster diamond-back a short distance east of Dilley.

and are now in my possession, are

The killing of rattlesnakes in this part of Texas is of such common occurrence that mention of it is rarely made by those who kill them, unless questioned on the subject, or an unusually large one at a safe distance, to be about ten is dispatched. I have interrogated inches in width, with a table a foot numbers of respectable farmers and ranchmen residing in this neighborhood on the subject of snakes, and the reply is: "Oh, yes, we kill them almost daily."

Deputy Hide Inspector W. H Smith states that eighteen diamond-backs have been killed in and about his house during the past few weeks, some of them apder a bed in a sleeping apartment. and the grass are their playgrounds. The same story is told by every arrival, magnified in some cases to an incredible extent. We have dents of the country where the snake had measured very nearly did not gather the hay. He first five feet in length, while six-foot asked me where I hailed from, be rattlers, we are informed. have cause of my seeming ignorance of been killed. So numerous are the the snakes, and then said: snakes, and so prevalent the fear of them, that walking after nightance being always employed, even for the most trifling distances.

The presence of so many rattlesons bitten, and the rare instances boots with the tops reaching to the of fatal consequences to the victim knee,) but I wouldn't walk through struck me at first as being singular. These facts, however, are explained by two causes: First, the rattlewarm weather, where it may be seen, the warning rattle proclaims tops." its presence, unless the snake is asleep or blind, as in August; second, the bite of the rattlesnake, though dangerous in the extreme, is not always necessarily fatal, the result to a large extent depending on the location of the wound. If the fangs should reach a large vein or artery, recovery is always doubtful, but if no vein or artery is pentrated the effect of the poison is generally overcome by large doses of whiskey when available. I am told of two or three instances, though, where neglect or inability to obtain counteractors had resulted in frightful deaths among the Mexicans, where the fangs had entered a thumb, a finger, a fleshy part of the hand. The simple method of extracting the poison by sucking the wound when practicable, though known and practiced in some cases, is not popular, owing to the existence to some extent of an incipient stage of scurvy. A curious anomaly is the presence of scurvy among a people whose chief pursuits are cattle raising

and agriculture.

panion. A perfectly truthful man once told me that he knew the following to have occurred: An officer had tortions. When laboring under his arm shot off at the battle of excitement the bodies of all these Gettysburg, and when he regained consciousness after a fainting spell pear to enlarge to almost twice a very large rattlesnake was sleepmedicine over forty years, origni- their true dimensions, while their ing upon his bosom. He simply bead-like eyes would follow my swooned off again, and after a given me, and I then made inevery movement, as if seeking while when they began to collect quiries of the operator, wao, by some vulnerable point of attack the wounded, another officer found the way, is a native of that region. Sheppard, Clerk. and the wounded man recovered. with the loss of his arm, but with

mouth several times in rapid suc- RATTLESNAKES' PARADISE

EDGEFIELD, S. C., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1894.

HALF AN ACRE OF THE BEAUTIES IN MOTION.

EVERYBODY WEARS BOOTS

There is a Spot in Delaware County Which No Rational Man Dares Enter Unless He Be Snake-Proof.

The Port Jervis Gazette.

The creek comes rushing down through a ravine, at the head of storage of water to furnish power The fangs, which were extracted for a sawmill, situated. on a small bluff on the river bank, which original forest nearly a century over by the cars, and many are ago. The land about the mill, per- killed by the trackmen. oughly cleaned of stumps and roots for the storage of logs and manufactured lumber, and now produces a luxuriant growth of nareaches back to a perpendicular cliff, fully 200 feet in height, of shale rock, divided into layers lying at an angle of about forty-five

> degrees. These layers of rock are separated by crevices, appearing, wide extending in front of each peace. crevice, making the mountain-side a series of steps twenty or twentyfive feet apart.

These crevices, the depth and area of which no man knows, are the homes of the "rattlers"; the ruins of the mill (known in the proaching four feet in length, and legendary lore of that section as one of the reptiles being found un- the "Old Blue Mill") and the dam Meeting a native who had stopped in at the signal tower, I made inquiry of the cause of the great

"Say, mister, do you know there ain't no man on the river who'd fall, unless over a beaten path or cut that grass if you'd give him well-defined roadway, is never at- this railroad? Why, man, that tempted, some mode of convey- grass hain't been cut in mine and my father's day, and it just grows up and falls down year after year. and the ground has a right to be snakes, the small number of per- rich. I wear boots," (he had on that grass for the best farm in this county, for there's snakes there with fifty buttons on their tail, I snake is usually in the "open" in don't doubt, and every button means a year, and them big fellers seen and avoided, and where, if not could strike way above your boot

> "Do all the men hereabout wear boots?" I asked.

"I should remark they did," he said. "No women ever come about here unless they walk on the railread, and they shuffle by here pretty rapid.

"Do you see them boots? They're daisies!" pointing to the station telegraph operator, whose nether limbs, I then discovered, were incased in snuggly-fitting cavalry boots. "Everybody wears boots but them Eyetalyuns that works on the track, and a rattler thinks too much of hisself to bother with such critters.

"Say! Do you want to hear the snakes sing?" Not waiting for an answer, he ran down from the tower to the railroad tank and threw a good-sized stone over into the thick growth of brush bordering the shore of the creek, and in- Lagrone, D A Simons, B W Jones, stantly an alarm was sounded and Clerk. from the old mill and the dam and the grass the war cry of defiance Evans, Jeter Lanham, PB Mayson and warning was rattled, and the W J McKerall, Clerk. snakes in the dens in the cliff took up the "refrain," and for Wounded Soldier's Dread Com- fully ten minutes the air was filled Clerk. with the noise as of a million seventeen-year locusts singing their native song.

"They're there, you see," he smilingly remarked, as he turned to walk away up the railroad track, "and you'd better not fool with

I did not need any further "advice" than the snakes had already the two sleeping there, and killed He said that he and his partner the snake with a skilliul sword cut, had a dead cinch on that job; that when the tower was first erected the Port Jervis office; that the

lonesomeness nearly killed them, A Austin, A H Smith, W S Mobfor the tower is about midway of a ley, Clerk. three-mile curve, with the railroad river, but when the season opened Scott, Clerk. and the great rattlers began climbing the tower steps they "had er, Frank Strom, J P DeLaughter. snakes" all the time, and simply Geo Briggs, Clerk. would not stay there, and, in con-JF Atkins, H E Mealing, JJ sequence, young natives who were more familiar with snakes learned telegraphy, and hold their positions free from jealousy on the part of their brother operators. He said it was a poor day when which was built a dam for the one or more rattlers did not attempt to climb the steps, and sev- Clerk. eral times the feat had been accomplished and the snakes were killed in the station. Many snakes Clerk. manufactured into lumber the in the course of the season are run

Headless Snakes.

The Monroe (N. C.) Enquirer. A correspondent writing from Euto, New Salem Township, in forms us that a few days ago Mi B. L. Tarleton was plowing, when he found a nest of reptiles resembing snakes without heads. There were about seventy-five of the reptiles. Mr. Tarleton says that the reptiles, when coming to an ob stacle, divide and go around it, and then come together again, and when struck with a stick fly to pieces and afteward gather the fragments together and go on their way in

An Animated Fishpole.

The Rangoon (Burmah) Times. A Barberton man, who goes to church regularly, was one day walking along the banks of Con- Clerk. cession Creek eating a sandwich, and on account of the usual disparity between meat and bread, he threw the redundant piece into the water. Immediately a swarm of vellow fish bubbled round it, fighting for the mouthful. The man searched his pockets for fishing tackle, but all in vain, and he was just beginning to despair when his gowith of grace, and why the owner eyes lighted on a hlacksnake. At J E Lorick, A H S Day, Clerk. his father used to tell him that Thurmond, Winchester McDaniel, blacksnakes were yery expert in John Brunson, Clerk. catching fish. He, therefore, grabbed the reptile by the tail, carried S L Roper, J C Rainsford, Clerk. it to the river, and held it over the struggling fish. The snake proved itself a born angler, and in the course of an hour the man had captured forty fine fish.

A few days later, as he was walking in the same place, he felt something rub against his leg, and. looking down, he saw his friend, the blacksnake, eager for more Managers and Clerks of the Dem-

ocratic Primary, Aug. 28.

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