

## RATTLING BIG RATTLER

The Latest Snake Story from Deluz,  
This County

Jay McCulloch, who is well known as a hunter and rancher in this county, had an experience with a huge rattlesnake near his home in Deluz the other day. Mr. McCulloch was investigating a line of game traps he had set when he was startled by the rattle of a snake coming from a near-by thicket. Fortunately Mr. McCulloch had not gone out without his revolver, and he was also armed with an axe. He advanced cautiously and soon saw the snake, which was a monster, and which speedily coiled itself to spring. Keeping his eye on the reptile the man went within fifteen feet of it and stopped, believing himself to be out of reach of the snake, as a rattler is supposed to be able to strike only at the distance of its own length.

McCulloch, however, miscalculated, and this was not an ordinary snake. For far when it raised its head ready to strike, there seemed to be miles of snake forthcoming. It was speedy, but the man was speedier, and the latter bounded quickly backward and fired his revolver, sending a bullet through the reptile, just back of the head.

The snake was badly wounded and defeated, and proceeded to make its escape to the thicket, but McCulloch didn't see it that way, and soon finished the reptile with blows from his axe. He thus cut the animal in three pieces, so mutilating it that the skin could not be preserved, but the pieces measured gave a result of fifteen feet.

McCulloch says he never takes anything stronger than water when he goes hunting, and further proves his assertion by exhibiting twenty-nine rattles beside the button. It is said that one rattle is produced a year, so that snake must have crawled about for twenty-nine years, and it was time it died.