

news item, that is their cry. Journalism is to day an impregnable fortress which fires its shell and shot into the battles with vice and corruption.

Full many a rose is borne to blush unscen, and waste its fragrance on the desert air; full many a nip is taken behind the screen, and cloves, and coffee, too, are eaten there.

BY OLD LOVE.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "JOHN HALIFAX, GENTLEMAN."

My old love whom I loved not, In this your friendly hand, Your voice, with tremble in it, None else could understand.

My old love whom I loved not, Do you regret—oh! I! That all died out which had been dead, All lived that could not die!

O kind love, whom I loved not! O faithful, firm and true! Did one friend linger near my grave, I think it would be you.

Major Pinto's Adventures.

[From Chief Justice Daly's Geographical Review.]

The most remarkable of the recent explorations in Africa is that of the Portuguese explorer, Major A. A. de Souza Pinto, in his journey across the African Continent. "I performed my journey," he says, "with scarcely any resources. I and my party had to live solely from day to day upon the product of the chase, and thus with occasional help from friendly natives, I accomplished my very difficult task."

He preserved his astronomical instruments by a very simple device. In trusting his chronometers to one of his native servants he said, "You see this makes a noise; you must never let this stop; bring them to me every day so that I may see that they are going; for the day that you forget to bring them to me you will be roasted alive," and the superstitious attendant, in constant fear of the supposed spirits within, and to keep them quiet, punctually wound the chronometers up every day from that day forward.

He found that one of the carriers supplied to him by a friendly chief was, to his astonishment, a white man belonging to a race in Africa heretofore entirely unknown. This race, called the Cassequer, he says, exist in large numbers in this part of South Africa; and that they are whiter even than the Caucasians, with the distinction, that instead of hair, their heads are covered with small tufts of short wool; that they have prominent cheek bones, and eyes like the Chinese. He states that he has seen girls with such a complexion that, if their features were European, they would pass in Europe for beauties.

In the course of Major Pinto's expedition, he found the river so abounding in crocodiles that he and his negroes had to construct a bridge across it, which crossing they effected in three days. They traveled without food for nearly five days; and even when they obtained some cavity seed, had thereafter a long interval of fasting of from forty to forty-eight hours, and in some points came near perishing for want of food.

The whole of the country of the river he found well peopled, except immediately above the cataracts. Here, in this out-of-the-way region, he encountered an English naturalist, Dr. Bradshaw, reduced to the greatest misery, having on him but a tattered shirt and a pair of trousers in a most ruinous state, who made his acquaintance with the greatest sang-froid, gravely presenting him with his carte-de-visite, printed in London.

"Talk about snakes," remarked an old frontiersman in conversation with a Chronicle reporter a few evenings ago, "there are more snakes in Arizona than ever existed in Ireland before good old St. Patrick came along and gave them the grand bonuce. Why, I have been waded; waded Southern swamps when I would have to stop a minute, with the water up to my chin, to allow of a drove or school of water-moccasins or cotton-mouths to go by; up in the far Northwest and British America I have lived like a fighting cock and to the Queen's taste for weeks at a time on snakes' steak; but I saw more rattlesnakes down in Arizona last summer than ever before in my life, all put together. Down there they don't go in pairs, clusters or droves, but in columns, just for the world like the children of Israel got up and tramped out of Egypt with Moses and Aaron in the van, and Joseph, with his circus coat, bringing up the rear. I and a friend were over in the Tombstone country, among the hills, on a prospecting expedition. There were rattlesnakes all around us, but they did not seem to be very savage. We would scare them up riding along, and they would sneak away from our track like coyotes. One day about two o'clock in the afternoon we were taking a hill, and as the ascent was very steep, our horses would stop every few paces to blow. Long before we got to the summit we heard a strange noise, or rather jargon of noise, apparently just on the other side, and it was had been about the next minute, could not have told from whence it emanated. Why, it was worse than the average church choir. Well, we got to the top after awhile, the noise increasing every step we took up. By the time we had got there it had become little short of terrific, and looking down over the side we saw a sight that took the cake. On a little plateau of perhaps fifty yards dimensions, about a regular rattlesnake reunion and concert. The ground and stones were just yellow with them, and if there was one there were at least ten thousand snakes in the gang. They were of all ages and sizes, and how they enjoyed themselves! The two oldest kingpins of the crowd were in the center, and the other snakes were all gathered about them. Each and every snake had coiled himself up in such a manner as to allow their tails and rattles good play, and they were all rattling away as if for wages, and their wicked tongues were darting out and in, keeping up an accompaniment to their tails. We looked at the racket for about a minute, and then with an awful flourish the rattling stopped. The two old snakes reared their heads at least three feet off the ground and looked all around over the field in a manner indicative of a General on a battle-ground. After surveying the situation and apparently seeing that every member of the snake combination was ready for business, they sounded a note by way of tuning up and then the whole crowd commenced their concert again. It took them about ten minutes to finish one tune, and we must have watched there through at least a half a dozen. After a while I got tired of the business and rolled a rock down in the crowd. This broke up the meeting without delay, and as several of the snakes were crushed to death the others set up an awful rattling and crowded away to their respective dens. I have been among snakes all my life, but that was the first snake concert I ever witnessed."—Leaville (Col.) Chronicle.

Executive Appointments. [From the States.] The failure of Gov. Wiltz to send to the Senate for confirmation, before its adjournment, the various appointments he is required to make, has elicited much comment and not a little dissatisfaction. With the exception of the Supreme and District Court Judges, no other appointments, we believe, were submitted for the action of the Senate. It is claimed that Article 68 of the Constitution has been evaded, and its object defeated by thus withholding executive appointments until after adjournment of the Legislature. Of the Governor's power to appoint the Constitution says: Article 68. He shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint all officers whose offices are established by this constitution, and whose appointments or elections are not here in otherwise provided for; provided, however, that the General Assembly shall have the right to prescribe the mode of appointment or election to all offices created by it.

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They are the retail dealers of literature. They direct the stream of the daily news current through the printer's ink into the homes of many thousands living far and near. Like the meteorological bureau in Washington, predicting the weather changes, so do journalists perceive which way the wind blows, and direct and mould public opinion. A peculiar characteristic of their existence is their power of gathering and distributing a news item, for what they see, hear and read in the evening passes with lightning speed through their busy brain on copy. A kingdom for a

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