

STUDENTS SAVE BIG SUM.

Collegians, by Finding Source of Stream, Accomplish Great Feat—Engineer Tells Tale.

Chief Engineer John F. Wallace recently called attention to the fact that an American civil engineer, Boyd Elie, with a party of young college men, had in four months made an important discovery in connection with the Panama canal which the French engineers had failed to make in 15 years.

It was no less than the finding of the sources of the Chagres river and of a means of diverting that stream to the Pacific ocean, thereby effecting a saving of \$20,000,000, which may be devoted to excavating a sea level waterway.

Mr. Wallace has well stated that the far reaching importance of the discovery made by this party, for the control of the Chagres is to build the canal. The enormous freshets of this river were difficulties with which De Lesseps' engineers were unable to cope successfully, but this work was done in a few months by the engineering corps under the charge of Mr. Elie.

Boyd Elie was born in 1866 at Fort Plain, N. Y. He received his early education in the public schools and at Clinton Liberal Institute. Entering the class of '83 at Cornell university, he was graduated in civil engineering with a high standing.

After about three years spent in railroad construction in Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, New Mexico and Colorado he went with Chief Engineer Menard to Nicaragua and remained there until 1893, returning in 1897 with Mr. Wallace to assume charge of the Panama survey.

Mr. Elie was employed on the Panama work on the Isthmus and in short time, and also in connection with the Panama canal, by important local engineering problems now under consideration by certain railroads. But when he received a summons to Panama, although it meant painful absence from his wife and two little boys at his new Yorkers (N. Y.) home, he did not hesitate.

MAN HAS THE BEST FIGURE

Director of Gymnastics Declares That Women Wear Skirts to Hide Their Defects.

Dr. E. H. Arnold, director of the New Haven Normal School of Gymnastics, asserted at the session of the National Physical Education association that women are compelled to wear skirts in order to hide their natural ungainliness. Dr. Arnold even went so far as to say that "women have a poorer anatomical development than men, and that the angles of their knees are especially ugly."

Women have worn skirts ever since the earliest times. The most ancient paper picture them in this garb. Every sculptor from the days of Phidias has chosen the female figure as an example of personal perfection. Every artist who ever touched brush to canvas has painted the feminine form as the ideal in human flesh.

Every one knows that Venus and Aphrodite and the lithe-limbed Diana will live in the world's memory forever. In modern days the beauty of the female form divine is emphasized whenever possible. Instead of swathing a woman in a miscellaneous bundle of fashion decrees that she shall wear a clinging skirt, a tight fitting bodice, a corset which adapts itself to every graceful outline. Upon the stage the value of the feminine figure as an attraction to the eye is daily or nightly demonstrated. A chorus girl in a skirt? Never. The idea is preposterous.

On the other hand, imagine a company of men upon a stage arrayed in tights. The scene would arouse the risibilities of the most phlegmatic audience. Such an array of spindle shanks, such a conglomeration of knucklebones, such a mass of pedicled extremities as we would see.

Will Begin Work.

A San Francisco dispatch to the Oregonian says:

E. G. Perkins, an engineer in United States reclamation service, geological department, left tonight for the North, where he is to start the enormous reclamation works in the Klamath Basin, for which the sum of \$4,400,000 has been appropriated.

This work will probably be the largest in this part of the country, and the land that is to be reclaimed will be able to support a population of at least 100,000 souls.

There is to be little delay in the beginning of the reclamation project, and Mr. Perkins is going North to look over the ground and commence operations.

According to estimates of engineers there is embraced in Klamath Basin 5365 acres of public lands and 42,825 acres of private land, making a total of 48,330 acres. The valleys of Langell, Alkali and Poor will be reclaimed, and as this land is said to be among the richest in this part of the country, it will not be a matter of difficulty to get people to settle there.

It is only within the past few years that the cattlemen have attempted to cultivate that land. For years it was given over to the pasturing of stock and the only feed that was given the cattle during the winter months was from the tule hay cut on the borders of Tule Lake. Some few years ago a company brought water on the land along the northern shores of Tule Lake and alfalfa was planted and also orchards were put in.

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