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bout Half of It Runs Through Solid Rock - Description of Controlling Works For Regulating Flow of Water-Total Cost Amounts to \$33,-525,691 - Machinery For Excava-

In its sanitary aspect the canal is designed to furnish a continuous flow of water from the Chicago river, into which all the sewers of the city will soon empty, into the Desplaines river at Lockport. This flow will be 20,-100,000 population in the sanitary district, which comprises practically all of the city north of Eighty-seventh street and several suburbs. According to the calculations of the special state commissioners, the population is at earry without difficulty 360,000 cubic

vessels affoat on the lakes.

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> leave C. R I & P. (Momiles from the mouth. In addition to the canal proper, the sanitary trustees have deepened the river to 20 feet throughout, except at the tunnels, and have constructed an expensive "by pass" between Van Buren and Adams streets in order to provide sufficient flow. At Lockport, the present terminus of the canal, a "windage basin" for turning about ships has been conelaborate controlling works for regu-

trolling works was \$261,750.

In the excavation of this channel there have been removed 28,500,000 cubic yards of "glacial drift" (all meterial overlying bedrock) and 12,910,000 cubic yards of solid rock, besides the building of 380,050 cubic yards of retaining wall throughout the sections where the channel is partly in earth and partly in rock. For carrying on the excavation of these enormous quantities machinery was designed of a magnitude and efficiency undreamed of before. The great cantalever holsting and conveying machines and cable ways used on the rock section took out on the averhistory of the world.

The Corporal's Bicycle.

Wire Fences. When the fight of Elandslaagte was

Two ends have been sought in the planning and execution of the sanitary canal which was recently opened in Chicago-the primary one of protecting the city's water supply from pollution and the equally important one, in the opinion of many, of supplying the first finally make it possible for deep draft Mexico via Chicago.

About half the canal is through solid rock, and here the law has required it to be made of sufficient capacity to accommodate 600,000 cubic feet per minute. Throughout the earth sections the channel will be enlarged in the future to accord with the growth of population. The full capacity of 600,000 cubic feet, therefore, will provide drainage for a population of 3,000,000, says the Chicago Record. The cross section in earth has a width of 110 feet on the bottom, the side slopes being two horizontal to one vertical. As the depth of the canal throughout is to be 22 feet, the width at the water line throughout the earth sections will be 198 feet. In the rock the sides are made vertical, and the width is 160 feet. Velocity in the canal, according to the law, must be not more than three miles per hour. For navigation purposes these general dimensions will provide ample room for the largest

lating the flow of the water. These works consist of seven sluice a "bear trap" dam, 160 feet wide and designed to move 17 feet vertically. This dam is essentially two great metal leaves hinged together at the top, making a huge V with the apex uppermost. One leg of the V is free to move, and the admittance or withdrawal of the water under the dam raises or lowers the structure. The cost of the con-

In addition to the main canal, which has cost \$18,318,608, the sanitary trusthe Desplaines river 133 miles long and built about 19 miles of levees to keep out flood waters. This auxiliary work has cost \$1,000.156. From the controlling works to Joliet a channel has been made out of concrete, though it may built for the water from the canal. the Chicago river has used \$537,975, and bridges have added \$2,611,348 more. With miscellaneous items the belonged or what hands probably made construction total foots up \$23,693,014. Administration, right of way, capital scientists. The workmanship seems ization for maintenance of railroad bridges and general account items sculpture. The vicinity in which they bring the grand total cost of the work were found was occupied by the Into \$33,525,691, all of which has been expended since the beginning of the excavation in 1892.

Corporal Fred Wells of the United States recruiting station in Springfield, Mass., will shortly appear in the men for Uncle Sam's army.

TRIP ACROSS THE VELDT.

Natal Worse Than Cuba For Barbed

over, it was late at night, and long before I could find the road to Ladysmith it had grown pitch dark. I set out with no misgiving, but by the time my horse had stumbled against four barbed wire fences, cutting himself badly, I began to lose confidence. It was like riding through Cuba. I rode on a walk, expecting more fences, and straining my eyes out of their sockets, like a mariner in a fog, looking for obstacles, writes a special correspondent of the New York Journal from Natal. Suddenly we went head first into a deep ditch or donga, as the Boers call it. These dongas are very like the banks of tide river creeks in New England, abrupt and neck high with mud.

Tired out with 13 continuous hours hard riding and from the excitement of the day, I dragged myself and then my horse out of the mud. Soon we link in a chain of waterways that shall struck some ant hill country, which is worse than any prairie dog cities of vessels to pass from the eastern sea- the west. The ant bears had underboard of the country to the gulf of mined the ground completely. From the Egyptian darkness came a voice. I would have rejoiced if it had been a Boer or an Apache Indian, but it proved to be the voice of an Englishman.

Together we followed the black line of the hills on the right. It was use less to attempt to reach the road. All 000 cubic feet per minute for each that we could hope was that we might strike it unawares. Two more stragglers came into our ranks, and we moved cautiously onward, cutting our way through wire fences and making no effort to circumvent obstacles. To see man or horse in front was impospresent 1,800,000, and the canal will sible, and the only means of keeping in touch was by shouting.

Painfully picking our path among stones and ant hills, we were brought up suddenly at the edge of a dark chasm. One of our company had fallen headlong into a spruit, or stream. When we had hauled him out and got his horse on to the bank, we congratulated ourselves on this timely discovery. This was Modder spruit and gave a clew to the road. As we were moving off along the stream toward the drift or ford a cry of distress pierced the darkness. Hurrying back, we were in time to pull an army medical officer

out of the spruit. At first he thought that he had fallen into the hands of the enemy, and for a time seemed doubtful whether he ought to be grateful. From the drift the journey was comparatively easy. though only two of the party-the Englishman and myself-succeeded in reaching Ladysmith that night. Four were swallowed up in the darkness and wandered about the wilderness of stone and grass until daylight. When the sentry challenged my entry into the town, my horse had carried me 19 hours.

REMARKABLE FOSSIL FIND. Evidences of a Prehistoric Civilian-

tion Found In Kansas. Evidences of a prehistoric civilization on what is now the broad prairie land of Kansas have just been dug from 30 feet below the surface of the ground by J. W. Dice, an Allen county structed, on one side of which are the farmer, says a Fort Scott (Kan.) dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Mr. Dice has also discovered some most remarkable fossils of angates of metal, each 30 feet wide and cient animals. His first discovery was having a vertical play of 20 feet, and on the banks of the Neosho river, where that stream joins his farm, near Neosho Falls. It consisted of the skeletons of two immense buffaloes which were found standing erect between 20 and 25 feet below the surface. Their positions were natural, indicating that they had been suddenly caught by some subterranean disturbance or swallowed by a bed of quicksand. Immediately over them was growing a walnut tree measuring four feet in diameter. This tree was withtees have provided a new channel for put doubt between 300 and 400 years

Most interesting, however, of the discoveries by Mr. Dice are parts of a human image, which seems to have been have been carved from a peculiar stone costing \$790,126. The improvement of not known to this age. These pieces were found about 30 feet beneath the surface. To ascertain to what age they them will be an interesting study for to have been as artistic as modern dians until about 35 years ago and since that time it has been an unfrequented prairie.

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T. Atkins Held Up by the Girls Too. A Natal inspector of schools, under streets with a novel type of bicycle. date of Nov. 26, writes from Maritz-The front wheel will be taken off and burg as follows, says The Westminster as a substitute will be put on a skate- Gazette: "Thousands of soldiers passlike runner, says the Springfield Union. ed through here this week-fit and ea-To the rim of the rear wheel will be ger for the fray. The ladies of the city attached a strip of stout canvas, in have been meeting them at the station which will be placed many small and with little trifles, such as tobacco, sharp spikes. On this snow machine matches, cigarettes, fruit, etc. The Corporal Wells will take trips through poor fellows, soldierlike, tore the the country looking for ablebodied badges off their helmets to give their benefactors as keepsakes."

ORDINANCES IN PORTO RICO.

Rules of Right Living as Laid Down In Municipal Decrees.

General George W. Davis, military governor of Porto Rico, has promulgated an order providing for municipal tribunals in Porto Rican towns and cities to have jurisdiction of offenses arising under municipal ordinances. In some respects Porto Rico has outdistanced the United States in its municipal ordinances, says the New York Sun. People are forbidden to appear in public improperly clad.

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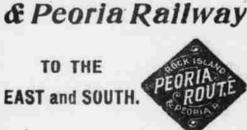
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