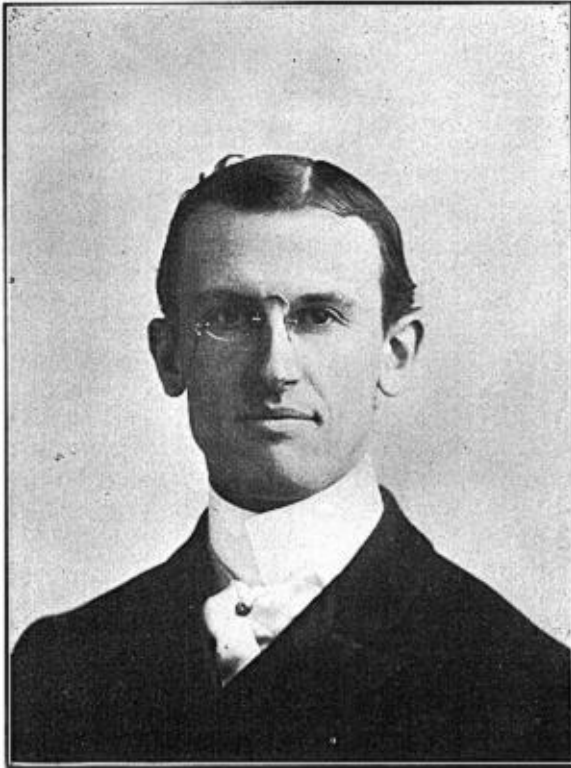


verbenas or abronias and other acres were flaming with the yellow annual encelias. Insect life fairly swarmed and birds, especially Leconte thrashers and mocking-birds, were more numerous than before or since. I found eight Leconte's nests on one trip near Palm Springs and saw many of the birds. The next three years were dry on the desert and I saw only six nests, though frequently in their territory.

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