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## The New Mining Dean.

Dr. Walter R. Crane, the Dean of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, was educated at the University of Kansas, where he received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred on him by Columbia University. After a few years' teaching in Iowa and Minnesota, he returned to the University of Kansas to organize a School of Mines and to establish an ore-dressing laboratory and a mining museum. In 1906 he was called to the Faculty of the School of Mines of Columbia University, New York, which position he has since occupied. Here he has had charge of the work in ore-dressing and has assisted in mining machinery design. He has also had charge of the Summer School work in various parts of the United States.

Dr. Crane is the author of many contributions to geological and mining literature, and has now in press a volume of six hundred pages on "Gold and Silver."

No change in the administration of the school is contemplated, but a rise in standard will be inaugurated as conditions and circumstances will permit. This will be accompanied by an improvement in instruction and equipment and in specializing the instruction as far as possible. This latter will tend to throw the work of an instructor into fewer departments, thus differentiating between the departments and the instruction given therein.

The equipment, while fairly complete in many respects, is still lacking in certain departments. This condition will be remedied as soon as possible so that efficient work

can be done in all departments of the school.

Special attention will be given to the ore-dressing laboratory in order that work along that line may be supplemented by actual field tests on minerals. The mining museum is to be given considerable prominence, and owing to the large amount of valuable material available though now widely scattered, a most excellent and valuable museum should be possible.

## Commencement Presentations.

At the June commencement exercises Mrs. Atherton and family presented to the college a life size photograph of the late President Atherton, the work being executed by Gutekunst, of Philadelphia. Dr. Gill made the presentation speech, and Judge Orvis, of Bellefonte, replied on behalf of the trustees

At the same exercises H. W. Mitchell, of the class of 1890, and a member of the board of trustees, on behalf of the students, alumni, and trustees, presented to Gen. Beaver a bronze piece of statuary representing a Puritan. The piece is a copy of the statue by St. Gaudens in Springfield, Mass.

## Graduates Back.

Many graduates of the college have been back this year. Some of those who were here at the opening of college were P. V. Stevenson and G. V. Sborigi, '03; J. G. Culbertson, A. A. Barr, W. J. P. Dumm, '06; A. K. Little and M. A. Mitchell, '07; B. Weber, W. G. Thomas, R. E. Hunter, W. B. Geise, H. H. Haverstick, B. S. Gramley, '08.

## State Football Prospects.

"We have an excellent backfield but a lamentably weak line," is the way captain "Bull" McCleary speaks of State's chances for a winning football eleven this fall. Of last year's team Kunkle at guard, and Ritchey and Martin at tackle are lost. When college opened the appearance of a goodly quota of heavy line men seemed to make easy the solution of the problem of



Captain McCleary

cementing together a strong line, but the Bellefonte game and the practice previous to and since that defeat have shown that heroic measures will have to be taken at once to strengthen the line. It is a reassuring fact that coach "Tommy" Fennell has done wonders with green material in years past, and as his strong point is the instruction of line men, everyone is looking to him