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DISTINGUISHED GUEST

His Excellency Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, Persian Minister to the United States, Will Visit the College on Pennsylvania Day.

The students of the Pennsylvania State college are to be honored on Pennsylvania Day by having His Excellency Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, Persian Minister to United States here as one of the distinguished guests of the day.

His Excellency has lived in America about 13 years, and during his stay he has devoted a part of his time to lecturing on art, poetry and philosophy. He has also devoted a number of years of his life to the translation of noted books from Persian and Arabian into the English language. For the past six years, His Excellency has been connected with the Persian Legation, first acting in the capacity of Secretary and Consul, and then about three and one half years ago returning from a trip to Persia, and from that time on acting as the Imperial Government's only Diplomatic Representative in America. His Excellency was ordered by the Persian Government to engage American financial advisors for Persia, and consequently he procured the services of Mr. W. Morgan Shuster, and his assistants, through the American government to reorganize the Persian finances. Every college man, and every student of foreign affairs is acquainted with Mr. Shuster's career in Persia.

In 1904 His Excellency married Miss Florence Breed of Boston, a cultured and highly educated lady, who has already received a very high title and two Decorations of Learning from the Persian government.

His Excellency was graduated with full honors from the Imperial University of Teheran, Persia, when 16 years old, and he later studied European and Eastern philosophy and literature at home and abroad. His standing at the Imperial University is equivalent to our degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Those who follow up the accounts of our newspapers will know that the Persian Minister is a man, who is not alone a diplomat of integrity and of keen perception, but that he is also a distinguished scholar, and that his activity along literary and philosophical lines is far reaching and very pronounced.

It is certain that every Penn State student looks forward with especial interest and anticipation to see Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, the Persian Minister.

Important Notice to Juniors.

In order to have your picture in the 1915 La Vie, all class and La Vie dues will have to be paid before November 15.

Extension Work.

During the past few years the school of Agriculture has been mailing to various persons in the state, systematic courses in various agricultural subjects. When these courses were completed satisfactorily a certificate of proficiency was awarded to the student for his work and study. This system worked out so well and afforded the man who could not come to college such splendid opportunities to receive an education and better fit himself for his work that they were broadened and are now being taken up in connection with the school of Engineering.

The essential idea back of this extension work is to give an opportunity for an education to all people of the state. Every employed man knows he needs a certain training for the job higher up. Every executive realizes that his most serious problem is the inefficiency of his employees. When a man knows the "why" as well as the "how"; he increases his efficiency considerably and in so doing obtains a corresponding increase in wage. With this aim in view the Engineering Department has taken up the work and is offering courses in shop arithmetic, advanced shop mathematics, shop sketching, mechanical (shop) drawing and plumbing.

The lesson sheets and books required, are furnished for mere cost by the department and they are carefully prepared by men of long experience in this line of work. Each course consists of twenty lessons or assignments and is sent out each week for home study. The classes are organized in various communities and a capable instructor under the direction and supervision of the department is placed in charge. The cost of each course of twenty lessons is five dollars including question sheets and the services of an instructor. Each student completing the course in a satisfactory manner will receive a certificate of proficiency signed by his instructors, the Secretary of the local Association directing the work, and by the Director of Engineering Extension, Professor J. A. Moyer.

Efficiency Conference

Last week the Pennsylvania Industrial Welfare and Efficiency Conference was held in Harrisburg. The college had an attractive booth in the exhibit held in connection with the Conference, the exhibit consisting of photographs, statistical charts, etc. illustrating the various phases of the college work. Messrs. Bowman, Brow, Calderwood, Diemer, Moyer, and Walker of the School of Engineering were in attendance at times during the conference. Professor Diemer presented a paper on "Methods of Labor Compensation".



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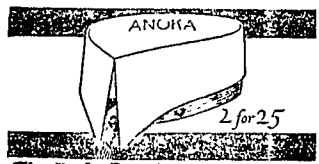
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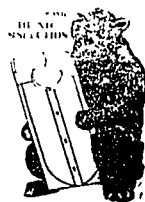
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