

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

Subject:
Filling vacancy
as teacher at \$480.

Dec. 4, 1907.

Dec/9/07 to cec and Carlisle.

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The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d instant (Education 90529/07 File 162, 93424/07 File 833) stating that you have just been informed by the Civil Service Commission that a search of its records fails to show that Mrs. Julia Powlas Wheelock has ever passed examination for teacher or assistant teacher, and that she failed in the examination for assistant teacher in 1904.

In reply I have to state that no response has been received from Mrs. Wheelock or the superintendent at Shoshoni Agency, Wyoming, in regard to her transfer here. The matter has again been taken up with the superintendent but in view of the report made by the Civil Service Commission it is doubtful whether it is best to depend upon effecting Mrs. Wheelock's transfer to the position of teacher here.

I inclose herewith a copy of a letter dated the 16th ultimo from Ella Petoskey, a graduate from this school of 1904. It will be noted from her letter that she is willing to take the required examination and it is believed that she would be able to make an eligible percentage. We hesitated somewhat to suggest her giving up her work in college to enter the service, but as it appears she

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is desirous of doing so now, I have to recommend that the necessary arrangements be made for her to take the required examination, if it can be arranged for Dr. G. J. Edgcumbe, president of Benton Harbor College to conduct the examination. It is hardly deemed best to ask Miss Petoskey to come to Carlisle to take the examination and assume the risk of failure. I should like to be advised of your action in the premises.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Benton Harbor College,

Benton Harbor, Mich.

Nov. 16, 1907.

Mr. J. R. Wise, Asst. Supt.,

Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th at hand. I thank you for the offer. I will try the examination.

I have been making a specialty of elocution, English literature, rhetoric, grammar and composition, and having completed the above subjects I have started a review of the common school studies, along with the college course, with the intention of taking this same examination in the future. Mathematics have been always hard for me, and if your examination includes algebra I am not ready to pass in that particular subject. Since algebra is not taught at Carlisle, and I have not graduated from Benton Harbor College, could you allow me to fill the position without it if I continue to study it and pass it later? I am quite ready for anything else. With the training and experience in such a splendid institution as Benton Harbor College I think I can be of help to you. If you wish, Dr. Edgcumbe is willing to conduct the examination, whenever you send the papers, and a more able man cannot be found in this state.

Respectfully,

ELLA PETOSKEY.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Education
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File 162

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

SUBJECT: Rel.
appointing Miss Ella
Petoskey as Assistant
Teacher at Carlisle
School, Pa.

December 9, 1907.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant, with reference to the appointment of Miss Ella Petoskey, a graduate from your school in 1904, as assistant teacher at \$480 per annum, is received.

The Civil Service Commission has to-day been requested to give Miss Petoskey a non-competitive examination to take place at Benton Harbor College, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee.
Acting Commissioner.

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