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# CLEARFIELD

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EDUCATIONAL.  
BY M. L. McQUOWN.  
A HINT FOR PRIMARY  
TEACHERS.

The richest fruitage of the past is the ability to move forward, and the essential condition of progress is freedom—freedom to grow and help others to grow. What superintendent is not hampered by the teacher who is looking out for a re-election can't advance. The principal with one eye on a book-publishing house can't carry his school forward. A teacher chained to examinations can't do his best. Our great battle is for freedom from freedom from interference; freedom from methods. Have your own plans, and carry them out. There are—

Teachers who work after a pattern; they are artists. 2. Teachers who follow an ideal created by their own minds; they are artists. 3. Cobblers who patch up the bad work of others.

If we are to become artists, instead of artists or cobblers? By thoughtful experience; by studying every step of our work. Ask yourself constantly, "Why did I do this?" "How can I do better?" "How and where can I improve?" Let the end be mind-development of yourself and pupils; the power to see and think. Whatever best develops the mind, that is the best practical education. At least an old sailor said: "The child to be taught is the child to be taught. Know both of these, and method will take care of itself. Methods alone are doing incalculable evil.

God determined how the child's mind shall grow. All the teacher can do is to aid that growth. But you must have freedom to do this. Well, suppose your school-committee stands in your path. Take your life in your own hands. Say, "Turn me out if you will, but I stand for children's rights." We are a servile set, thinking too much of our bread and butter.

A superintendent who don't allow his teachers freedom is a nuisance, and a nuisance is a nuisance. I say to you teachers, don't follow me, go your own way to work. Do a little well, but one thing I do demand, you shall be free. Move on, like your job. Don't be a slave. Don't do things you have done before. If the child stood up before, have him sit down now. Whatever you do, do something different. Have no patrons. Uniformity is death—uniformity in life. If we all study the principles that underlie education and the child nature, we won't quarrel so much.

A story illustrates what is needed in our schools. A young boy hired a horse to take him to school. He got out of town the horse balked. He thrashed and ceased and slashed to no avail. A crowd gathered, and one after another tried his plan of starting the horse. At last an old sailor said, "I can make that horse go." "Do it," said the driver. He gathered up a big handful of half-melted soap and clapped it into the horse's nose, and lo! he went, and away he went. "That, I told you was a sure sensation."

Give your scholars a new sensation, and they'll go.—Col. F. W. Parker.

During the examination to get we traveled 485 miles.

Mr. R. F. Porter, of Lawrence township, is attending the Millersville State Normal School.

Winfield S. Luther has been engaged to teach the Shawville school, in Gibson township.

Mr. Johnson Holden, Secretary of the Pike Township School Board, has gone to Colorado to recruit his health.

Miss Clara Barrett, formerly of the Haney school, this county, has been engaged to teach near Millersville, Ferry county.

Edgar L. McCloskey, one of Karlsruhe township's leading teachers, has gone to Williamsport to take a business course in a Commercial school in that city.

We have in preparation a form of report upon which to receive an account of each school at the close of each month. The report will consist of a postal card, and will cost teachers less than the postage on one letter each month.

The School Board of Hogg township has let the contract for building a new school house in the Turner settlement. Mr. Isaac Beish is the contractor, who is to complete it in time for the Winter term of school, and for which he will receive \$500.

Joseph L. Dale, President of the Pike township School Board, informs us that that body recently purchased a school house at the site of the old one of the township; the scholars of Bloomington, Oakland and Chestnut Ridge will be the recipients of the comfort afforded by this commendable act of the School Board. Pike's rapidly coming to the front in educational enterprises.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE BROOKVILLE FAIR.—It was our pleasure to be present at the Brookville Agricultural Fair on "Children's Day," and to witness the most pleasing educational demonstration in the history of our recollection. The procession formed in the principal street, headed by the Orphan Band of Clearfield, and the S. J. Martin Hook and Ladder Company of Brookville. More than 4,000 school children were in line, from the Primer scholar to the student in Algebra, representing a school of the county in every reference county. At the head of the great procession, and all along the great procession, could be seen banners bearing the most appropriate mottoes and the name of the school and district represented. For more than an hour the imposing procession continued through the town and then repaired to the Fair grounds, where the children were admitted to the exhibition free of charge.

Among the exhibits was an Educational Department, after the plan of our Institute Fair of 1879. The managers of the County Fair, the County Superintendent, teachers and parents, are deserving of great credit for giving such an impetus to the educational work of their county; and by encouraging the children in the manner and form above described.

The following is a partial list of the appointments of teachers made in the several districts to not already reported: BECCAMA TOWNSHIP.

Utahville school, A. W. A. Ale; Haverly's X Roads, May C. Adm; Haverly, Sue Patchin; Williams, Mira Falkenberg; Newling, Wm. S. Skoff; Fulkerson, Mary Long; Glen Hope, R. C. Haley; Porter Run, Tressa Nell; Coal Port, Agnes Dale; New School, W. J. McCoy; Matthews, Amelia Huffmann. Salaries, \$30 and \$35 per month.

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.  
Bigger school, A. M. Bazzard; Shiloh, J. R. Boush; Hogg, J. M. Boush; Maites, Pleasant Hill; Lizzie Graham; Jackson, S. J. Miller; Upper Woodland, Alice Heisey; Lower Woodland, T. M. Mitchell; Bradford Independent, to be supplied. Salaries, \$30 and \$35 per month.

ROGOS TOWNSHIP.  
Stoneville, Jennie Henderson; Bethel, Sophia Whitehead; Blue Bell, Elmer Shroy; Laurel Run, Frank Klear; Eagle Eye, Margery Welch; Centre, J. L. McLaren; New school, to be supplied. Salaries, \$30 per month.

Reason is progressive, instinct stationary. Five thousand years have added no improvement to the hive of the bee, nor to the house of the beaver.

One of the best tests in conversation is never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably well have been left unsaid.

A MATTER OF OPINION.—Because it was considered a loan, Garfield thinks it should be left alone.

## Col. Robert P. Dechert,

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR AUDITOR GENERAL.

Col. Robert Porter Dechert, who is the nominee of the Democratic party for the office of Auditor-General of Pennsylvania, is a resident of Philadelphia and a member of the bar in that city. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he was only eighteen years of age, but yielding to his patriotic impulses, he enlisted as a private soldier in the Twenty-ninth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. Before the Regiment took the field, Col. John K. Murphy, commanding appointed young Dechert to the position of Sergeant-Major on his staff. This position he filled with great credit until February, 1862, when he was promoted to be First Lieutenant of Co. C of the same Regiment. His promotion was made over all the Second Lieutenants of the Regiment by the selection of the Colonel, and was considered to be merited by his ability and attention to duty. In this rank he served with his Regiment in the campaign of Major Gen. Banks in the Valley of the Shenandoah in Virginia, and in the memorable retreat of that General. He also served with his Company in the Army of Virginia under Major General Pope, including the battles of Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run and Chantilly, and subsequently at Antietam and Chancellorsville. Immediately after the battle of Antietam, he was selected by Brigadier General George E. Andrews, now professor at West Point, to serve as his Aide-Camp and Assistant Adjutant General, and on that office being transferred to the Department of the South, Lieutenant Dechert performed the same duty on the staff of Brevet Major General Thomas H. Rorer, now a Colonel in the regular army, and prominently named for the position of Chief of the Signal Corps to succeed the late Brigadier General Myers—better known as "Old Probabilities." At the great Pennsylvania Battle of Gettysburg, Lieutenant Dechert served as Assistant Adjutant General of the First Division of the old Twelfth Corps at Culps Hill, and was honorably mentioned for gallant service in the official report of that important engagement.

Immediately after that battle the Western troops of the Army of the Potomac were sent to the City of New York under the command of General Rorer to enforce the draft that had been temporarily suspended by reason of the removal of the troops from that city for the defense of Pennsylvania in the Gettysburg campaign.

The draft being successfully accomplished, these troops were returned to the Army of the Potomac on the Rapidan, in Virginia, and a few days afterwards, in consequence of our repulse at Chickamauga, the 11th and 12th Corps were transferred to the Western Army. No time was lost in their transportation, and disembarking from the cars at Nashville, Tenn., they were marching to Chattanooga. In December of the year 1863, the Twenty-ninth Regiment was the first in the Army to accept the offer of the Government to re-enlist for another three years, and Lieutenant Dechert continued to remain in his regiment for that purpose, and he was immediately promoted to the Captaincy of his company. The return of this regiment to their homes, on availing themselves of the veteran furlough of thirty days, has not been forgotten by the survivors or their friends. They were publicly received by the official authorities of the City of Philadelphia at Old Independence Hall and at the Cooper Refreshment Saloon, and after recuperation and additional enlistments, the regiment was sent to the Hospital building at Chester, Penn., and then removed to the scene of its former labors at Chattanooga, Tenn.

For several months Captain Dechert was stationed at Philadelphia for the purpose of enlisting additional recruits, but he rejoined his regiment in the Atlanta campaign, having been relieved from recruiting duty at Philadelphia at his own request.

After the capture of Atlanta, he was again selected by his commanding General for important service. Major General R. W. Slocum appointed him the Assistant Adjutant General of the Twentieth Army Corps—that Corps being the result of the consolidation of the 11th and 12th Army Corps which had been shortly before commanded by Major General Joe Hooker.

When Major General A. S. Williams was advanced to the command of this Corps, by reason of the promotion of General Sherman, he retained Captain Dechert in the same position, on the Corps staff.

During the Sherman march of Major General W. T. Sherman to the sea, he held his position, and at Savannah, Georgia, General Slocum again recognized the efficient service of Captain Dechert by appointing him Assistant Adjutant General of the Army of Georgia on his staff, which position he retained until after the surrender of General Joe Johnston at Raleigh, and after the Grand Review of Sherman's Army at Washington in May, 1865. He was meanwhile promoted to be Major of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, and at the close of the war he was brevetted by the President of the United States on the recommendation of General Sherman and Sherman to Lieutenant Colonel "for gallant and meritorious services during the war."

In July, 1865, he being less than twenty-three years of age, he returned to his home with his comrades, after an active service in the field of over four years. He immediately entered upon the study of the law in the office of his brother Henry M.

## APPORTIONMENT OF 1880.

The matter of prime interest in relation to the tenth census of the United States, which is now being made, is the probable apportionment thereunder for members of the House of Representatives. This work will devolve upon the Congress to be elected in the next November, and was completed on the eighth of the month of March 4th, 1880, and under the ninth census, February 24, 1872. The act of apportionment involves the determination of the number of members of the House of Representatives, and the ascertainment of the quota of population for each member. The various apportionments heretofore have been as follows:

| Year | Population | Members |
|------|------------|---------|
| 1792 | 3,929,214  | 33      |
| 1800 | 3,929,214  | 33      |
| 1810 | 5,308,483  | 49      |
| 1820 | 9,637,812  | 92      |
| 1830 | 12,866,013 | 135     |
| 1840 | 17,063,353 | 191     |
| 1850 | 23,191,875 | 266     |
| 1860 | 31,341,000 | 360     |
| 1870 | 38,558,371 | 435     |
| 1880 | 50,189,348 | 591     |

The population of the United States in 1870 was 38,558,371, and the act of February 24, 1872, fixed the number of members of the House at 292, and the quota of 131,425 was obtained, and by making 292 the divisor of the whole population, the result was 450.064, which was the number of members of the House to be elected in 1872.

When Mr. Hagert was elected to the same office in 1877, Col. Dechert declined a re-appointment, preferring to resume the general practice of his profession to which he has devoted his attention until called, without his own solicitation, to accept the nomination for Auditor General. During this service as a prosecuting officer, he was independent and fearless, and conducted many important trials in which he displayed abilities that showed his eminent fitness for the requirements of the post.

While Col. Dechert held the position of Assistant District Attorney, a vacancy occurred in the First Senatorial District, to which he had previously removed, by which the Senate of Pennsylvania was left politically a tie. Both parties looked out them for their strongest candidates, and Col. Dechert was, without any solicitation on his part, unanimously made the candidate of his party, and after an active campaign, at a special election, on December 20th, 1876, he was elected Senator by a majority of upwards of 1300, although the Republican candidate for Sheriff at the election in October preceding had, in the same district, received a majority of upwards of 1000. Col. Dechert's record during the two years in the Senate was creditable and unimpaired.

He was the author of several important measures, of which the "Criminal Evidence" law is one, by which persons charged with certain minor criminal offenses are permitted to testify on their own behalf.

Col. Dechert is an active member of a number of societies, among which are the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Mennerher Society of the County, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Hamilton Lodge, No. 275, A. Y. M., of West Philadelphia and Post No. 2 Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1878 Col. Dechert accepted the command of the old Veteran Second Regiment, better known to our readers as the "National Guards," formerly commanded by General Peter Lyle. This regiment has been brought under efficient management to a high state of discipline, and in the recent engagement at Fairmount Park it received the highest encomiums from soldiers and citizens.

The office for which he is a candidate is a most responsible one, and he would not, because it is often thought the Auditing office of the Commonwealth can best perform its duties when he differs in politics from those whose accounts are to be audited.

## THE TRAMP STILL LINGERS.

The worst result of the crash which prostrated all our leading industries in 1873, and inaugurated an era of unexampled depression which continued for five years, was the widespread ruin of character which resulted from enforced idleness and want.

It was long enough to see credit swept away, to see fortunes disappear as snowflakes in the sea, to see thousands reduced from affluence to poverty, and our poorhouses and lunatic asylums filled with victims of hard times. But worse than this was the filling of the land with tramps, roving vagabonds, sinking lower and lower in the moral scale until they became hardened criminals, and they were capable of deliberately choosing a life of crime rather than one of honest industry.

It was supposed that the tramp would disappear when the wheels of business began to revolve again, but they were wanted force; that when work became plenty, the vagrants would go into the shops and factories and all their old pretense, and that society would be relieved of its normal condition. But this was an illogical conclusion. A life that has been wrecked and trampled out of shape cannot be restored like a piece of metal. Thousands of men who were honest industrious and prosperous seven years ago, are now deplorable moral wrecks and will never voluntarily do a day's work during the balance of their lives.

It is true the tramp is not so numerous as he was two years ago, but he is still too many of his tribe, and many of the most revolting crimes are his work. We can deplore the terrible misfortunes which made these men what they are, the pinch of poverty that compelled them to take to the road, but society will not be too sentimental to protect itself. Many of the States have already enacted tramp laws. Some have set up the whipping post. All will be compelled to employ strong instruments to suppress this very dangerous nuisance.

An exchange says: It may be well to repeat a hint often made on the manner of using sugar in cooking fruit. If you put in but three minutes, the sugar will melt, and the fruit will be converted into a glucose, which is the form of sugar found in sweet apples. One pound of sugar has as much sweetening power as two and one-half pounds of glucose. In other words, one pound of sugar stirred into the fruit after it is cooked and while yet warm, will make the fruit as sweet as two and one-half pounds added while the fruit is boiling. Save your sugar by a little chemical knowledge from the extension of railway

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