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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

The above text may be found among the wise sayings of the ancients. I have selected it as a basis for a few remarks, which may be wise or other-The idea intended to be conveyed by it is to carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages of any change we may feel disposed to make in the business, actions or situation of our life. If the advice were always heeded, it would save many a future

This advice is frequently given to young men and maidens, when about to make the matrimonial leap. But they seldom heed the advice. There is something so fascinating about their chosen one that they are unwilling to believe that they are much, if any, short of being an angel. The most of them adhere to that idea through life. Some, however, conclude that their chosen one is not very angelic, or that the angel was a native of different locality from what they had supposed in their wooing days. This is not the subject I had in mind when I commenced, but thought it might serve as

text "Look before you leap."

I was talking with a Republican friend a short time ago, who I believe to be as honest and conscientious as politicians usually are; but he had and extravagance of Democratic officials as represented by certain wouldbe reformers, and came to the conclusion that the people would not stand that kind of thing much longer. He therefore ventured the prediction, that if there was not a change soon, this county would go Republican. The wish I presume was father to the thought. I do not apprehend that there is any real danger of such thing taking place. His prediction can only be fulfilled by a goodly number the Democratic party facing about and voting with their opponents. If there are any who are meditating such a move, my advice would be "look before you leap." See whether there is any probability that you will gain anything by the change. Have the Republicans shown any more disposition to economize than the Democrats? It was a Republican legislature that passed the law, making a needless increase in the salaries of our county and municipal officers. It was the Republicans who, at the last session of our legislature, created six needless Judgeships with large salaries attached, knowing that five would fall to the lot of certain needy Republicans out of a job. It was a Republican Congress that passed the law increasing their own salaries and that of the President, and that law was approved by a Republican President. It is needless to say that they acted in open disregard, if not in actual violation of their official oath.

It was the same G. O. P. that wanted to pass a force bill that would enable them to keep themselves in office throughout all time, unless perchance they became, so corrupt and tyra "ical that they would be removed by bullets if ballots proved ineffectual.

Those who can remember twenty years back are aware that they have the will when they have the power to manufacture election returns to suit themselves. If anyone doubts the foregoing statement, let them look up the records. If they look carefully they may find a number of things that I have not mentioned. But I advise, "look before you leap."

When my Republican friends talk about the desirability of turning down the Democrats and putting their party in power, I feel very much like saying to them, "Much obliged to you, good folks, but I cannot see that we would gain anything by the change."

A REMINISCENCE.

Thirty-six years ago we were as now entering upon a Presidential cam-It being about the close of James Buchanan's administration. Our Republican friends took particular pains to propagate the idea that the Democrats had been very extravagant in their use of the people's money. "Why," said they, "it costs over sixty millions per year to defray the expenses of the federal govern-This seemed to me a pretty round sum. I had not at that time got to counting my money by the

million, hence the seeming magnitude of the amount. Well, we changed hands at that time, and behold the result. Instead of sixty millions, it cost eight times sixty millions, or, in other words, it cost at that time about two dollars per capita of the popula tion, and now about eight dollars per

fingers in the public till. A VOTER.

The New York Sun quotes from McKinley's record as follows:

The reason of McKinley's silence is not far to seek. He dare not face

the following tacts: the rules and pass a free silver bill

Second-In 1878 he voted for the Bland Silver Dollar bill and supported it, and did much to accomplish its refused to accept. passage against the veto of President

Third-In 1888, when Chairman of the Platform Committee of the Republican National Convention, he reported resolutions denouncing "the four months, and then because so tion in its efforts to demonetize

Fourth-In 1890, when leader of she refused to accept. the House, he advocated the passage of the Sherman Silver purchase law and declared: "I want the double standard."

Thought he was Crazy.

ernment recently sent an Inspector report, and he didn't know whether to Frazer, Pa., to see Samuel Fetters | the deductions were recorded or not. who had refused his pension. Fetters, during the war, contracted a dilease School Board was sworn. He said whic's his physicians pronounced the teacher was employed to teach for c'ironic, and he applied for and a nine month term at a salary of \$65 received a good sized pensior. This per month. On cross examination he drew regularly until a short time by Mr. Marr he was asked it Miss ago, when his health began to iman illustration of the wisdom of the prove, and finally he was completely of \$25 each month. Mr. Burk advistext "Look before you leap." restored to his former vigor. Then he ed the witness not to answer the wrote to the Department to cease question, saying that it was not pertisending the pension. This was not nent to the case. Mr. Marr insisted done, and when the next pension day on an answer to the question, and apcame he promptly sent the money pealed to the Justice. The Justice been reading up about the corruption back to Washington. Thinking Fetters ruled in the negative, saying that the was insane, the Department sent an witness could not be compelled to Inspector to investigate the case, and incriminate himself, whereupon Mr. the result is that his name has been Marr grew angry and left the office. taken off the rolls. This is the second Mr. Burke asked for judgment and case of the kind in the history of the the amount was granted. Pension Department where a soldie. did not believe it was right to accept money unlawfully.

PERILOUS NEWS GATHERING.

The situation in Cuba has reached such an acute stage that events of of those who have formerly voted with great interest are of everyday occurrence. Captain General Weyler is apparently straining every nerve to suppress the truth and is driving the representatives of American news papers out of the island as fast as possisince last September. The aggregate the Jackson party, which is engaged in the ble. This being true, it is interesting to everybody to know that the news gathering organization of The Philadelphia Press is such that, despite all the efforts of General Weyler. The Press will print daily, full and accurate dispatches giving all the news of the situation. The Press never spares expense in fulfilling its contract to print all the news all the time.

GENERAL NEWS.

Ex United States Scuator William A. Wallace died last Friday in New York City.

An annual pass is the prize offered by the Pennsylvania railroad to the farmer on its route who is most successful in beautifying his grounds adjoining the line.

Word has been received from the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at Pittsburg that a commission has been granted for the establish-ment of an Orphan's Home at or near Sun-

crisp. Domestic troubles are said to be the cause of the deed.

Cyclones are doing deadly work in the Vest. Ten persons were killed and many mjured by one near Guthrie, Oklahama last Friday. Eight cyclones have occurred with-in a radius of fifty miles, and within a period of five days.

Hon, W. C. Whitney says he is not a presidential candidate. Not that I am afraid of defeat, but business considerations compet me at this time to keep out of politics.

The Watsontown boot and shoe company have just received a large contract for shoes for the United States navy. Work on the same will be commenced at once, and it will give work to the regular force and a large number of outsiders, or extra she nakers. This work, as heretofore, must be first class and subject to a rigid examination.

The Ohio legislature has follow 1 up the theatrical high hat law with another adopting the electrical chair in excutions, and a third making it a misdemennor to offer to

treat a man in a saloon, A cave in occurred on the ground which Barnum's circus was showing at Hazle-ton which together with the inclemency of the weather resulted in only a short per-

formance being given. The village of Rappahanock in Schuylkill County will soon exist only in the memory of the former inhabitants. The ground upon which the town is located is sinking and many of the families are moving away. The Shenandoah branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road is also endangered.

A TEACHER SUIS.

Miss McLean Secures Judgment for \$280.

A CONVNGHAM TOWNSHIP CASE!

Miss Bridget McLean was the prosecutrix in a case against the Conyngham School District before Squire We may learn from this that those Laughlin last week. She brought who are most ready to censure others suit to recover \$260, the amount due for extravagance, are not always eco- her which was deducted from her nomical when they get their own salary each month while she was teacher of the Dark Corner School, M. M. Burke, of Shenandoah, was attorney for Miss McLean, and W. A. Marr, of Ashland, represented the defendants.

The Justice's office was well filled with spectators. The teacher was First-McKinley voted to suspend the first witness. She said her salary was fixed at \$65 per month; this amount was paid her for four months, when without notice, her salary was reduced to \$40, which amount she

T. W. Raudenbush, secretary of the board, was sworn. He produced books to show that no salary was attached to the position of that teacher. He said that \$65 was paid her for policy of the Democratic Administra- many people were complaining her salary was reduced and the orders thereafter made out for \$40 which

Michael Tighe, director, sworn. Said that the teacher was elected at \$63 per month for nine months; the board never authorized her salary to be reduced, and that it was done by the secretary alone; that the same reductions were made with the It is such a rare thing for a pension- teacher in that position last year but er to refuse his pension that the Gov- he was not allowed to see the auditors

J. J. O'Connor, president of the McLean was not giving him a "divvy

BOYS WHO SET FIFTY FIRES. Arrest of Two Pyroman'acs Who Have Caused a Loss of \$2,000,000.

The Boston police on Thursday night arrested William H. Daley, aged 20, and William T. Reed, aged confessed to setting more than fifty loss on these fires was more than a million dollars.

Daley has also confessed to setting fire to the Holton Bugbee lumber yards in Cambridge two years ago weich caused a loss of \$1,000,000. The latest of this remarkable series of incendiary fires which have baffled the police of Cambridge, Boston, and the state force for months occured on last Tuesday night, when the Charles D. Place box factory was burned, causing a loss of \$75,000.

The boys were seen that night by a little girl who gave so accurate a description of them that their arrest was made easy. Their method in every case was to throw a small piece of lighted candle into a building and escape on bicycles. Both boys belong to respectable families.

The interior of the City Hotel has Joseph Kohuke, a farmer residing in Dornance township, Luzerne County, set fire to, and completely destroyed his handsome home, two barns, and shot himself. His body was found in the ruins burned to a dows and a partition has been erected which separates the office from the barroom. This is a decided im-

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Lippincott's Magazine for June, 1896

The complete novel in the June issue of Lippincott's is "From Clue to Climax," by Will N. Harben. It is a tale of murder and hypnotism, in and a physician of the new school join forces to clear the innocent and run

the guilty to earth. "A Fellow-Feeling" is by Edith Bower, perhaps the only author who can write readable stories about the

H. C. Stickney, in "Timely," tells some "ways that are dark" among the Chinese of San Francisco. "The End of a Career," as briefly described by Harry Irving Horton, was that of Groceries a male flirt

I. J. Wistar supplies an instructive article on "Criminal Jurisprudence." Owen Hall discusses the prospects the market. A little higher in price price is 15c. Percales that sell at and conditions of "Naval Warfare in but fully worth it. 1896," giving the facts and figures as to the world's various navies, and concluding that Great Britain is likely to here

Concerning the "Feigning of Death by Animals," Dr. James Weir, as a result of special microscopic studies, presents facts that are largely new. Dr. Charles C. Abbott offers some observations on "The Changeful

Edith Dickson writes on the "Youthful Reading of Literary Men," William Trowbridge Larned makes some remarks "After Seeing a Poor Play." "Woman in Business" is discussed by Mary E. J. Kelley.

A second article on General and Mrs. Washington, by Anne Hollingsworth Wharton, deals with their official life. Like its predecessorr, it is abundantly illustrated.

The poetry of the number is by Carlotta Perry, Grace F. Pennypacker and Charles G. D. Roberts.

Arctic Exploration.

The report that Doctor Nansen had disomeward journey has been refuted by intel ligence from Ust Yansk, the point from which 18, both of Cambridge, charged with being incendiaries. The boys have confessed to setting more than 180 being incendiaries. The boys have intelligence is from a Russian official, who was sent by the governor of Yakutsk to make the Jackson party, which is engaged in the exploration of Franz. Josef Land, is to leave again for the Arctic seas next month, and vill carry letters for Doctor Nansen, on the chance of falling in with him north of Franz-Josef Land. Herr Andree, the Swede, who expects to have his balloon and balloon-h ready by the last of this month. He will start from Spitzbergen

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Betate of William Beck, Sr., late of Centre Twee-ship.
The underelying auditor appointed by the Orphans Court of Columbia County, to report distribution of the balance in the hands of William Beck Jr., administrator of said estate, will sit at his office in Econobury, on Saturday, June 13, 1896, at 10 ordeed, in the foremon, when and where oft persons having claims agains, said estate wast appear and prove the same or be debarred from counting in on said fund. estate with appear and on said fund.
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Just received a case of women's shaped Jersey ribbed vests, unbleach ed, low neck and no sleeves, made of tine moca yarn. We tempt you with these at 12 c.

A Silk Special Two dozen styles of rich wash silks for waists, all pretty designs, width 20 inches. Ought to be 35 and 40c. For this occasion 28 and 35c.

Black Goods Special A lot of plain mohairs, very popular just now for separate skirts. Raven's wing, black and rich lustre, width 38

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Seven shades, all this season's importation, pure wool, warp and filling, width 48 in. Worth in a regular way 75c.; a choice of this lot at

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35 styles of dainty dimities full 30 inches wide, perfectly fast colors, exclusive styles; got a 25c. value, the wholesale at 51c. go for 5c. and the

Shirt Waist Special.

About 50 of them. All the newest and best designs, made of the best materials, laundried collars and cuffs. Compare them with any waist at 65c. This lot may go at

Umbrella Special

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large, extra heavy and, hemmed. You've paid \$1.25 for no better. These are yours for A Kid Glove Special

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standard shades, 7 hook length, per-fect fit, perfect kid. The only wrong thing about them is the price. They are the \$1.00 kind for

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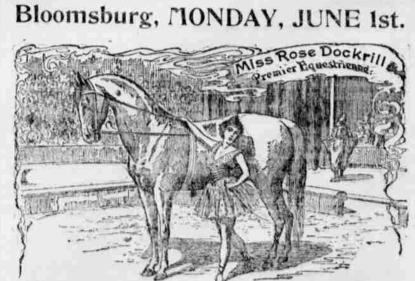
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