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BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Philippians 4:6, 7.

former demands his pay and then promises a service, guaranteed only by his word.

Reformers have never been overly popular, because theory is ever hypothetical and there has never been found a method of separating the sincere from the imposter. Centuries ago business was on a similar basis with honest and dishonest merchants in the same bazaar. Then the public watched the reformer with one eye while he kept the other on the merchant.

It is lamentable that reforming has not kept pace with business. Today business is firmly established on a foundation of public service and one price. Reformers are still guaranteeing no service and claiming many prices.

## Public Expenditures

The example set by the federal government in the adoption of the budget system for public expenditures is being followed by quite a number of states. Adoption of this system is not only resulting in more economic expenditure of public moneys but also in decidedly wiser appropriations. Expenditures are being made more with the desire on the part of those who make them that people shall obtain full value for their money.

In national expenditures the budget system has entirely done away with "pork barrels." In doing away with these it has, of course, deprived partisan politics of a great deal of grease that party machinery from time to time needs, compelling political leaders to look elsewhere for it. In state expenditures the budget system is more seriously crippling party machinery because state leaders are unable to collect considerable donations and have to avoid laws which prevent their levying assessments on office holders. The ultimate result of the budget system will probably compel many changes in the political game.

Of course, until the budget system becomes firmly established, through appeal to the majority of the people in nation as well as in the several states, it will constantly be made the subject of attack. This is to be expected, and, if forewarned is to be forearmed, the people themselves should make it plain that the system is to remain so long as it justified by economies and value.

Every winter the tailors meet somewhere and announce that next spring and summer the men are going to be garbed very dizzily. But time passes, and eventually father and the boys step out in that same old drab regalia. It must be they lack nerve.

Life nowadays seems to be just a matter of hunting up a lot of new rights to fight for and battling with someone who wants to take away the old.

**OFFICE CAT**  
TRADE MARK REG.  
By Junius

**TOO OLD TO KISS**  
The caller, who was neither youthful nor of prepossessing appearance, anxious to gain the confidence of the son of the house remarked pleasantly, "Why, Bobby, how grown up you are! But still, you are not old enough to kiss are you?"  
"No," said Bobby, with conviction, "but you are."

"If you're up against it financially, why not sell your car?"  
"Impossible, I need it to elude my creditors."  
A full newspaper is one in which you don't recognize the names of the casualties.

Client—Can I sue my wife for breach of promise?  
Lawyer—Sue your wife for breach of promise?  
Client—Yes, she promised to divorce me, but she has backed out.

Many people who forget to vote have ancestors who went barefoot in the snow while fighting to secure their descendants the right of suffrage.

Customer—How much are those cigars?  
Clerk—They are two for a quarter.  
Customer—How much is this one?  
Clerk—Fifteen cents.  
Customer—I'll take the other one.

"Ah, good mornin'," Mrs. Hennessy. "An' 'ow is everything?"  
"Sure, an' I'm having one grand time twistin' me husband and the furnace. If I keep me eye on one, the other is sure to go out."

"Have you ever heard the story of the eyes?"  
"No, what is it?"  
"Oh, you have two!"

Woman's waistline is to be lowered, says fashion note. In the words of the philosopher—Lower the line, let the hips fall where they may.

**HAROLD LLOYD**  
—In—  
**"HOT WATER"**  
Starts Monday,  
**ARCADE**

**1925**  
We are looking forward to the New Year as a Period of Progress and Stability.  
May it bring to you  
**HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY**  
**La Grande National Bank**  
Sound, Reliable, Progressive

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**Perkins Motor Co.**

**SPEED**  
On this one fact, I'll lay my bet. The slowest man can run in debt. And yet, please note, that debt most thrives, that debt On those who lead the fastest lives.  
Tell a man there are 267,542,291 stars and he will believe you. But if a sign says "Fresh Paint," he will make a personal investigation.

**LUMBER CUT IS HEAVY.**  
HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Records of lumber companies operating in this county show a total cut of approximately 52,750,000 feet of 600,000 feet the coming year.

number for 1924. The heaviest cut was made by the Oregon Lumber company at its plant at Jew, where 25,000,000 was turned out. At Cascade Locks the Wind River Lumber company, which drew its logs from Skamania county, Washington, cut 20,000,000 feet. The Mount Hood Milling company, operating three smaller mills, had a record run this year, cutting 8,000,000 feet. The Standard Lumber company of Oak Grove, operated by Horn Brothers, cut about 750,000 feet.

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**Reformers and Business**  
"I have a deal more faith in the average businessman than I have in the average reformer," Elbert Hubbard once wrote.  
Hubbard may have been the first person who put the thought into print, but it cannot be gainsaid that "them has long been the sentiments" of the average person.  
It is no secret why right-thinking men and women have more faith in the business man than in the reformer. It is simply an eternal admiration for the creator. The man in business is creating something. He is in the service of the people, filling a positive demand. But what is the reformer? At best he is only a theorist. While the business man is filling the public's order the reformer makes orders for the public to fill. The businessman renders his service before demanding his pay, while the re-

**Men's**  
Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats  
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