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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Gives the Credit to Subordinates.

It is said that the epitaph to be inscribed on Andrew Carnegie's tombstone is one written by the ironmaster himself. It reads:

Here lies a man who knew how to enlist in his service better men than himself.

It is such a bit of originality as might have been expected from the quaintly humorous Scotchman—an odd combination of modesty and egotism. And there is in it a good sermon on business and administration, or any kind of administration, for that matter.

To be able to pick out "better men than himself" and enlist them loyally in his service—is not that the supreme gift of executive genius?

No man engaged in a big undertaking can do everything himself. If he "tries to be it," he is foredoomed to breakdown and failure. He must necessarily rely for the most part on others. The more successful he is, the more of his work he has done by other men. He picks out the right men and lets them "go to it."

"Mr. Carnegie's young men" have become proverbial. Charles Schwab was one of them. A dozen or more have done good in a big way, because they had the stuff in them and because Carnegie saw it and gave them a chance to use it.

Such an executive can afford to submerge himself in his organization. "By their fruits ye shall know them," in business as in any other form of human activity. The results speak for themselves.

When you find a great business functioning perfectly and succeeding notably, you may be perfectly sure that somewhere back of the visible human machinery is some man and sensible and wise enough to "enlist in his service better men than himself"—not all-round better men, perhaps, but better men for the particular work required of them.

Revival of the Town Meeting Plan.

The "town meeting" is to be revived in Lawrence, Kansas, as a part of city commission government. The mayor will issue a proclamation setting aside one evening each month for the meeting. All citizens will be expected to attend, and to come with an intelligent, public-spirited interest in the affairs of the city.

The plan is intended to do away with the evil of public indifference to civic affairs, said to be especially fostered by the commission government system.

The town meeting is not new. It still exists in some parts of New England. Our forefathers knew it well in the early days of this country's settlement. As the population of a town grows, the town meeting becomes awkward and unwieldy. That is one reason why it has been generally abandoned.

Every citizen ought to be sufficiently interested in the affairs of his community to follow with thoughtful interest the work of city officials, to attend council meetings occasionally, and to know what his city needs most to insure its health, safety and good government. He should have opinions and express them at the proper times and places. If the citizens of any community lack such interest, no number of town meetings will do any good and no form of government will continue to be truly successful.

The people who back the governmental reforms whether of the small town, the city, the county, state or nation would do well to remember this fact and to accompany their reforms with intelligent, wide-awake educational campaigns.

Many Reasons Assigned For High Prices.

Here are the causes of the high cost of living, as revealed by recent

speeches in the house and senate at Washington: 1. Greedy, high taxes levied on the people. 2. Greedy, high taxes levied on the people. 3. Greedy, high taxes levied on the people.

Big armament, prohibitive government, extravagance, automobiles, short working days, movies, milk bottles, wholesalers, retailers, commission men, trusts;

Farmers, railway packages, delivery wagons and telephones, domestic servants;

Housewives, mud roads, delay in ratifying the peace treaty.

Take your choice. Nearly every thing is there, though a few details might be added. And having learned the list—what are you going to do about it?

ELKS RAISING FUND.

Sum of \$5000 to be presented to the Widow of Jimmy Bannon.

The Elks in convention at Klamath Falls have made plans to raise a sum of \$5000 to be presented to the widow of the late Jimmy Bannon. Mr. Bannon was a traveling salesman for a candy company and was well known in La Grande. He died last fall from influenza and is survived by his widow and five children.

A check of \$500 presented by Bend Lodge No. 1871, the baby lodge of the

state, started what is known as the Jimmy Bannon fund, and changes on a mounted elk, both are bringing in hundreds of dollars each hour to the fund.

PEACHES FOR CANNING.

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Family Pride.
Family pride, as it exists in society, seems to involve an absurdity. How much is the honor of being descended from a great man increases exactly as the degree of congeniality to him diminishes; for his immediate descendants are as mere upstarts compared to such of his remote posterity as can trace their origin to their great progenitor, back through a period of many years.—John Malcolm.

Present and Prospective.
June is the circus month—also the month of some one-act affairs that lend to circuses interest.—Boston Transcript.

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Sense in Superstition.
There is often a common-sense reason underlying what at first sight seems merely a superstition. Take, for instance, the old belief among colliers that a mine which frequently by accident is a lucky mine. We know now that mines are peculiarly susceptible to foul gases, and the presence of unusually large numbers of these little animals, therefore, is proof positive of the absence of any danger. Hence the alleged "luck."

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