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Americans who recall the success of the Wash-
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president in the request that he be allowed to deal
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eign aftairs. Mr. Harding has shown his sincerity also has disclosed his sympathy with the preand he
ment of the nations of Europe. Declining to es stood are cause of one against another, he has of propaganda as well as personal
solicitation to become entangled, and by so doing hass given proof of his willingness to help
show an inclination to help themselves. tion so far with hach distility as as a displomatist that
must mark him among American presidents. We may ascribe this success chieffy to his desire to be
fair and square with all hands, and to do nothing
that will have a tendency to favor one or another of the contending groups abroad. This seems to be
the true American policy, resting as it does on the square deal and the open door.
Senator Borah and sonie of his associates evince a desier to force the hand of the president in
foreign policy. The request of the president for
free hand is deserving of popular support. It cat be understood that the Borah amendment might
create an unfortunate impression both at home and create an unfortunate impression both at home and
arood. The president, it is understod, has certain
negotiations ander way, and would appreciate being negoiations ander way, and would appreciate being
allowed to carry these to an outcome without inter-
ference from the senate. It might be well, relying ference from the senate. It might be well, relying
on his record, to give Mr. Harding a little more time. A BUSINESS MANAGER FOR A STATE.
Pennsylvania now has no polititeal boss. Which
may explain why the proposal to reorganize the
state government on a business basis is now brought
to the fore. Under this measure 107 existing executo the fore. Under this measure 107 existing execu-
tive departments, bureaus, boards, commissions and
divisions would be consolidated into 46 state agenOne bill creating the administration and finance
department provides for a superintendent who would be the state's business manager. His duties would
Include installing a uniform accounting system, pre-
paring the budget, exercising control over expenditures authorized by the legislature on the basis of
budget estimates, purchasing centrally for depart-
ments and institutions, supervising printing, classifying state positions and standardizing salaries and
studying the state administration with a view to mak-
ing recommendations for improving its efficiency. This superintendent would investigate duplication
of work and the efficiency of the whole organiza-
tion. He may also adopt a system for the shifting of clerical forces from one department to another as
the rush of work makes advisabbe.
Pennsylvania's program, which is. Pennsylvania's program, which is, now in' the
hands of Goverror-elect Pinchot and the incoming
legislature, sounds a good deal like something we
have been building up in Nebraska. It is, in fact, have been building up in Nebraska. It is, in fact,
simply the code system on a a arger scale. The depart-
ment of finance under the Nebaska code has per-
formed many of the functions proposed for the business manager of Pennsylvania. Our state has taken
a forward step in the direction of applying business
principles to government, and should be careful now not to step backward. Any alterations in the code
should be designed to increase the businesslike fea-
tures of the code system and further limit the polittures of the coll features.
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