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It is evident that a secretary of the interior appointed to carry out the conservation and public land planks of the Democratic azine. platform would come at once into conflict with the Democratic members of the public lands committee of the House of Representatives, for the Democratic legislative record on conservation, made by the present House of Representatives, is not in accord with the Baltimore platform, but rather is diametrically opposed to that platform. For the public lands committee of the House, as has been demorated many times in the past two years, believes in the Pinchot brand of conservation, and has been particularly hostile to most of the legislation by the West. It is true the committee reported the three year homestead bill, but it did so only after great pressure was brought to bear by Speaker Clark and by several Democratic senators, for the committee left to itself would have adopted the Fisher idea and reported out a substitute bill requiring five years' cultivation

instead of three. There have been many measures before the present public lands committee of benefit to the west, especially bills intended to make available the public reosurces now tied up by withdrawals. None of these bills has ever been allowed to come out of committee, and whenever an effort was made to get them out such conservationists as Gifford Pinchot, Secretary Fsher and Louis Brandels have been called upon for an expression of opinion, and the view of those men, against the Western view, has been accepted and acted upon. - Oregonian.

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