and Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Appalachian and White Mountain Bureau of Forestry, has during the Ranges should be created into forest course of two years made a study of reserves. the public lands' condition and has brought in a report which has been forwarded to Congress by the President with a special message recommending the repeal of the Timber and Stone Act and the substitution of a rational forest policy of seiling only the stumpage from the public timber lands, retaining the lands for future timber growth; recommending the radical amendment of the commutation clause of the Homestead Act and a like amendment of the Desert Land Act in such manner at to require actual residence and improvement under both of the latter named laws, amounting to their practical repeal.

The provisions of this report are highly satisfactory to the Forestry and Irrigation Committee of the National Board of Trade, which believes that their enactment into law, strictly enforced, would do away with land and timber grabbing and promote these policles on this subject for which the Board has consistently striven.

The present indefensible land policy of the United States is resulting in an actual money loss to the government of tens of millions of dollars annually, in the denuding of our watersheds and the destruction of all chances for a future timber supply, in the building up of lordly landed estates in the West of tens and hundreds of thousands of acres in single ownerships, instead of providing for the creating of thousands of small rural homes-in short in the mismanagement and waste of the greatest resource ever possessed by any nation on earth.

The attention of our lawmakers in Congress should be urgently called to the fact that while they are attempting economy in the expenditure of money, they are allowing laws to remain in force under which by far the most valuable asset of the nation is being

recklessly wasted.

Under the Timber and Stone Act, the sales of public timber lands during the last five years have been as

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A large _ oportion of these lands have been in the heavily timbered belt of the far Northwest and is of the class of timber described by the Secretary of the Interior in his report for the fiscal year ended, June 30, 1903, in which he

"The Timber and Stone Act will, if not repealed or radically amended, result ultimately in the complete destruction of the timber on the unappropriated and unreserved public lands. The rapidity with which the public timbered lands are being denuded of their timber -and the opportunity offered under the Timber and Stone Act for the fraudu-lent acquisition of title to public timbered lands at the uniform price of \$2.50 per acre when they are in many instances worth forty times that (\$100) has been heretofore set forth in the pages of my annual reports and those of my predecessors."

Hundred Million Dol ar Waste.

But estimating the values only of the 4,709,860 acres of timber land disposed of in the last five years, and at only \$25 per acre, the government has in that time, parted with the title of land worth \$117,746,500. The price received for this land has been at the uniform rate of \$2.50 per acre, or \$11,774,650, a loss to the government of over \$100,-000,000. Your committee endorses the the substitution of a rational forest policy, by which the title to the public timber lands shall remain forever in the government, the stumpage only to be disposed of, at its market value.

Under such a plan as this, and under an agreement whereby one half the proceeds could be devoted to the Forestry Service and the other half to the Irrigation Fund, two policies of great internal improvement and importance could be generously mainforestry question would be to a great extent solved, public forest lands being lumbered in such a manner as to preforest as a perpetual source of income to the nation and at the same time

conserve the water supply.

If the \$100,000,000 which have been lost to the government under the above showing, were at hand, a score or more of enormous irrigation projects could be immediately constructed, reclaiming from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 acres of desert land, and enormous areas of Eastern forest reserves created through the purchase of mountain timber lands east of the Mississippi.

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In this connection, your committee is much impressed with the importance of the creation of federal forest reserves to preserve the water supply of eastern steams, upon the continued flow of which depends much of our half of the United States has over 100,-000,000 acres set aside in national forest reserves, as a source of future timber

Land Office, Frederick H. Newell, Chief ply from forest destruction is equally NICK LONGWORTH'S FATHER. Engineer of the Reclamation Service as great. Large areas in the Southern

For Eastern Forest Reserves.

prested mountains that are most valuable to the nation as a whole, especially because of their effects upon the water supply. Neither state or nation can afford to turn these mountains over to the unrestrained greed of those who would exploit them at the expense of the future. We cannot afford to wait onger before assuming control in the interests of the public, of these forests; for if we do wan, the vested interests of private parties in them may become so strongly insrenched that it may be a most expensive task to ous em. If the eastern states are wise then from the Bay of Fundy to the rears a policy set on foot similar to hat so fortunately carried out in the igh Sierras of the west by the Na-onal government. All the higher Ap-palachians should be reserved. Such reserves would be a paying investment, not only in protection to many interests, but in dollars and cents to the Sue Walker, and confided his affection government. The importance to the southern people of protecting the southern mountain forests is obvious. These forests are the best defense against the

floods which, in the recent past, have,

during a single twelve months, destroy

ed property officially valued at nearly twice that it would cost to buy the

Southern Appalachian Reserve."

Was One of the First Men of Ohlo-Interesting Incidents of Lite.

Congressman Nick Longworth, the as able a man as ever sat on the suone of the youngest. He resigned this of Iceland. position as he did not care to take life oo seriously after passing fifty. When he died he was a colonel on Gov. McKiney's staff, death resulting from exposure on an inauguration day.

Judge Longworth was a man not only beloved, but brilliant. His courtship of his wife, mother of the present Congressman, began when both were but ix years old. She was then little Sue Valker. Some years before the judge fied, he built a small steamboat for lea_ure trips on the Ohio river. He alled it the "C-O". It was an odd name, and people wondered what it cant. Some said it stood for Cincinatl, Ohio, others said & meant "Come off," but the judge would not make pubic the origin of such an odd christenng. Years later, ne told this story:

As a boy, he had fallen in love with to express his love in a letter. He lid so but did not know how to spell Sue. He pondered a white, then rea-soned that if d-o-spelled "do," c-o ought to spell Sue. That was the way e addressed his first love letter, and when he was a man grown, "dear C. O."



IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIANS,

North Carolina, South Carolina and declaration of love. by telling me you enjoyed my lecture, and you were not present?" "Oh. I bought f North Carolina, South Carolina and declaration of love. Georgia is shown by the statistics of the mills operated by the water power ing in Italy. He was in a forward car and they both went!" derived from the streams having their with a friend; and when his wife sent sources in these mountains. In these word for him to come back to her, the recommendation of the President and three states there are 163 mills so judge remarked. "We had best take all operated, with a combined capital stock our things as the dago marquis here peal of this Timber and Stone Act and of \$33,000,000, with 2,770,000 spindles might swipe them." This remark was and 50,926 looms and giving work to made concerning a swarthy looking over 45,000 employees. The total ananal production of these mills is approximately \$54,000,000

Virginia has interests also, which are not included in the above figures, s have also Tennesee and Kentucky, on the western side of the mountains. White Mountains of New Hampshire Is also a matter of general concern and vital to the well being of the industries tained, while at the same time the of all New England. We are upon the breshold of great industrial competition with the producing powers of the world; to maintain our supremacy we serve the young growth and leave the must retain our hold upon our cheap water power, which, through electrical

White Mountain Forest Reserves can en the outlaws and for two weeks not be left to the states; the question Longworth and his party saw much is an inter-state and therefore a national one. Nearly all the rivers of been a scaled book to even the near-

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The importance of the Appalachian became his wife and the mother of his there," remarked the lecturer, "Oh, I brest cover to the cotion milling in son, the present congressman. The wasn't there." "Well, what do you mean

man in the opposite seat. The judge was only joking, thinking too, that the ranger did not understand English When the train stopped, the Marquis handed the judge a card. He was a sure enough marquis and he knew English. The card meant a duel, but A National forest reserve in the Longworth was equal to the occasion, for he responded, "Why hello Marquis, glad to meet you." The offended nobleman had to laugh and the two became good frineds.

At another time the judge conceived the plan of living a few days with the bandits in Thessaly. With several friends an expedition was organized and the party went into the mouninvention is being utilized as never be- tains of upper Greece. They found a fore and greatly aiding to our national famous robber chief and told him they wanted to have a social visit with him The creation of the Appalachian and and his men. A bag of gold was giv-New Frigiand head in the White Moun- est inhabitants. They hunted and ains of New Hampshire and it is of played games, but the robbers comupreme importance to the industries mitted no crimes during the visit. of all the New England States, repre- When the stay was over the chief

PIGMY ICELAND PONIES.

Pets in Parlors of London Society Twenty-Light Inches High,

London society has a bad case of the President's son-in-law, is a milionaire zoologicals. Tiger cats, gentle little In a speech at Raleigh, N. C., on of Cincinnati. His family is one of lemurs; gazelles, with their "soft October 20th, last, I resident Roosevelt, the oldest and most aristocratic of that brown eyes;" fretful porcupines and said: "It is the upper altitudes of the city. His father, Judge Longworth, was ant-eaters have in turn been made pets, but they have all been dethroned preme beach of the State, and withal, as rulers of petdom by the parlor ponies

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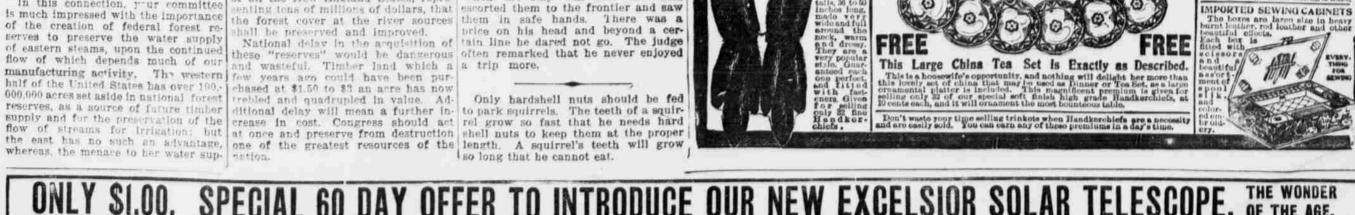
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