

**LETTERS**  
to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I appeal to you because the National Forests are again in serious danger.

Another attempt is under way to get the National Forests and the forest work of the Government transferred from the Agricultural Department where the forests are safe and the work well done, back to the Department of the Interior, from which they were taken because of wretched management.

The present attempt is made under cover of an effort (Senate Bill 2865) to change the name of the Interior Department to the Department of Conservation and Public Works. The transfer of the National Forests and the Forest Service is not mentioned in the bill, but is planned for later on.

Conservation is too broad a subject to be confined to any one Department. Nearly all of them deal with it in one form or another. A Department of Conservation would be almost as illogical as a Department of Typewriting or a Department of Wastebaskets, which everybody has to use.

The conservation policy itself, and about every important conservation movement for the last thirty years, originated in the Department of Agriculture. It has shown practical horse sense in dealing with natural resources intelligently, uprightly, and without fraud or loss.

In contrast, the record of the Interior Department is far and away the worst in Washington. Every natural resource, without exception, that has been held for disposal by the Interior Department—public lands, Indian lands, coal, oil, water power, and timber—has been wasted and squandered at one time or another. It is one long story of fraud in public lands, theft in Indian lands, and throwing the people's property away.

Most of the fights for conservation have been made to save natural resources belonging to the people which the Interior Department was throwing away. The National Forests must not go the same road.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes is sincere and honest, but he cannot live forever. His successor tried to give away the people's water powers and the coal lands in Alaska. The resulting scandal cost Taft his re-election. And everybody remembers Tea Pot Dome, when Secretary Fall handed the Navy's oil lands over to the disposers. Fall tried hard to get his hands on the National Forests.

Ickes is my friend. Wallace is my friend. But the National Forests could not be better handled in the Interior Department than in the Department of Agriculture, where they have been safe for thirty years. What is the use of rocking the boat?

The Forest Service is completely free from politics where it is. Ickes himself is straight, but the whole history of the Interior Department is reeking with politics. The tradition of the Interior Department is to put private interests first. The tradition of the Agricultural Department is to put public interests first.

Wood is a crop. Forestry is tree farming. It belongs in the Department of Agriculture with all other farming and production from the soil.

Undoubtedly if Secretary Ickes got the National Forests he would do his level best. But he has more work now than any other Cabinet officer in Washington. The National Forests are bigger than all the Atlantic States from Maine to Virginia, inclusive. Why put this additional load on a man who has too much to do already? Let the National Forests stay where they are.

Sincerely yours,  
Gifford Pinchot.

**The Story of the Bible Told in Pictures**



**David Kills Goliath.**—The armies of the Philistines were gathered together, and Saul and his men prepared to battle against them. The two armies were camped opposite one another. "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span."—I Sam. 17: 4 "And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, 'Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants and serve us.'"—I Sam. 17: 8-9. David accepted the challenge of Goliath "And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth."—I Sam. 17: 49. This illustration by Merian was engraved in 1625.

**TUNKHANNOCK BUILDING COST  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT \$69,000**

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Completion of fifteen combination storage sheds and office buildings for district superintendents of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways has been reported to secretary of Highways Warren VanDyke. Three additional buildings are under construction.

The last State Highway structure completed is at Tunkhannock, Wyoming county, which recently was formally dedicated by Secretary VanDyke in a community celebration. The Wyoming building cost \$69,378. It contains 18,304.59 square feet of floor space which is divided into a large office space, a garage, boiler room and carpenter, paint and blacksmith shops.

Prior to 1933 the Highway Department used sheet metal buildings of a temporary type to house the equipment and shelter mechanics in each maintenance district.

Each of the new buildings, fire-proof masonry and equipped with the most modern fixtures, is designed to meet the particular need of each district. A small county with fewer miles of road was allotted a building of relative size. On this basis the cost of the buildings ranged from \$45,000 to \$100,000 each, including three to five acres of ground. This was found to be a lower cost than the old temporary buildings, spread over a period of years.

**Texas Makes Plans For Big Exposition**

Dallas, Texas, July 18—With demolition of scores of old structures already well underway in Fair Park, plans moved forward rapidly today toward actual start of construction of the Texas Centennial Exposition, to open here next June 6, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Texas independence.

**Ring-Neck Battles Weasels For Young**

**Pheasant Fights Valiantly To Protect Her Chicks**

A hen ring-neck pheasant, attempting to protect her peeps recently, was discovered battling two weasels on a farm near Noxen. The chicks were saved, the mother pheasant still lives, and the weasels were killed.

Seeing a commotion in grass stubble two men ran to the spot and discovered the struggle.

The men succeeded in killing the weasels.

They said when they arrived the hen pheasant was jumping, first on one and then on the other weasel. The pheasant peeps were safe some distance from the battle scene.

**Speed Artist Stars At Altoona, July 22**

Kelly Petillo, off to a good start in automobile racing's 1935 National Championship rating because of a victory at Indianapolis, increased his lead when he won the 100 mile title event at St. Paul, Minn., it was announced here by Ted Allen, Secretary of the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association upon study of the official report of the July 4th event.

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