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### CHRISTMAS TREES DAMAGE FORESTS

BAD RESULTS DUE TO INDISCRIMINATE CUTTING OF YOUNG TREES.

### OUGHT TO MAINTAIN CUSTOM

No other use of trees contributes more to the joy of man than use by children on Christmas, but cutting should be under Forest Management.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The country's forests again have been called upon to supply about four million Christmas trees, and again many persons have asked themselves and have queried the United States Forest Service, "Is the custom a menace to the movement for forest preservation?"

In the millions of happy homes

over the country where the younger generation has made the Christmas tree the center of play since early Friday morning, there are many mothers and fathers who have given the question more or less thought. From Sunday school and other organizations also, which hold an annual celebration around a gayly trimmed evergreen for the benefit of the little ones, has come the question whether it is consistent to urge conservation of forest resources and then to cut millions of young trees every year to afford a little job in the passing holiday season.

"Yes, it is consistent and proper that the custom should be maintained," has been the answer of United States Forester, Gifford Pinchot, in every case. "Trees are for use, and there is no other use to which they could be put which would contribute so much to the joy of man as their use by the children on

this one great holiday of the year.

The number of trees cut for this year is utterly insignificant when compared to the consumption for other purposes for which timber is demanded. Not more than four million Christmas trees are used each year, one in every fourth family. If planted four feet apart they could be grown on less than 1,500 acres. This clearing of an area equal to a good sized farm each Christmas

day trade has produced a bad effect upon many stands of merchantable kinds of trees in different sections of the country.

Waste and destruction usually result when woodlands are not under a proper system of forest management. Foresters say that it is not by denying ourselves the wholesome pleasure of having a bit of nature in the home at Christmas that the problem of conserving the forests will be solved, but by learning how to use them wisely and properly. The ravages through forest fires must be checked, the many avenues of waste of timber in its travel from the woods to the mill, and thence to the market must be closed, and almost numberless important



HON. WILLIAM WARNER,  
United States Senator from Missouri.

problems demand attention before the Christmas tree.

Germany is conceded to have the highest developed system of forest management of any country, yet its per capita use of Christmas trees is greatest. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least as a menace to the forest, but, on the contrary, as a means of improving the forest by thinning and as a source of revenue. It is therefore constantly encouraged.

There is little doubt but that the time will come when the Christmas tree business will become a recognized industry in this country, and that as much attention will be given to it as will be given to the growing of crops of timber for other uses. This time may not be far off, it is already understood that only through the practice of forestry, which means both the conservation of the timber which remains and carefully planned systems of reforestation, will it be possible to supply the country with its forty billion feet of lumber needed each year, as well as the few million little trees used at Christmas time.



HON. ANDREW L. HARRIS,  
Governor of Ohio.

should not be a subject of much worry, when it is remembered that for lumber alone it is necessary to take timber from an area of more than 100,000 acres every day of the year.

"It is true that there has been serious damage to forest growth in the cutting of Christmas trees in various sections of the country particularly in the Adirondacks and parts of New England, but in these very sections the damage through the cutting of young evergreens for use at Christmas is infinitesimal when compared with the loss of forest resources through fires and caless methods of lumber. The proper remedy is not to stop using trees but to adopt wiser methods of use.

"It is generally realized that a certain proportion of land must always be used for forest growth just as for other crops. Christmas trees are one form of this crop. There is no more reason for an outcry against using land to grow Christmas trees than to grow flowers."

The Forest Service upholds the Christmas tree custom, but recognizes at the same time, that the indiscriminate cutting of evergreens to supply the holi-



### FAIL TO FIND WILD ANIMAL

Round up Near Callaway Fails To Locate Beast.

Callaway, Neb., Dec. 27.—The round-up for the wild animal which is running at large south of this city and killing stock almost nightly, took place as scheduled. Although about 150 men and boys with guns and dogs took part in the round-up, nothing was seen of the animal sought. A large number of coyotes were in the circle, but nothing larger. Reports continue coming in regarding the depredations of the animal; however, another hunt will be made for it in the near future. It is reported that the animal followed a son of Nick Kopf for a considerable distance one evening recently as he was returning home with a team hitched to a wagon. He reported the occurrence upon arrival home and another boy went with his gun to the point, but failed to

find the animal. The Kopf boy describes the animal as being higher in front than behind, very snaggy head and a little hair on the end of its tail. Many persons still believe it to be a mountain lion, while others think it is either a panther or a buffalo wolf. One Callaway man, who was returning home from a drive to Oconto one night recently, says he heard a scream which he took to be that of a woman in distress, but when the dog which he had in the buggy with him crawled into his lap and would not be put down, but sat there trembling and shaking, it was evidence to him that it was something out of the ordinary, and he maintains that the animal is nothing more than a panther—State Journal.

President Cornett left Monday morning for Litchfield to look up some prospective students for Custer College.

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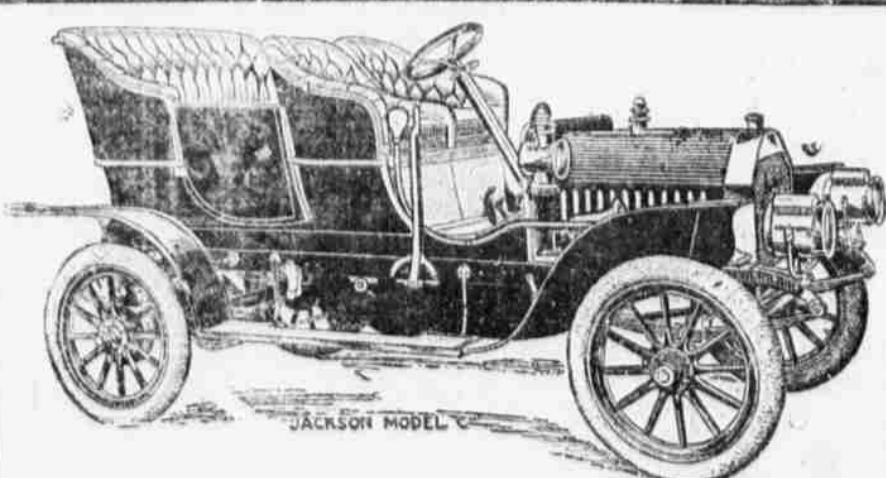
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