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Pinchot & Roosevelt: The Bond that Shaped Conservation



It certainly can be suggested that in terms of dedication to the conservation movement, no duo could top Roosevelt and Pinchot. By all means, Pinchot was a fanatic, but Roosevelt learned to harness Pinchot's energy and effort to create meaningful conservation progress. The two men shared a close relationship which elevated Pinchot's authority far beyond any other bureau director. Pinchot used his inflated power to codify conservation into federal law to ensure the continuance of the movement. As the scroll above reads, Pinchot's efforts led President Roosevelt to conclude: "that among the many public officials who under my administration rendered literally invaluable service to the people of the United States, [Gifford Pinchot], on the whole stood first."