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# Longleaf Souvenirs

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## Pine Timbers Removed from White House Converted into Gavels by National Lum- ber Manufacturers' Association

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Gavels made from the longleaf pine taken from the roof of the White House are being given wide circulation by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

Six hundred gavels are being made up from the timbers taken out during remodeling of the Executive Mansion last year after 112 years of service. They are being finished with clear varnish to show the natural grain of the wood and each is marked with a plate telling the source of the wood and accompanied by a printed leaflet giving the story of the gavel. These are being sent to men prominent in the lumber industry, to prominent writers and public men, to the Vice-President of the United States and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the presiding officers of state legislatures, and to patriotic societies.

A few specially made gavels have been prepared for special purposes. Two of these were given to John H. Kirby, pioneer Texas lumberman, who presented one to the high school at Woodville, Texas, in the heart of the pine woods region, and the other to the Peach Tree Village Hall, which Mr. Kirby erected some years ago as a memorial to his father and mother on the farm in Tyler county where he was born and raised. Four more of these gavels were given to Frank G. Wisner, of the Eastman-Gardiner Company, Laurel, Miss., former president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, who is presenting them to historical and patriotic societies in Mississippi.