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Just back from his whirlwind tour that carried him from coast to coast and return from a record trip, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic Candidate for Vice-President, reached New York this morning. Today Mr. Roosevelt is holding conferences with the Party leaders at Democratic Headquarters, and this afternoon leaves for Maine where he is scheduled for several speeches starting tomorrow night. The itinerary arranged for the Vice-Presidential candidate provides for only one breathing spell of a couple of days between now and Election time. For about three weeks he will be in New England and upper New York following his speech on Labor Day in Brooklyn and about October 1st tentative plans provide for his starting another trip to the West, and on a return trip getting as far South as New Mexico.

The Campaign Tour just completed by the strenuous junior candidate on the Democratic National Ticket was a record-breaker in several respects starting with his speech in Chicago on the night of August 11th twenty states were traversed in eighteen days, with an average of a fraction more than seven speeches a day for the entire time. One of the largest of the rear platform meetings was held at seven in the morning and the other extreme was reached with the midnight meeting held at Bismarck, N. D. at which more than 500 gathered at the station to greet him. The most strenuous part of the trip, and the number of talks made, was a trip through the State of Washington, twenty-six speeches during the two days being the total. The route just covered by Mr. Roosevelt was over 7500 miles in length, and in addition to this must be added a healthy mileage total of the numerous automobile trips that were arranged by local Committees, approximately 600 miles more. During his brief stay in Montana, the candidate three times crossed the Continental Divide, twice by motor, and his itinerary carried him down the Pacific Coast from Seattle to Los Angeles before he headed east.

At Fresno, Cal. a thundershower cut short an open air meeting, something unprecedented at this time of the year ~~and~~ ⁱⁿ the memory of the oldest inhabitants, and a hail storm enlivened the trip coming through Wyoming.

Commenting on his trip, Mr. Roosevelt today said: "There is one outstanding impression from the trip that I stressed yesterday during my conference with Governor Cox at Columbus. That is the West, all through its length and breadth, wants to be shown. The great majority of the voters are not willing to make a choice 'sight unseen', but want to see and size up for themselves the candidates. There is absolutely no question that a widespread aversion amounting almost to disgust exists among the Republicans of Progressive tendencies toward the present reactionary leadership of that party. Frankly, they do not like Senator Harding ~~and~~ and the Old Guard, and there is a strong leaning toward Gov. Cox, and I expect to see this sentiment crystallized by the Governor's swing during the next few weeks. The candidates themselves and the great issue involved will influence the votes of the West this fall, for the voters out there are not taking anyone's word for things; they are doing their own thinking. They are doing this thinking ^{in a} ~~rather~~ rather astonishingly unbiased and non-political way and there is every indication that their vote this fall will be a repudiation of the present leaders who ~~foisted~~ foisted one of their own number on the Chicago Convention as the Party's candidate, and now seek to re-establish in Washington a Government for the few and by the few, with a syndicated President.