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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT

From the Back Platform of his Special Train

Hanna, Wyoming

September 16, 1932

(The Governor commented informally about the large number of children outside.)

A VOICE: Take a look at our Elk Mountain, Governor; we have some fish out there "that long" -- (indicating).

GOVERNOR: Fine!

A VOICE: Let us see our next President. Come on out, Franklin.

A VOICE. This town was named after Mark Hanna, the greatest Republican that ever lived.

GOVERNOR: It didn't stay that way long, did it?

A VOICE: No; the next time we build in Wyoming, the town will be called "Roosevelt". (Laughter)

A VOICE: Hurrah for Franklin D., our next President. Three cheers for Roosevelt: Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

GOVERNOR: Fine! How did they happen to name the town Hanna -- after Mark Hanna?

A VOICE: Well, at that time, it was just a "water tank".

GOVERNOR: I see. Well, I am glad to see it is a real town now. (Applause)

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