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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT From the Back Platform of his Special Train Deer Lodge, Montana, September 19, 1938, 2.35 PM

I am glad to see you all, and I wish we could stay longer than just the few moments we have at our disposal. Before the train starts I want to introduce some of the family to you. This is my boy, Jim, over here. (Applause) And here is his wife, Betsy, and my daughter, Anna.

We have been having a grand trip all the way. Sometimes I run up against a problem, such as a few mornings ago, when we were coming across the line from Denver. It was just about half-past three in the morning, and I heard some of the people saying, "Come on out and show yourself." I opened one eye half way, and the next thing I heard was, "Come on out. If you don't come out, we will vote for Hoover." That was a real problem. (Applause, laughter)

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