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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN

HOLDREGE, NEBRASKA, September 28, 1932

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THE GOVERNOR: And wheat?

THE AUDIENCE: Thirty cents.

THE GOVERNOR: What grade is that?

THE AUDIENCE: Number two.

THE GOVERNOR: Was it ever lower here?

THE AUDIENCE: Not that I ever knew of. Hoover can't get it any lower. I have been here twenty years and never knew it to be lower.

THE GOVERNOR: Any dairying?

THE AUDIENCE: Some.

THE GOVERNOR: What are you getting for butter fat?

THE AUDIENCE: Seventeen cents.

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THE GOVERNOR: What are you getting for butter last?

THE AUDIENCE: Seventeen cents.

THE GOVERNOR: The usual price is about thirty-five cents.

THE AUDIENCE: About thirty cents is fair.

THE GOVERNOR: They were only getting thirteen cents for butter fat down in Arizona, the day before yesterday.

THE AUDIENCE: There has been a change in the market the last two or three weeks.

THE GOVERNOR: Do you raise any sheep here?

THE AUDIENCE: No.

THE GOVERNOR: Well, I have simply got to go back and work on that Sioux City speech, so I will bid you all good night, if you will excuse me. (The Governor then left the platform.)
