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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS TRAIN

BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

August 4, 1934, 9.15 P.M.

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coming out into the Northwest and not only doing a lot of good in the forests of these States but also doing at least an equivalent amount of good to themselves. The result is that the people of the country are coming to know something about these States, more than they ever did before, and are learning to appreciate the resources of the Northwest. That is why I am very confident of the fine future of this section of the country.

It is fine to see you tonight and I am surely going to come through by daylight the next time. (Cheers--applause)