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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
FROM THE REAR PLATFORM OF HIS SPECIAL TRAIN  
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

September 28, 1935, 6.30 P.M. Central Time

I am awfully glad to see all of you here at North Platte. I haven't been out here for three long years and things certainly look a lot better than they did then. I am very glad to see the improved conditions.

I have been trying to stop a fight in the car about an old friend of mine, Buffalo Bill. (Laughter) I will always remember when I was about five years old, Buffalo Bill came to my little county town of Poughkeepsie on the Hudson River and I was a very proud youngster when I was allowed to shake him by the hand. We were talking about him in the car just now and the Senator from Wyoming said that Wyoming claimed him, but the Senator from Colorado said, "We claim him because he is buried in Colorado."

Buffalo Bill was a great, old man and very typical of the kind of spirit that I have been talking about today in Fremont. It is the kind of courage that has enabled you good people to go through a great many years of hard times with courage and faith and patience. I believe that you have come through and are on your way to better days. (Applause)

I would be very proud if in these four years that I am in the White House, the Government of the United States could

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I am really glad to see all of you here at Radio House. I haven't been out here for three long years and change certainly look a lot better than they did then. I am very glad to see the improved conditions.

I have been trying to stop a fight in the car about an old friend of mine, Buffalo Bill. (Laughs) I will always remember when I was about five years old, Buffalo Bill came to my little county town of Poughkeepsie on the Hudson River and I was a very good youngster when I was allowed to share him by the hand. We were talking about him in the car, but one and the Senator from Wyoming said that Wyoming claimed him, but the Senator from Colorado said, "We claim him because he is buried in Colorado."

Buffalo Bill was a great, old man and very typical of the kind of spirit that I have been talking about today in America. It is the kind of courage that has enabled our good people to go through a great many years of hard times with courage and faith and patience. I believe that you have come through and are on your way to better days. (Applauds)

I would be very proud if in some four years that I am in the White House, the Government of the United States could

make good on a slogan that was adopted in 1932, a little old song called, "Happy Days Are Here Again".

I have had a wonderful day. I have had your Governor on board and Senator Burke, and I was very sorry not to see that splendid, fine public servant, George Norris, a man who, more than anybody else probably, is responsible for the great program of the conservation of natural resources that we have been able to put through. Those resources represent the wealth of the country for generations to come.

It is good to see you all. Thanks very much for coming down to the station, I appreciate it. (Applause)