INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
SIDNEY, NEBRASKA
Monday, August 31, 1936, 10:00 A.M.

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