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INFORMAL EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT LARAMIE, WYOMING

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I have been reading this morning one of Secretary Wallace's charts -- he is standing right here beside me -- and I am very glad to see from that chart that you people from around Laramie and this part of the country got pretty good pasture this year -- a great deal better than 1934 conditions. This chart shows one of the advantages of having a national government; you can get information right away from all parts of the country. It shows, for example, that you were able to furnish some additional pasturage here for cattle brought in from the outside.

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That is why we are trying to look at the whole agricultural problem, not just from the question of drought but from the point of view of the general economic system. And in spite of drought and other things we do know that the purchasing power of the country as a whole has gone up a good deal and, therefore, we have a better chance in the agricultural communities today than we had a few years ago.

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6-11-36 Shorthand By Kanne

*[Handwritten notes in shorthand, including numbers and symbols]*

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