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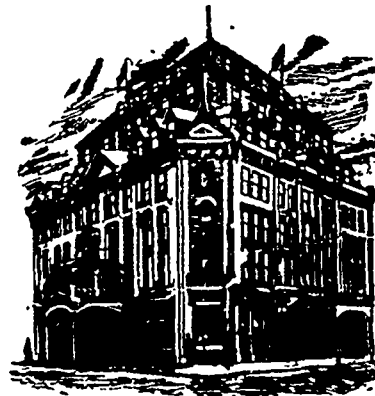
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An ingenious South Dakota farmer named A. J. Wakefield has found a new use for threshing engines which promises to revolutionize the present method of transporting grain from farms to market points. Wakefield conceived the idea that his thresher engine would serve the purpose of hauling his grain to Faulkton, the railroad point nearest his farm.

Accordingly, as an experiment, he hitched five wagons together, one behind the other, and after loading them with an aggregate of 100 bushels of wheat, coupled the thresher engine to the string of wagons and started on the journey to Faulkton. The trip of fifteen miles was made in six hours. Wakefield had but one assistant. One of the unique features of the innovation is that the thresher engine is the same with which he threshed his grain. Thus it serves a double purpose, that of threshing as well as furnishing the motive power for taking the grain to market after it has been threshed.

During the passage of the curious procession along the country roads the farmers living along the route temporarily abandoned their work in order to watch the strange sight. Everywhere on the journey the greatest interest was evinced in the experiment, and when the unusual procession entered Faulkton it attracted the attention of hundreds of the townspeople. Wakefield carefully noted the manner in which the engine hauled its load, and is satisfied that the capacity of the engine is sufficient to haul double the number of loaded wagons transported on the experimental trip.

It is therefore his purpose to haul about 1,000 bushels of grain on the next and subsequent trips. Several good results are noticeable from the experiment. Notwithstanding the consumption of coal, the employment of the thresher engine makes, in Wakefield's opinion, a considerable saving, both in time and money, over the usual method of hauling grain to market with horses. Fifty bushels of grain is an ordinary load for a team of horses. Thus the 100 bushels hauled by the thresher engine on the experimental trip would have required ten trips if hauled by a team.

Counting alone the time consumed would mean a great saving in utilizing the engine over the old method of transporting by team. Another favorable feature is that the employment of the thresher engine renders unnecessary the taking from the fields of the horses at a time when, owing to the probable early setting-in of winter and the consequent stopping of fall farm work, every hour they are employed in fall plowing is of the utmost importance.

Wakefield believes that outside of hauling his own grain to market, considerable money could be made by hauling the grain of other farmers to market. Charges would necessarily be fixed at such a figure as to make a saving to the farmers and still leave a good profit for the owner of the thresher engine.

He says he also expects to see the owners of threshing machines, which are each season taken from the towns into the country districts to do threshing for farmers, employed at the completion of threshing in hauling grain to market instead of being taken back to the homes of their owners to remain

in idleness until the following fall, as is now the case.

A good result which is expected to come from the employment of thresher engines in the transportation of grain to market points is that the constant passing of the heavy engines, having as they do wheels with unusually broad tires, over the country roads, will pack smooth and otherwise improve them to such an extent as to place them in a condition of excellence not equalled anywhere else in the world.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Falcon Lake (Man.) properties are beginning to receive more attention than has hitherto been devoted them. A good deal of development work is being done on several locations, and some U. S. capitalists went in last week to have a look over the field.

Mikado's gold production for November is the biggest yet; it is said to exceed 2,000 ounces. The ore is getting richer as the work progresses, and the selection that is now done, keeps the stamps supplied with the best grade ore only, the low grade ore being put aside for treatment later on.

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