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mer's Friend plow. I have had this rig just two years but have threshed here three years and several years in North Dakota.

Last fall I threshed 32,000 bushels in all: 9,000 bushels of wheat, 21,000 bushels of oats and 2,000 bushels of barley in thirty days. We get 3 cents a bushel for threshing oats and 4 cents for wheat and barley. The farmer boards the crew and furnishes the wood already cut for engine. In shock threshing he also supplies the bundle waggons.

We have always used wood for firing here, but as it is getting harder to get, we will likely have to burn straw this fall. One thresher near here used it last fall and got along very well.

My crew consists of five pitchers, an engineer, tankman and myself as separator man. I try to have a system and find it works pretty good. Two men look after the belt, run it out, roll it up, help put it on the engine, etc. Two others have the feeder and grain elevator to look after, while the other one attends to the blower. So, just the minute we stop each man knows what to do. In stack threshing we can pull up, reset and be working again in short order.

On windy days I put three men pitching against the wind. Any other time I change the odd man from one side to the other and find it a great help to the other men. It is hard work for two men on a side to keep sheaves to the machine, while three is generally too many. So I find the odd man evens things up about right.

I mentioned that we got 3 cents and 4 cents a bushel for threshing. This is not by weight. We have to set the weight so that two dumps fill a bushel measure. Other machines around here only have baggers and give a grain sack full for two bushels; so I have to do the same to get the threshing. I do not think this is right, but apparently can't help myself. The country around here is rough and rolling, so that there are not many large fields. On that account they are sometimes few and far between. I have just figured it out, that outside of moving in the field, I have travelled 100 miles on the road this last fall. So I think I did very well with my rig last fall, taking everything into consideration. A dry year, poor crops, long hauls and poor water all tended to keep a person back.

My best threshing was 5,500 bushels in two and a half days; 1,400 bushels of wheat and 4,100 bushels of oats. We did not thresh over ten hours a day as it was late in the season and got dark early. These oats weighed 45 pounds to the measured bushel.

A year ago last fall I threshed 2,750 bushel of oats in one day, moved and set seven times, threshing 14 large stacks. This was a summer-fallow crop and very heavy straw. I do not know the number of acres there was in this.

I might mention one incident that happened last fall. One night

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