

CREW RUNS THRESHING RIG

The Walum correspondent of the Fargo Courier-News had the following interesting article in a recent issue of that paper:

Unique but effective measures were taken at Walum recently by a crew of threshers headed by E. S. Bratton to secure back wages due for threshing already done and incidentally to help suffering farmers thereabouts to further thresh their grain. Bratton and a crew of twenty men were employed by a transient thresher, to work on a rig which, it is alleged, he obtained by questionable methods from a Walum man. Between the two complications arose regarding the payment of wages due the crew for several weeks' threshing. Neither man could guarantee payment and for a while serious trouble was threatened. Pending adjustment the crew seized the separator and engine, appointed Bratton as superintendent of operations and decided to thresh on their own account until their wages were made up. In addition to the back wages other sums aggregating several hundreds of dollars were due the business men of Walum.

Co-operating with these other creditors the crew has signed an agreement guaranteeing payment of all debts, first deducting the wages due for labor. Bratton to whom \$150 is due will have full charge of the outfit and all moneys received for threshing he will deposit in the bank for distribution among the numerous creditors. A board of trustees consisting of A. D. Anderson, manager of the Farmers Co-operative Mercantile company, Theo. Rasmussen, manager of the Great Western Grain company, Henry Lewis, hardware merchant, George J. Jacobson, banker, and E. S. Bratton, have been chosen