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## First Threshing Machine in Woodbury County

FROM SMITHLAND.—Last Monday a threshing machine arrived at the farm of O. B. Smith, and commenced threshing, being the first work of the kind in Woodbury County. O. B.'s farm was the first that raised wheat in the County, and the first to have a machine on it. — The farm was worked this season by Abel Smith and James Moon, and they raised over six hundred bushels of small grain—wheat, oats and rye. The rye yielded 35 bushels to the acre; oats 45; wheat 21. We hailed the arrival of the machine with joy. The Smithland boys got up a dance, and things went off after the old sort down East. The machine is from Davenport, and belongs to Mr. Treps, a brother-in-law of Benj. Stafford of the Floyd. It is an excellent one.

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