

An accident was narrowly averted on the threshing rig of Ole Anderson yesterday. The engineer was going to step from the engine to the water tank nearby and in so doing lost his foothold. In falling he grabbed the friction lever on the engine which threw the engine in gear, with the result that it jerked back quickly pulling the separator with it. The separator man was on the separator and the jerk came so suddenly that he fell down. The fireman was on the ground between the engine and straw wagon and barely escaped from being run over. No one was injured but it was enough to frighten them for a time.