H. S. Taylor had a brief but rather thrilling experience with one of the big gas engines at the Farmers elevator a few days ago, which doubtless causes him to think he is pretty lucky after all. This engine has to be started by standing on one of the spokes of the big fly wheel and throwing one's whole weight against it in order to turn the wheel over. But when he did this the engine backfired and he was thrown almost to the ceiling. The impact against the concrete floor when he landed, caused one of his ankles to be sprained, but that was the extent of his injuries.