

BINFORD FARMER

STUNG FOR \$175

Man From Tolna Sells Mortgaged Property and Then Vamoosed.

Wm. Hess, living a short distance south of town, is a whole lot the wiser, though he is the loser of a considerable sum of money, by a nice little transaction that was pulled off here last week by a smooth gent from Tolna.

The said gent, C. O. Dayton, by name, was here a couple of weeks ago and offered for sale a team of horses. The team was a pretty good one and worth the price asked, which was \$175. Mr. Hess purchased the team and thought no more of the matter. At the time, Dayton appeared to be acting in good faith, and though some precaution was taken to see if everything was all right before the deal was closed, it seems that by further developments in the case that a little more care should have been taken.

Last Friday, P. T. Mark of McVilleville, who held the team as collateral on a mortgage given, came down, and with Constable Amundson, went out to Mr. Hess' and served on him a writ of replevin for the two horses. Mr. Hess took his medicine philosophically, and said that that man Dayton was a smooth one.

Dayton had also made a contract to rent O. G. Arneson's farm the coming summer, and that with the good bluff that he put up in saying that the horses were free from any incumbrance, and the way he said it, is what tempted Mr. Hess to buy the team.

Dayton took the train from here and has not been seen or heard of since and it is probable that he will not be. It is also said that his wife has instituted divorce proceedings against him, which makes it all the more probable that he will avoid this part of the country.