

NEARLY STUNG IN AUTO-LAND DEAL

McHenry Men Succeed in Saving Land Swapped for a Worthless Auto.

By prompt work two McHenry citizens were this week able to head off the recording of a deed to a forty-acre tract of Wisconsin land, the deed having been issued to an Iowa man in exchange for an automobile, the value and condition of which had been grossly misrepresented.

A few weeks ago, Messrs. Scott and Cruden of McHenry, advertised in an eastern daily that they had a parcel of land to exchange for an auto. Some 200 answers were received (it pays to advertise) and from the many opportunities to trade the McHenry gentlemen selected the proposition of a man at Chaplin, Iowa. He represented his auto as an Olds 30 of the 1909 make, equipped with top, extra casings and inner tubes, etc., altogether painting a very rosey picture of the machine.

The deed to the land was issued and sent to Iowa to be delivered when the auto was loaded on the car and billed to McHenry. The machine arrived the other day and created more merriment among the people than has been enjoyed in Foster county's eastern metropolis for many a day. It was a type of the first auto ever marketed, but was in a poor state of preservation. It had all the earmarks of having been pulled out of a junk pile for the especial purpose of this particular trade. The machine was made in 1898, steered with a plow handle, had an old buggy top wired to the tonneau, one of the extra tires bore seventy-two patches and the rig was about as dilapidated in general as it was possible to be.

The consignee, refused, of course, to unload the machine, against which there was \$58 in freight charges. Consequently it will be returned to Iowa and the trader there asked to put up the \$116 freight charges.

After the first look at the machine the McHenry traders hastened to stop therecording of the deed to the land, and were successful in the attempt.