

FORGOTTEN BUSINESS

Announcement of the Failure of Williams, Brown & Co.

LIABILITIES ESTIMATED AT \$420,000.

Most of the Heaviest Creditors of the Firm Fully Secured.

THE SOLE PROPRIETOR OF THE BUSINESS ABSENT.

Left With His Family on a Trip to Australia About Two Months Ago.

Williams, Brown & Co., commission merchants of 308 Market street, have gone to the wall, owing their creditors considerably over \$400,000.

The firm was established early in 1880, and then comprised H. A. Williams, the son of the well-known banker and president of the California Safe Deposit Company; William Brown, son of Thomas Brown, the cashier of the Bank of California; and W. M. Brison and F. A. Pasmore.

The last named gentleman withdrew about a year after the firm was launched, Brison severed his connection about three years ago and Brown died about six years ago, at which time Williams bought the interest of the deceased and thus became the sole proprietor of the business.

All the salmon pack of Alaska and of the Columbia River was virtually controlled by the embarrassed firm, which also operated largely in dried and canned fruits of California production, in raisins and in grocers' supplies. The latter articles were handled as agents for Eastern manufacturers. The firm conducted the Williams Packing Association Safe Deposit Company, the last named gentleman withdrew about a year after the firm was launched, Brison severed his connection about three years ago and Brown died about six years ago, at which time Williams bought the interest of the deceased and thus became the sole proprietor of the business.

Among the connections of the firm were the following: Alaska Packers' Association of San Francisco; Fishermen's Packing Association of Astoria, Or.; North Pacific Packing and Trading Company, San Francisco, Alaska Salmon Company, Hickmott Canning Company, Oakland; Nelson Canning Company of Biggs, Boudin Island Asparagus Canning Company, Sismiel Packing Company of San Francisco; Western Fruit and Produce Company, Chicago, Bensdorf Royal Dutch Cocoa Company of Amsterdam, Neuchatel Asphalt Company of Switzerland; Benjamin Brooks & Co., Philadelphia, manufacturers of soap; William G. Moehning & Co. of New York, and Delafield, McCowen & Co. of New York. In its earlier history the firm conducted the Williams Brown Fruit Company, handling raisins and dried fruits, with agencies at Fresno, Sanger, Hanford, Selma and Davisville.

Williams, the only member of the firm, left here for Australia on March 7, with his wife and three children, on what was understood to be a commission business and pleasure trip. He is expected back by A. F. Thane, his confidential clerk and manager, who holds his power of attorney, some time in June.

The failure was preceded by the presentation on last Saturday of a draft by one of the local banks, and Mr. Thane was unable to raise the money to meet the paper. Realizing that it was impossible for him to conduct the business any longer without more ready money, he notified the creditors of the firm in this city on Monday and called a meeting for the next day.

The liabilities are reported in this statement to aggregate about \$420,000. Those secured are as follows: First National Bank of Oakland, \$32,000; Alaska Packers' Association, \$80,000; Bank of California & Co., New York, \$28,000; miscellaneous, \$9000; Comptor d'Escompte of Paris, \$75,000. The partially secured liabilities are as follows: Bank of California, \$33,750; Bank of British Columbia, \$56,300; miscellaneous, \$41,000.

In speaking of the unpleasant position in which he has been placed by the absence of his principal at this critical time, Mr. Thane said that he became aware of the fact that the firm was in a tight position shortly after he was left in charge of the affairs of the firm by the departure of Mr. Williams. He further stated that the embarrassment of Mr. Williams was not due to any recent losses sustained in business, as the main volume of trade was with Australia for some time past, and this business has always been a very profitable one. He declared that the trouble was brought about by losses that were incurred two or three years ago in handling dried fruit and raisins, and that the interest that had to be paid by Williams in time to keep himself afloat since that time was what "ate him up."

He reported that the firm had been speculating in grain and flour shipments to Australia, but this Mr. Thane emphatically denied. Among the stories current in this connection it is stated that the firm lost \$30,000 on a single cargo of barley that had been shipped to Australia, because the consignee and purchaser declined to accept it on the ground of some technical failure on the part of Williams, Brown & Co.

New Depot for Hanford.

Contracts were let by the Valley Road directors yesterday for the construction of a \$10,000 combined freight and passenger depot at Hanford, which will be of brick and ready for use in about two months.

THE "CALL" RACING GUIDE.

CALIFORNIA JOCKEY CLUB, Oakland Race-track, Tuesday, May 11. Eighty-third day of the winter meeting, 1896-97. Weather fine, track fast.

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LIFE STORY OF ST. ATHANASIUS

The Patriarch Described as "One Man Against the World."

Father Gleason Elitquety Tells of His Church's Fight for Freedom.

One of the Most Interesting Periods in the History of Christianity Portrayed.

Rev. Joseph M. Gleason, who lectured on "One Man Against the World" at Metropolitan Hall last night under the auspices of Ignatius Council No. 35, Y. M. C. A., was greeted by a crowded house.

President Philip J. Lawler of Ignatius Council, after an organ selection by Professor Harrison, made a few introductory remarks and was followed by Messrs. M. Grennan and A. Gutman in an instrumental duet. John J. Raffael of the Tivoli gave a pleasing exhibition of his fine vocal powers and then Father Gleason was introduced by President Lawler as a fellow member in the council and as a former classmate.

The speaker opened by remarking that history is studied now in a way that was never known before. "The ages long past," he said, "were the ages in which were laid the foundations of the modern civilization. One great result of the study of history is this: It has made men realize that the Catholic church is the greatest factor in the history of the world."

History in the past, he declared, had always been written with a bias and a motive. "The church's history is studied more than ever," he continued. "Does the church fear the turning on of the light?"

He referred to the encyclical of Leo XIII. exhorting the people to study the history of the church more than ever before in their lives. "The church's history is studied more than ever before," he said, "because the church is the greatest factor in the history of the world."

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper.

This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought.

and has the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, D.

Do Not Be Deceived. Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

"The Kind You Have Always Bought" BEARS THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF

Chas. H. Fletcher. Insist on Having

The Kind That Never Failed You.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 27 BURNAY STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

SUPERFLUOUS HAIR, MOLES, WARTS AND ALL FACIAL BLEMISHES REMOVED AND PAINLESSLY DESTROYED BY ELECTRICITY.

DR. MCNUITY. THIS WELL-KNOWN AND RELIABLE OLD SPECIALIST CURES PRIVATE, NERVOUS, BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES.

TONG PO CHY, Successor to Dr. Lai Pu TAI, graduate of Canton Medical College.

RAILROAD TRAVEL. WEEK DAYS-7:30, 9:00, 11:00 A. M.; 12:30, 3:00, 5:30 P. M.

SANTA CRUZ DIVISION (Narrow Gauge). 7:45 A. M. Santa Cruz, Excelsior, Santa Cruz, etc.

COAST DIVISION (Third & Townsend Sts.). 7:00 A. M. San Jose and Way Stations.

SANTA FE EXPRESS. Leave daily at 5 P. M. Pullman palace drawing-room, etc.

NORTH PACIFIC COAST RAILROAD. From San Francisco, Commencing May 2, 1897.

WEEK DAYS. 7:00 A. M. 11:30 A. M. 3:00 P. M. 7:00 P. M.

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IT CURES WEAK MEN

From All Parts of the State Comes Evidence That Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt is a Positive Cure for the Weakness and Troubles of Men.

Every device known to science that will make electricity do better work in curing disease is embodied in this appliance.

The loss of manly strength and the many distressing evils which follow it as a result of the breaking-down of the nervous forces, is the crying evil among men of today. It is too common. Men should pay due regard to the laws of nature, as all the happiness, all the pleasures of existence depend upon healthy nerves and the organs supported by the nervous system.

Excesses will break them down, because excess drains the electricity from the body, leaving the stomach, kidneys, heart, liver and all other parts weak. There can be no healthy nerves, no good appetite and digestion, no vital force, when the system has been forced to excess. The electricity is gone and electricity is the foundation of all vital strength. You have lost it and you can't be well and strong until you get it back. This is the purpose of Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt. Does it give back the strength—the health? Read what those who have tried it have to say:

"I was very weak two months ago, and can say I am a better man and stronger than I ever was. I feel no weakness in my back any more, and I have no more aches, and my eyes are clear. You are at liberty to refer any one to me. It will be a great pleasure for me to write to others and tell them that Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt has done for me."—WALTER B. WALKER, Beckwith, Cal., April 25, 1897.

That is the tone of hundreds of letters received by Dr. Sanden every month. Dr. Sanden has been receiving these letters for years. You will see by the dates that they are new cures. The testimonials are constantly increasing in number.

"Yes, I will recommend your Belt, and with pleasure, for it has done me wonderful good. It is a little while ago that I could not walk up a staircase of a hill without stopping to rest. I was weak, debilitated for eight years, could not sleep, had poor circulation and was nearly gone. Now, thanks to your Belt, I never lay more than five minutes before I fall to sleep, and wake up in the morning bright and fresh, feel strong and can make any hill, walk a mile, better than for twenty years—and I have not taken any medicine since I got the Belt."—A. L. WHITE, music-teacher, 516 Ellis street, San Francisco, April 25, 1897.

Did you ever figure how much you spend for drugs in a year? And what good do they do? Save your drug money for one month and get a Dr. Sanden Belt. It will cure you, and you have no further expense. You will not need any more medicine. No matter what your trouble, electricity applied by this famous belt, and with the assistance of Dr. Sanden's thirty years' experience as a physician, will cure you. It has cured thousands after the failure of drugs.

A VERY BAD CASE CURED. DR. A. T. SANDEN—Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry of recent date as to how I am progressing, I desire to say that I am now entirely cured. I got your Belt for some back, kidney and stomach trouble, and as it was all broken up and miserable, my digestion and assimilation were so bad that I was in agony all the time. After applying your Belt I felt myself getting gradually better, and now I am happy to say that I am now entirely recovered. My indigestion is gone, while the pains in my back and side are gone entirely. I am happy to give you this final report, and I am so thankful for my recovery that I shall be pleased to commend your treatment at every opportunity. You are at liberty to make use of this testimonial if you desire to do so. Yours gratefully, J. H. HOSKUM, 22 Battery street, Fortna.

Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt is warranted to give a strong current of electricity as soon as it touches the body under a forfeit of \$3000. It is warranted to last one year. It has a patented regulator. It is positively warranted to be the most powerful, the most scientifically made and the most durable electric belt in the world. It positively has no equal.

LOOK OUT FOR SHARPEERS. When you come to see Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt look out for the sharpers who have established themselves around Dr. Sanden's office at 632 Market street, and who will try to mislead you. There are no Dr. Sanden Belts for sale anywhere in San Francisco but at Dr. Sanden's office, 632 Market street. No druggists nor agents have them for sale.

Call to-day and see the famous Dr. Sanden Belt, or send for the book, "Three Classes of Men," free. Dr. Sanden's Belt proves its claims by publishing its cures. No better proof can be had. Call or address.

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MRS. FERRY'S FURNITURE. John W. Flinn Indulging in Some Litigious Pursuits.

The suit of John W. Flinn against Mrs. Evelyn P. Ferry was tried before a jury in Judge Hunt's court on Monday.

Flinn sued for \$1000 on account of some furniture and Mrs. Ferry responded by a cross-complaint, claiming \$6000 because she had been deprived of the use of the same furniture mentioned in Flinn's account.

Attorney F. F. Dunne and R. H. Contryman appeared for the plaintiff and Attorney Frank Shay represented the defendant.

The difficulty grew out of the seizing of some furniture by Flinn which was in the possession of Mrs. Ferry at her house, 1107 Bush street, this city. There was a misapprehension as to the title to the property and Flinn resolved those doubts in his own favor by taking forcible possession of the furniture. The Sheriff was subsequently directed to cart the goods to Mrs. Ferry, and in the legal scramble both sides found themselves to be losers.

After spending several hours in consultation the jury returned a verdict in favor of Mrs. Ferry for \$500.

NOTES. Sam Leake is a corking good race the