

GEORGE E. WILLIAMS, who is one of the busy men of affairs in Hood River, is at the head of a nice drug trade, which he owns. He is a man of experience in various walks of life and has shown himself worthy of the confidence of the people, which is generously bestowed. He was born in West Irving, Iowa, on October 23, 1871, the son of Josephus and Malceena (Conger) Williams, natives of Ohio and Illinois, respectively, and now dwelling in Kenesaw, Nebraska. They both came from old and prominent families. When our subject was seven, the family removed to Kenesaw, Nebraska, where he attended the public schools. When fifteen, he learned telegraphy and followed the same for several years. He was in the employ of the Burlington and the Santa Fe, principally as train dispatcher, until 1894, when he resigned his position and came west. Hood River attracted him and he soon bought an interest in the drug business owned by Dr. Brosius, which he had established two years previous. In 1896, Mr. Williams went to San Francisco and entered the University of California, taking the Pharmaceutical course, and graduated with distinction in 1898. Immediately upon graduation, he returned to Hood River and took up his business in the drug store. He continued as partner with Dr. Brosius until 1902, when he bought the doctor out and since that time has been handling the business alone. His carefulness and accuracy have commended him to the people, while his geniality and good principles have won him hosts of friends. Mr. Williams has a nice business and is well esteemed in the community.

At Hood River, on August 15, 1900, Mr. Williams married Miss Alice Graham, a native of Chicago, and a charming lady of refinement and culture. Her father, James Graham, was born in the Isle of Guernsey and came to the United States when a young man and married Miss Margaret Tostiven. They both dwell in Hood River, retired from active business. For many years he was an extensive contractor and builder in Chicago. Mrs. Williams has two brothers and two sisters, Albert, William, Carrie Pitch, and Grace Barch. Mr. Williams is a member of the A.F. & A.M., the K.O.T.M., and the Foresters. Politically, he is a Republican, but is not active. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are excellent people and are among the leading citizens of Hood River.