

Wm. Watson, jeweller, Stayner, has been gradually getting behind in his payments and would like to arrange a compromise.—In the year of grace 1884, Mr. M. McPhadden, dealer in tinware, etc., at Sunderland, failed and recommenced. He has not made encouraging progress, however, and has again assigned.—Rivers & Co., carriage makers at Teeswater, who were supposed to have some means, after being in business about three years have found it expedient to assign.—A general dealer in Tiverton, named A. J. McNeil, is in trouble, and has asked his creditors to assemble and consider his case.

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