# Miller & Rhoads

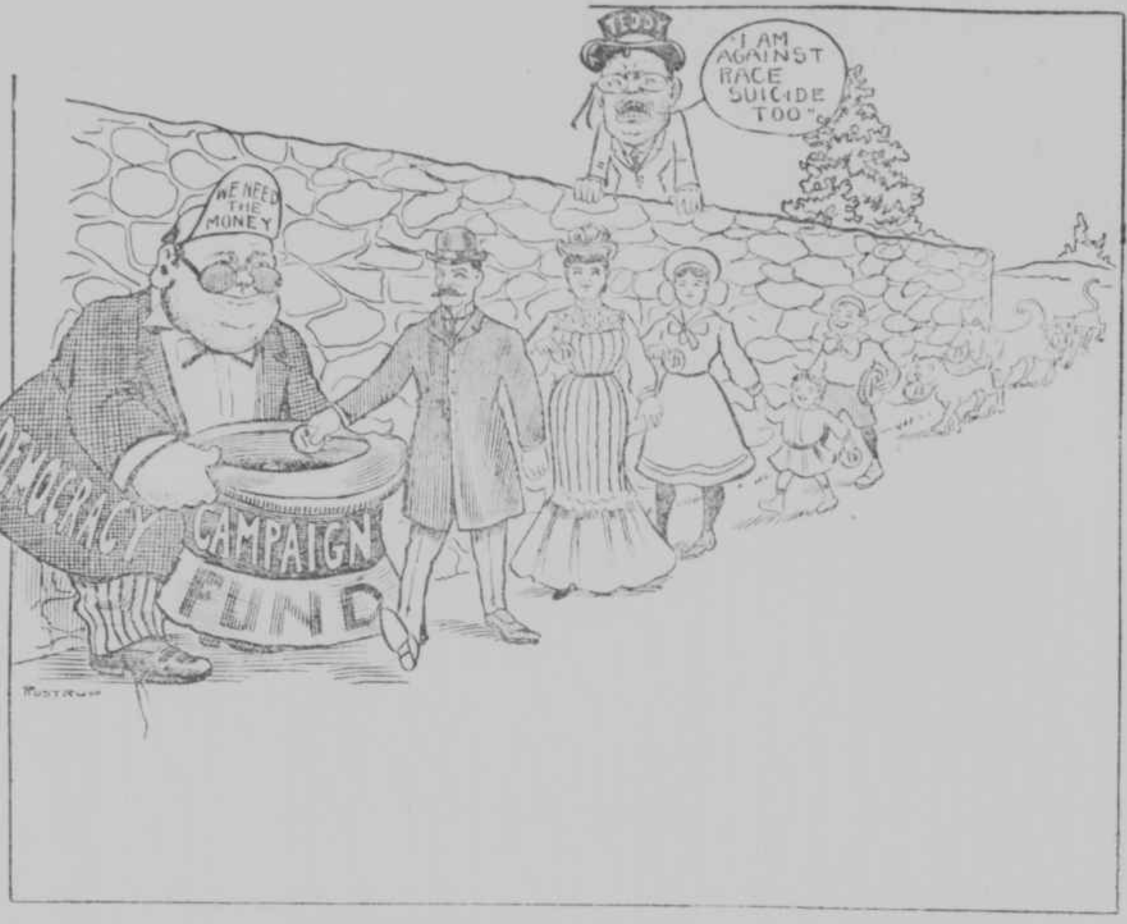
## A Largely Increased
# Carpet and Rug Business

Our Carpet sales this season are more than gratifying, both from a financial point of view and because the largely increased business over last year is an evidence of the fact that weaves, patterns and prices must be to the liking of Richmond people.

Not only are we supplying more homes than ever before, but large contracts are constantly being placed with us—one of the biggest Carpet orders ever given in Richmond being satisfactorily filled last week for one of the largest churches in Richmond.

The choice is a varied one, from the excellent values in Tapestry Brussels at 59c and 75c yard; Velvets at 85c and $1.15; Axminsters at 95c, $1.15 and upwards; Body Brussels at $1.50, up to the Royal Wiltons at $1.50, $1.75, $2.25 and upwards.

A great increase in business is noticed in the Rug Department, due to the same cause—superior values for the prices paid.
Body Brussels Rugs, $22.50, worth $27.
Velvet Rugs, $21, worth $25.
Tapestry Brussels Rugs, $15, worth $18.
Wilton's, $35, $39 and $42.


EVERY LITTLE HELPS!

News Item: Mr. Ratcliffe, of Mississippi, has sent the Democratic Congressional Committee [illegible], including $1 each for his two dogs, and $1 for his favorite cat.

# NEGRO MAY GET LIFE SENTENCE

### Three Times a Convict and Three Times Convicted of Petit Larceny.

### WIRE CUTTING HIS HOBBY

### No Sooner Out of Jail Than He Goes Back to His Old Failing.

If James Hiler, a one-armed negro, is convicted in the Henrico Circuit Court to-day of petit larceny, he will spend the rest of his days in the penitentiary.

Twice before has he been to the penitentiary, and this is the fourth offense of petit larceny that he has been charged with. Thrice has he been convicted of petit larceny, and under the law the third conviction is a penitentiary offense.

The third term in the penitentiary means that the man convicted shall never again see freedom. The law presumes that a man who has so often gone wrong is beyond redemption, and that society is better off with him out of the way.

Hiler is a confirmed wire thief. Some twelve years ago he was caught stealing, and was shot in the elbow of his right arm by an officer. The arm had to be amputated. The negro was sent to the penitentiary for housebreaking. A few years later he returned to the penitentiary and again served a sentence. He was released, and the lesson he had learned did him no good.

A few months afterwards Hiler was again stealing wire. He was arrested and sentenced for petit larceny. Recently he served his term in jail, and when given freedom started out with his little saw again. He cut the overhead wires and sold the lot.

Officers were present who knew the handiwork of Hiler and another time he faced the court for petit larceny.

Another time was he convicted.

### Given Severe Warning.

"The next time you are convicted it will go hard with you," said the Justice of the Peace at that time.

Last year Hiler, with a negro named James Dugger, was caught cutting the wire on the Seven Pines Railway line.

The Commonwealth's Attorney wanted to use Hiler as a witness against Dugger, and, therefore, did not prosecute the charge of the third conviction and ask for a penitentiary sentence for the negro. Since that time he has made himself scarce.

Hiler served six months in jail, and but [illegible] days after being released was again at work with his saw on the wires. Each time he used the same method, and it was easy for the officers to detect him.

He was arrested, and the evidence seems to be strong against him. A justice of the peace of Henrico county ordered him to the grand jury, and a true bill was found against him. His case was set for to-day, and, if he is convicted, it will mean a penitentiary sentence, and a penitentiary sentence means a life sentence.

### Had Two Wives.

Frank Ferrell, a negro, was given three years in the penitentiary by Judge Clopton, sitting in the Henrico Circuit Court, yesterday, on the charge of bigamy. Ferrell admitted that he had two wives. His counsel said that a petition would be sent to Governor Swanson asking for a pardon in view of the fact that the negro was ignorant of the crime he was committing.

John Allen, a negro, stole brass from the Passenger and Power Company, was sent to the penitentiary for two years by a jury in the Henrico Court yesterday.

### Body of Negro Found.

The dead body of a negro was found by the side of the tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad near the Nine Mile Locks, yesterday. Coroner Dens was notified and held an inquest. The negro's name could not be learned. The dead man had nothing on his person by which to identify him. A quart bottle of whiskey was found in one pocket. Constable [illegible] looked after the burial of the negro.

### Declines Florida Call.

Rev. J. Poyntz Tyler, archdeacon of Virginia, has declined the call to become rector of St. Paul's Church in Key West, Fla.

# DENNIS GIVES TO SINKING FUND

### O'Connor, Not a Frenchman, Charged With Disorder in Park, Pays $10.

### HAVE A FREE-FOR-ALL FIGHT

### Classic Penitentiary Bottom the Scene of Great Fistic Battle. $10 Each Required.

Dennis O'Connor, a white man, who isn't a Frenchman, was disorderly in Riverside Park, and had some trouble with Park Officer Farmer. He was asked to contribute the small sum of $10 to the sinking fund of the city.

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Lillie Applewhite, who neither looked like an apple nor was white, was charged with hitting Alice Taylor. Lillie Applewhite also had a razor on the day that she chased Alice. Justice Crutchfield separated her from $5.

### Mix-Up of Fannies.

Fannie Glenn had trouble with Fannie Daniels. It was Fannie against Fannie, and the first named Fannie had to pay $2.50.

William Johnson biased Eden Allen on the head, and [illegible] $5.

Annie [illegible], a dope fiend, was walking aimlessly about the streets and had to give up $2.50. She went to jail.

"It would give me great pleasure indeed, William, if I could order you this morning to be hanged. Such negroes as you cause all the trouble between the races. Maybe it was a nigger about your complexion that started the trouble in Atlanta, but I want to give all of you warning right now that as long as I sit on this bench there isn't going to be any riot here. The [illegible] black nigger trying to strike an officer! Gimme $5, and if I ever hear of you being great again I'll keep you in jail until you turn white."

Thus spoke the fine John in Police Court yesterday morning, when William Dodges stepped [illegible] and faced him on the charge of being drunk and resisting Officer Kellam.

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### WOMEN FINED.

### Residents of Mayo Street Required to Pay $20.

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### Police Want to Hold Him.

Frank L. Shaw, a white man, wanted by Officer Amos to be about the greatest of all scrap iron thieves, was in Police Court yesterday morning. The case was not gone into. Justice Crutchfield continuing it until the 6th in order to allow the police time in which to rake together enough evidence to hold him for a long time.

The man, further than denying emphatically that he was a relative of the New York Shaw, declined to say anything and went back to the pen.

# BEEKS GUILTY OF CUTTING CHARGE

### Man Convicted of Crime Committed in Cuban Waters and Given Sentence Here.

### GRAND JURY STILL WORKING

### Several Indictments Against Moonshiners, Mail Thieves and Others Accused.

The United States District Court, Judge Edmund Waddill presiding, consumed the greater portion of yesterday's session in the trial of Fred Beeks, a negro, charged with feloniously cutting Alvin J. Taylor, on board a government vessel in the harbor of Guantanamo, Cuba, some months ago. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, without specifying the count of the indictment. Hon. R. T. Thorp, who had been assigned by the court to defend Beeks, moved an arrest of judgment, claiming that the jury's finding was too vague to stand. The court, however, fixed the prisoner's confinement in the Atlanta penitentiary at eighteen months.

The case was attended by a cosmopolitan array of witnesses, including West Indian Spaniards, Danes and other nationalities. Beeks used an ugly-looking knife on Taylor, inflicting serious though not fatal injuries. The testimony was conclusive of guilt. Beeks was arrested at the time of the commission of the crime, but escaped from the warship on which he was confined, was subsequently arrested and brought to this city, via Newport News, last Monday, having been given an examining hearing in Newport News.

### Grand Jury's Findings.

The grand jury of the United States District Court reported for duty yesterday morning, was sworn and entered upon its labors. After working for the greater portion of the day, the jury made a partial report and was adjourned until to-day. The case which consumed most attention was a charge of illicit distilling from Mecklenburg county. In its report to the court the grand jury found true bills of indictment against W. H. Gooch, R. W. Jones and Crowder R. Jones for carrying on a distillery without giving the required bond. It is alleged that the defendants were engaged in distilling near Jeffress, Mecklenburg county. The indictments were set for trial October 8th.

The following other indictments were returned by the jury before adjournment:

John H. Braxton, receiving as a pledge a pension certificate.

John Newton, pledging pension certificates.

John Evans, carrying on business of retail liquor license without paying special tax.

Robert H. Jones, alias "Nora Jane Jones," alias "Mrs. John Jones," unlawfully devising scheme and artifice to defraud.

As usual in the investigation of moonshine cases by a Federal grand jury, there was quite a swarm of witnesses, the unusual gathering filling the marshal's office and overflowing into the building.

Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue John H. Campbell, who has been ill at his home for a week or more, is reported convalescent and hopes to be able to return to work to-day.

### MANY DELEGATES.

### I. O. O. F. to Have Grand Rally Next Week.

Myrtle Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Fredericksburg, has appointed the following delegates to represent that lodge and act as escort to the grand officers at the grand rally October 11th in the Y. M. C. A. building:

A. B. Bowering, T. F. Proctor, R. L. [illegible] Herndon, F. F. Whitner, Curtis Bradley, H. Lennon, Frank S. [illegible], J. Charters and Dr. E. L. [illegible].

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### Composes Pretty Song.

Mr. D. M. Chewing, a Confederate veteran of this city, has just completed the composition of a sentimental song, entitled "Sing Under My Window To-Night." Musical critics are much pleased with the composition. Mr. Chewing has gained no little renown for himself as a song writer, having composed several that have enjoyed considerable popularity. His latest piece is published in sheet form by the Sunrise Music Company, 86 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and is now on sale at the Cable Company, of this city.

### Sell Brick Dwelling.

John T. Geddin and Company have sold at auction for the executors of T. W. Wood the brick dwelling No. 108 South Laurel Street for $2,925.

# NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

### Sensational Developments Expected in Free Ticket Question.

### PROSECUTIONS MAY RESULT

### Either Street Railway Company or Councilmen to Explain, Personals.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1112 Hull Street.

Regarding the question of complimentary tickets to the members of the City Council, it was said on the streets yesterday that something sensational would happen within a few days. Councilmen are either to be indicted by the grand jury or the Passenger and Power Company, which furnishes the tickets to the members, will be brought to court to show cause why it should not be held liable for violating a provision of the Constitution.

The matter has reached such a state that nearly every citizen in the city is talking of it. While there are few who object to the members of the Council accepting free transportation over the street car lines there are many who claim that the Councilmen are the last persons of all to evade the law in any way.

And the fact that the members of the Council have elected themselves Fire and Police Commissioners and as such have accepted free tickets over the street car lines is being used against them.

Officials of the street railway company are said to have expressed an opinion that the Councilmen were guilty, in so far as they have signed the agreement in the back of the complimentary books stating that they were not members of any City Council.

Mr. D. L. Toney, member of the Assembly from the Second Ward, is waging a great war against the free passes. His fight is watched with interest by almost every citizen of the city.

Meanwhile there are scores who are desirous of knowing what Commonwealth's Attorney C. L. Page will think about the matter. He is to give a written opinion on the case.

### No Quorum Present.

There was no quorum of the Almshouse Committee of the City Council yesterday afternoon, and the trip to the cemetery was indefinitely postponed. [illegible] and Mrs. William M. Allen had arranged to receive the members of the committee. The bad weather, coupled with the fact that two of the members were indisposed, prevented the trip to the cemetery and the meeting of the committee.

### For Non-Support.

George Stein, of lower Hull Street, was arrested yesterday morning on the charge of failing to support his wife. He will be given a hearing before Mayor Maurice this morning. Stein denies the charge and his wife is said to be reluctant about prosecuting him, although she made the charge.

The police have not as yet caught Tyson, the white man wanted for the alleged theft of a large amount of money from Mr. Baughan.

### The Mothers' Club.

The Mothers' Club, an auxiliary of the Manchester Kindergarten Association, was organized at the home of Mrs. M. P. Staples, on Porter Street, yesterday. Mrs. Seldon Dates was made president and Mrs. Alexander T. Paxton was elected vice-president.

There were many members of the Kindergarten Association present. Every mother having a child in the Kindergarten is a member of the new organization, [illegible] interest in the work among the little children.

Miss Coleman, principal of the school, was pleased. A plan is on foot to have an entertainment for the benefit of the Kindergarten Association.

### Personals and Briefs.

Miss Fannie Smith, of No. 22 Cowardin Avenue, will entertain to-night with a box party for the benefit of Asbury Methodist Church.

Miss Eva Brewer, of No. 120 Hull Street, who has been ill with fever for some time, has entirely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. William Beattie continue quite ill at their home on Decatur Street.

Miss Orrie V. Lee, of Greensboro, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Jewett, of Bainbridge Street. She will remain for the Horse Show.

Mr. Charles Bandy, while at work at Belle Isle yesterday, fell from a scaffold and broke two ribs. He was brought to his home in the city and treated.

### Cumberland to Stand Trial.

The United States District Court will today try the case of Thomas W. Cumberland, of Fairfax county, charged with rifling and destroying letters in violation of the statute.

# WEST VIRGINIA TO ANSWER SOON

### Suit Involving Forty-Five Million Dollars to Be Called Next Monday.

### CALL OLD STATE DEBT CASE

The suit of the State of Virginia vs. the State of West Virginia for an accounting and settlement of the unsettled portion of the debt of the old State of Virginia, contracted prior to the partition of the State by the creation of the State of West Virginia, will be called in the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, D. C., on next Monday, October 8th. At that time the State of West Virginia is summoned to appear and answer the process against her. Her answer may be in the form of a demurrer, a plea or an answer, but it is generally believed by good lawyers that it will be a demurrer. West Virginia will probably be represented by her Attorney-General, Mr. C. W. Mays, while Attorney-General William A. Anderson will appear for this State, and will be associated with Major Holmes Conrad, of Winchester, an eminent lawyer, former ex-Solicitor-General of the United States, who is retained by Brown Brothers & Company, the Committee of Certificate-Holders, with whom the great majority of the deferred Virginia debt certificates have been deposited.

### Fifteen Millions.

The face value of the outstanding Virginia certificates is about $15,000,000, exclusive of those held by this State in the literary fund and in other investments. [illegible] considerably more than eleven-twelfths of [illegible] New York committee, and they are still coming in. It is generally believed that the bulk of the other twelfth has been either lost or destroyed, and will never again be heard of in this connection. A total of $12,700,000, approximately, of these certificates were issued under the act of 1871, and as to these there is said to be grave question as to Virginia's original liability. The remainder of the certificates were issued under the McCulloch act of 1879-8, and the Riddleberger act of 1882, and what is known as the Olcott settlement of 188[illegible].

The grand total of about eighteen millions of dollars originally issued now aggregates, with accumulated interest, over $45,000,000.

Whatever the answer of West Virginia, the pleadings will then have to be made up, and it may be months before the case is again called. Assuming that the matter will finally be referred to a master commissioner in chancery, it may be months or years before the [illegible] is finally [illegible] stated.

### Absolve Virginia.

The holders of these certificates have deposited [illegible] of them with Brown Brothers & Co., which has entered a signed agreement to absolve Virginia from any further liability as a condition [illegible] institution of [illegible]. The Attorney-General and his associates regard this condition as freeing Virginia from any further liability as to these certificates, whatever the outcome of the suit. It is [illegible] stated that if Virginia had not [illegible] to sue, the State of [illegible] would have done so, the legislatures of both States having passed enabling acts therefor.

Should Virginia's contention that she does not owe any part of this debt be established by the court of last resort, the [illegible] would at [illegible] be eliminated from the matter entirely.

give a reception to all of the senior and junior brotherhoods in the city. The reception will be from 8:30 to 10 P. M. Refreshments will be served. All of the brotherhood men in the city are urged to attend.

### APPEAL FOR CLOTHING.

### Associated Charities States Need for Garments of Every Kind.

The Associated Charities wishes to ask that the kind people of the city will now look over their wardrobes and closets and see if they cannot find some clothing for the poor and needy. We are now receiving requests daily for clothes of all kinds, but especially do we need flannel for sick men and women, and children's shoes and winter outfits. We have many [illegible] who need shoes and clothes in order to be able to go to work. [illegible]

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### Dr. Priddy Is Mentioned.

The General Board of the State hospitals of the State will [illegible] meet in Staunton on Thursday of this week. Among other matters to come up it is expected that the board will elect a successor to the late Dr. R. J. Preston, as superintendent of the Southwestern State Hospital, at Marion. Among those most prominently mentioned for the position is Dr. A. S. Priddy, formerly of Charlotte county, but more recently connected with the staff of the Southwestern Hospital. Dr. Priddy formerly served in the General Assembly, and is well known in this city.

### Asleep in Riverside Park.

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### Court Grants Appeal.

The Supreme Court of Appeals has granted an appeal and supersedeas in the case of M. A. Finch, H. J. Mason and S. A. [illegible] and E. F. Finch against [illegible] and W. W. Woodward from the Corporation Court of Newport News. The case grows out of [illegible] certain property in Newport News.

### HONOR DR. M'FADEN.

### McCarthy Council Will Have Great Meeting To-Night.

Officers and members of McCarthy Council, as well as hundreds of [illegible] in this city, are anticipating a [illegible] feast at Lee Camp Hall to-night. In addition to entertaining the [illegible] of the State, always an [illegible], [illegible] will be given Dr. F. T. McFaden, who has recently been appointed a member of the Finance Committee of the Supreme Council. Dr. McFaden is a member of McCarthy Council, and the members feel justly proud of the honor conferred upon him. All members are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served, and the entertainment committee has prepared an attractive program for the evening.

### Brotherhood to Receive.

St. James' Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will inaugurate a new feature in brotherhood work this week. To-morrow night in the [illegible] of St. James' Church, corner of Fifth and Marshall Streets, the members will

# HIGH-STEPPERS COME TO-MORROW

### Vanguard of the Beautiful Show Horses Will Soon Be Here.

### HIGH JUMPING EVERY NIGHT

To-morrow night the first of the well trained and costly horses to be seen in the horse show next week will begin arriving. All of these horses are being shipped here in express cars and many will come in their own private cars, two to four in a car. Among the first scheduled to arrive are those of Alfred G. Vanderbilt. In addition to his stable there will be two cars filled with his road coaches, runabouts, park phaetons, dog carts, brakes and other handsome and costly equipages.

When asked last night to say exactly which night of the show would be most interesting, President J. T. Anderson and Secretary W. O. Warthen both said that there was practically no choice, as the entries for every night were every one filled with the best there was in America, in the horse line, and all kinds of excitement were to be found in each class. Some will, of course, prefer the staid, dignified contest of harness performance of the horses and the masterful management of the drivers. Others will enjoy the jumps. High jumping is on the program for each night, and hurdle races will also be seen each night.

The habit of former years to have some of the best classes reserved for nights later in the week has been permanently abandoned by the association, and this exhibition will find an equitable program throughout the entire five nights.

Persons who have studied the published programs have learned this fact, and are reserving their seats accordingly. In former years these same people waited until the latter part of the week to have reserved seats.

According to some of the leading modistes and ladies' tailors more handsome and costly gowns and costumes have been made this year for those who are to be seen at this horse show than ever before. This guarantees a large attendance of the ladies, and also that the ladies who do attend will have a plenty to interest and entertain them both in the tanbark arena and in the private boxes and seats.


# Pure Food Store

## GEO. A. HUNDLEY

Interior view of Geo. A. Hundley's Fancy Grocery, 514 and 516 East Broad Street, Richmond, Va., now known as "The Pure Food Store."

GEO. McD. BLAKE, Manager.