Miller & Rhoads

Mail Orders Filled at Advertised Prices.

Children's Coats & Hats

For Wintry Weather

The children's department of the store is ready to serve you better than ever before. The Coats and Hats advertised to-day are in every respect the best values that the season has produced.

Reefers in red & tan, with emblem on the sleeve, trimmed with brass buttons; ages 2 to 5 years, $3.50.

Cloth Coats in red, tan & Copenhagen, trimmed in braid, box back and front, fastened up to the neck; sizes 2 to 6 years, $4.00.

Chinchilla Coats, in red & gray, double breasted, fastened with frogs; black velvet collar; sizes 5 & 6 years, $5.00.

Children's Felt Bonnets, trimmed in pink & light blue, $1.

Others made of soft felt, $2.50, $3.00 & $3.25.

Felt Hats for baby boys, trimmed in white ribbon, $1.50 & $2.50.

Felt Hats, trimmed with fine quality satin ribbon, tan & white, $4.50.

Silk Petticoats, $3.98

As good as the ordinary $5 kind,

Heavyweight Black Taffeta Petticoats that in every respect are as good as most garments sold for $4.98. Deep drop flounce made of three ruffles and tucks.

We haven't seen anything this season as good as this garment at $3.98. They'll make you or your friend an excellent Christmas gift.

ALLEGED FORGER HELD IN NEW YORK

David Way's Wife Failed to Settle, and Man Is Arrested for Local Police.

OWENS & MINOR THE VICTIMS

North Carolinian, Previously Trusted by Firm, Presents Worthless Draft.

David Way, a young married man, thirty-seven years of age, was arrested in New York City last night on a warrant sworn out in Richmond, charging him with having obtained $75 on a forged draft from the Owens & Minor Drug Company. Besides the charge of forgery against him, there also rests a charge of grand larceny. He is being held in New York pending the arrival of an officer, who will bring him back.

Way is from Mount Olive, N. C., and, according to the charge, about a week ago he presented a draft over the signature of the Aaron Pharmacy, of Mount Olive, for $75, to the Owens & Minor Drug Company, on East Main Street. It was honored by the local company, but was afterwards returned by the North Carolina concern, which characterized the transaction as a forgery.

Wrote Wife to Settle.

This occurred about a week ago, but Owens & Minor, not wishing to prosecute a case against a man whose drafts had formerly been honored, and who, it was understood, signed the checks for the Aaron Pharmacy Company, wrote to his wife at Mount Olive on Wednesday and informed her that if the draft were paid her husband would not be prosecuted. No reply has yet been received from her, and on failing to receive an answer, the matter was reported to Major Werner, who immediately wired to the police departments of all cities to which it was thought Way was likely to go.

There have been other cases in which the Richmond Police Department was deeply interested, and it has received unusual support from other departments. In this case the man was found and was immediately apprehended. He is now being held for the local authorities.

Way was an employe of the Aaron Pharmacy, and it is understood his checks and drafts were usually honored. After finding that the draft for $75 was not honored by the North Carolina firm, the local concern found that the young man occasionally was the victim of sprees, and the charge was made. Major Werner will attend to the matter this morning, and it is probable that one of the detectives will be sent to New York to bring Way here.

BUTCHERS TO CONFER

Cheerfully Agree to Suggestions by Inspector of Food Department.

Dr. W. G. Chrismon, who was recently appointed a special inspector by the Pure Food Commissioner, for the purpose of examining into conditions in the various slaughter houses around the city, has completed his tour of inspection and has made certain suggestions to the proprietors, with which the latter have cheerfully agreed to comply.

After completing his rounds Dr. Chrismon invited all those engaged in the slaughtering business here to meet him for a conference, which turned out to be highly satisfactory to all parties. Dr. Chrismon made some suggestions involving changes in present conditions, and gave instructions as to what the law provides on the subject of the conduct of slaughter houses. He told the butchers in what condition cattle must be when slaughtered, and they readily agreed to co-operate with him and to carry out all the suggestions made to the best of their ability. Dr. Chrismon thinks that the department will have no trouble with Richmond butchers, and that as a result of their co-operation with the Pure Food Department the people may be assured of pure meats.

ELECT OFFICERS

Baptist Young People's Union Reorganized With New Vigor.

A reorganization has been effected by the Baptist Young People's Union of the Second Baptist Church, with the election of the following officers: E. Percy Baker, president; Aubrey L. Owen, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Willingham, second vice-president; Stiles Ellyson, secretary; Wellford B. Sutherland, treasurer, and Miss Laurie J. Sutherland, pianist. The committee in charge of the program consists of Fred H. Twining, Miss Cecelie Ogletree and Miss Jessie Evans. The union will meet to-morrow at 7:15 P. M. in the church parlors.

TAYLOR SENT UP

Detectives Have Much Evidence of Burglarizing Against Negro.

Henderson Taylor, a negro of many aliases, was sent on to the grand jury from the Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of burglarizing several houses. One charge against him was dismissed, and two more were continued to December 14th.

Detective-Sergeants Wren and Wiltshire, who arrested the negro, have a strong line of evidence against him, and they have recovered some of the stolen property, which is to be used as evidence against the negro.

Mizpah Chapter Meets.

An interesting meeting of Mizpah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was held Thursday afternoon at the Masonic Temple. The chairs were filled by Worthy Matron Mrs. Lila Thompson and Worthy Patron Frank M. Reade and the other officers of the chapter.

HISTORIC HOME PREY OF FLAMES

Residence at Malvern Hill Destroyed While Owner, a New Yorker, Looks On.

SCENE OF MANY BATTLES

Relics of Two Great Conflicts Buried in Ashes—Hunting Party Find Refuge Here.

Driven from their hunting ground by fire, which destroyed the historic residence at Malvern Hill, William H. Hall, Russell T. Joy and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke, all of New York, reached town yesterday afternoon, and spent last night at the Jefferson. The residence, which was one of the oldest in this section of Virginia, was burned Thursday afternoon, while all of the party except Mr. Hall, were searching the brush for birds. Mr. Hall watched the fire until the last spark was out.

Malvern Hill is eighteen miles below Richmond, on the James River. The residence was 270 years old, and was built, according to the owner, by Governor Randolph, one of the Colonial executives of this Commonwealth. It was there that Lafayette is reputed to have once had his headquarters, and later, in the Civil War, the surrounding country was the scene of hard-fought battles. The battle of Malvern Hill was the last of the "Seven Days' Fights." A Confederate force of 80,000 attacked a Federal force of 105,000. The victory went to the latter.

Mr. Hall has owned the place for fifteen years, and has been accustomed nearly every fall to come down with friends for a hunt. The fire is said to have been caused by a defective flue. The house and contents fell a prey to the flames, and the only things saved were the personal effects of the party. Many relics, kept as mementoes of bygone days, were destroyed.

In Judge Leake's Memory.

Hon. A. C. Braxton appeared before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday afternoon, in obedience to the direction of the City Bar Association, and presented the resolutions adopted by that body respecting the memory of the late William Josiah Leake. At the end of Mr. Braxton's brief speech Judge Goff announced an adjournment of the court until the usual hour this morning, as a further mark of respect to Judge Leake's memory.

MAY ESTABLISH A BUILDING LINE

Board of Aldermen Concurs After Hearing Opinion of City Attorney Pollard.

ADOPT FISCAL AGENCY PLAN

Coupons of Richmond Bonds Will Be Payable in New York Hereafter.

After hearing an opinion from City Attorney Pollard to the effect that the ordinance might be legally passed, and could be enforced in the courts, the Board of Aldermen, in special session last night, concurred with the lower branch in passing the building line ordinance, which gives to two-thirds of the property owners on any city block the right to establish a building line, not less than five nor more than thirty feet from the street line, and prohibiting any person from erecting a house not in accordance with that line.

The ordinance was introduced in the lower branch by Councilman Richards, and is designed to prevent the construction of stores and other such buildings out to the street line on purely residential blocks. Under the provisions of the measure, which now goes to the Mayor for approval, two-thirds of the property owners of any one block in the city may petition the Committee on Streets to fix a building line, the committee to give a hearing to the minority property owners.

Only Two Voted No.

The action of the Street Committee is to be recorded in a special index kept for the purpose in the office of the Building Inspector, and no permit is to be issued for the erection of a building not in conformity with the line adopted. The measure was taken up last night under suspension of the rules, and passed by a vote of 13 to 2, the negative votes being Messrs. Melton and Wood.

The special meeting of the Board was called to take action on the proposition of the Finance Committee, approved by the lower branch, to allow the establishment of a fiscal agency in New York City, where the coupons of city bonds may be paid at the option of the holder, instead of at the office of the City Auditor, in Richmond. The proposition was discussed briefly by Messrs. Satterfield, Adams and Ellett, and concurred in without a dissenting voice.

TEMPLE LODGE OFFICERS

E. S. Simpson Made Worshipful Master at Meeting Last Night.

Temple Lodge, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., met in its lodge room at the Masonic Temple last night and elected and installed the following officers:

Worshipful Master, E. S. Simpson; Senior Warden, J. L. Moon, Jr.; Junior Warden, C. R. Moore; Secretary, Worshipful A. W. Archer; Treasurer, J. L. Stines; Senior Deacon, H. T. Hoen; Junior Deacon, John F. Lay; Chaplain, the Rev. John Moncure, D. D.; Tiler, G. G. Woodward; Purveyor, A. W. Baker; Steward, L. B. Folzey; Cemetery Committee, John R. Charleton; Masonic Class Representative, J. L. Moon, Jr.; Masonic Relief Board, Worshipful J. J. English, Jr.

After the ceremony refreshments were served.

MR. SHEPHERD HONORED

Will Represent United Commercial Travelers at Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Mr. W. T. Shepherd, who is secretary of Richmond Council, No. 159, United Commercial Travelers, and grand counselor of Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, has been appointed a delegate to the rivers and harbors convention in Washington, December 9th, 10th and 11th. The committee from the United Commercial Travelers was named by the supreme executive committee of the order, and such an honor is significant of the high esteem in which Mr. Shepherd is held by the organization at large, representing over 50,000 commercial travelers.

Lane Portrait Presented.

General William R. Cox, of North Carolina, presented the oil painting of General James H. Lane to R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, at the hall last night. The portrait was received by Dr. J. Allison Hodges.

DOHERTY CALLED TO GRAND JURY

Newspaper Story About Bakeshop Conditions in Norfolk Leads to Summons.

HAD ALREADY DENIED IT

Labor Commissioner Annoyed by Report in Which He Was in No Way Concerned.

As the result of a publication in the News Leader Wednesday afternoon concerning the alleged filthy condition of certain bakeries in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News, Labor Commissioner James B. Doherty was yesterday summoned to appear before the grand jury in the former city next Monday to testify in regard to the matter, about which he declares he knows nothing.

Mr. Doherty was astonished to receive the following telegram from Commonwealth's Attorney John G. Tilton, of Norfolk:

"Subpoenas issued for you and Clinedinst to appear before Norfolk grand jury, December 7th, to testify in regard to alleged criminal conditions of Norfolk bakeries. Wire me names of parties charged, so I can prepare indictments."

The Mr. Clinedinst mentioned in the telegram is a special agent of the Department of Labor, and was mentioned in the newspaper article as having inspected the bakeries in question.

First to Print Denial.

The Times-Dispatch did not handle the story, but was the first paper to print a denial of its truth by Mr. Doherty, which denial appeared in its issue of yesterday.

Mr. Doherty was greatly exercised over the matter, and declared that the publication had resulted in his being haled before a grand jury when he was overrun here with official duties, to testify about a matter which had never been reported to him, and about which he knew absolutely nothing. To add to his embarrassment, one of the Norfolk papers, ignorant, of course, of the circumstances surrounding the situation, sharply criticized the commissioner in an article, which reads as follows:

"Mr. Doherty is a State officer, and if such a report reached him he should have at once communicated with the city in which it was found, and not have implicated three cities. It is said that he intends to include this story in his official report; if so, he should name the city, and not cloud three by indirection.

"There are no better bakeries in the country than in Norfolk, and they are free from this unjust reflection."

Set Himself Straight.

Mr. Doherty at once telegraphed the editor of the paper in which the above article appeared, setting himself straight, and declaring that he had neither given out nor authorized any such information as that on which the story was based; nor did he possess any knowledge concerning it.

When interviewed on the subject yesterday, Mr. Doherty reiterated what he had said to a Times-Dispatch man by way of denial on the previous day, and added that the turn matters had taken had given him no end of trouble and annoyance. He said that he had been informed by his inspector, Mr. Clinedinst, that the latter had not given out the information.

"Naturally I am greatly embarrassed," said the commissioner, "but you can readily see that I am blameless."

It may be that Mr. Doherty can avoid a trip to Norfolk Monday if Mr. Tilton is convinced in advance that he has no material information for the grand jury, but indications now seem to be that he will have to go, as the authorities in the seaside city appear determined to clear the matter up at once.

Prominent Callers.

Among the prominent callers at the Capitol yesterday were former State Senator John L. Jeffries, of Norfolk, and Judge Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen.

POLICE ACTIVITY SPOILED GAMBLING HOUSE FEAST

Thanksgiving Invitations Sent to Sports in Two States, but Bluecoat Was Most Prominent Guest at Banquet. Vigil Drives Card-Shufflers Away.

Invited to a feast for gamblers and card-players, a horde of guests was expected in Richmond during Thanksgiving week, but owing to the vigilance of the police, the soiree was not a success. Jovial Bacchus was not called upon to be the chief guest at a rally of card sharps, and the few who did come in response to the invitations turned away from the door of the house when they met the startled gaze of a bluecoat. The house, which is located on East Broad Street, has been the object of a steady vigil by the police, day in and day out, for several weeks, and report has it that business has recently been dull, and that the pot has been more empty than was its wont. The managers were enterprising, but their business is not one which caters to publicity and general advertisement. It is one business in which advertisement does not pay, and upon which publicity places a ban. Therefore, it is rumored that the proprietors will move to some other clime, where bluecoats will not be placed at their doors, and where the law will not hold them under such strict surveillance.

It has been the policy of Major Werner in those cases where evidence sufficient for a raid and conviction could not be procured to place a guard at the entrances, and this method has been singularly successful. Several places have been put out of business, and others are noting an awful decrease in trade.

A copy of the letter fell into the hands of The Times-Dispatch, and it is understood that the police department also has a copy. The invitation was not meant to include either of them.

The letter is as follows:

The Stonewall Club, No. 827 East Broad Street, Richmond.

The hardest contested football game of the season—viz., the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia—will be played here Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th, and this and other attractions will draw a very large crowd of our members and friends from both States, arriving here Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day, for the remainder of that week. We expect as many or more of our people than there were on hand here fair week, and, as a great many of you know, that means a considerable crowd, and we hope that you may be here to enjoy yourself with the boys.

Respectfully Yours,

W. H. CRAWFORD,

C. H. DUNKUM.

W. H. Crawford has already been convicted of running a gambling house, and his establishment has been the scene of two raids by the police.

ALDERMAN AND DENNY TO SPEAK

Accept Invitation to Address Times-Dispatch Correspondents at Banquet Here.

The correspondents of The Times-Dispatch, who meet in Richmond next Wednesday and Thursday, will hear addresses by President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia; President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University; Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd, of the Virginia Press Association; Governor Claude A. Swanson, Mayor D. C. Richardson, President F. D. Williams, of the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, and others.

The first session will be held on Wednesday at 12 o'clock, and after organization and election of officers, the body will adjourn for luncheon, when all the correspondents will be the guests of the Jefferson Hotel. Business sessions will be held in the auditorium of Murphy's Hotel, the principal addresses being delivered on Wednesday night, when a number of distinguished visitors will be present.

The meeting on Thursday morning will be largely technical and of an intensely practical character to the newspaper writers of Virginia and North Carolina. Many of those who send news items from small towns and country districts have never had an opportunity of inspecting a modern newspaper plant in active operation. An opportunity will be given on Wednesday night after the business meeting for all the visiting correspondents to inspect the plant in actual operation, visiting in turn each of its departments.

Entertainment features planned in addition to the luncheon at the Jefferson, will be a theatre party and a trolley ride around the city, the convention closing with a banquet at Murphy's Hotel on Thursday night, at which there will be a number of after-dinner speeches.

COURTS HONOR MR. BRYAN

Resolutions Passed by Bar Association Ordered Spread on Minutes.

Attorneys representing the Bar Association of the city of Richmond presented to Judge Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court, and to Judge Grinnan, of the Chancery Court, yesterday the memorial resolutions adopted by the Bar Association on the death of Mr. Joseph Bryan. In both courts the resolutions were ordered spread on the minutes. Mr. George Bryan made the presentation in the Law and Equity Court, Mr. Jackson Guy appearing in the Chancery Court.

WILL SPEND LAST CENT TO GET ROY

Friends of Grandparent Interested in Recovering Boy Stolen by His Father.

Mrs. W. A. Moore, grandmother of Roy Smith, the sensational kidnapping of whom has kept the citizens of Church Hill astir since Monday, stated yesterday that she had heard from the child's mother, Mrs. Grace L. Smith, but at the time her letter was written she had heard nothing of the disappearance of the boy. Mrs. Moore now promises to take the matter to court, and, if possible, get an order making the child over to her.

The child, seven years old, was taken from this city by his father, Hiram H. Smith, who, according to telegraphic communications, passed through South Boston, thence to Danville, and from there to North Carolina. Mrs. Moore has advice of attorneys, who say the only means by which she can regain possession of the youth is to have a court order.

Detective on the Case.

J. H. Hutson, a detective, of Danville, in a letter to the grandparent, writes that he has interested himself in her behalf, and that he will endeavor to locate the whereabouts of the father and son. He writes that Smith was in Danville a week before the child was taken, and at that time stated to friends that he was going to get possession of his boy.

Friends here have visited Smith's home, and one has volunteered to do all in his power to trace down the whereabouts of Roy and Hiram. This friend, who is a well known citizen, says he knew Mrs. Smith, the boy's mother, before she left town, and that she in every way deserves help, as she has spent her life in caring for Roy and his brother, who was drowned last spring.

The mother will receive the first news of her son's disappearance tomorrow. She is an actress. It has been erroneously reported that she was traveling in Texas. Her last letter was written in Hopkinsville, Ky., and in it she stated that her address, until Sunday, will be in Lebanon, Ky.

Mrs. Moore says: "Grace will come home as soon as she learns Roy has been stolen, and our last cent will be spent in regaining possession of him. Hiram never saw him from the time he was a month old until the day he stole him from me, and not one cent of his was ever spent for his comfort."

DOES NOT FAVOR STATES' RIGHTS

Richard E. Byrd Declares Decision in Rate Case a Rebuke to Ancient Doctrine.

REVIEWS THE OPINION

Speaker of the Last House Tells How Ruling Will Affect State and Railroads.

In his declaration that the Supreme Court's decision in the Virginia rate case is a staggering blow to the ancient doctrine of States' rights, Richard Evelyn Byrd, Speaker of the last House of Delegates, in a review of the case, administers a rebuke to those newspapers who have expressed a contrary view.

Mr. Byrd, in an interview dealing with the various points of the Supreme Court's ruling, says:

"I have been permitted, by the courtesy of my friend, the Attorney-General, to read the full text of the opinion of the majority of the Supreme Court of the United States in the rate cases. The court decides as follows:

"(1) That the making of a rate is not a judicial but a legislative function, and that therefore the Corporation Commission, in imposing a 2-cent rate for travel within the State of Virginia, acted not as a court, but as a Legislature.

"(2) Inasmuch as the Corporation Commission was acting as a Legislature, and not as a court, its orders can be enjoined by a Federal court because the commission, not being a State court in its rate-making functions, is not within the protection of the Federal judiciary act which forbids a Federal injunction issuing against the judgments of State courts.

"(3) That though an injunction may issue against the Corporation Commission as a matter of law, as a matter of comity the railroads should, before asking an injunction of a Federal court, have appealed the cases to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, and thus invoked in their own behalf the final remedial agency of the State.

"(4) That in entertaining such appeal the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia will not act as a court, but as another Legislature.

"(5) The final action of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia being a legislative act, and not a judicial judgment, the railroads may sue out an injunction against the execution of the final order of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

"(6) That if the Virginia statute of limitations now precludes the railroads from taking an appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeals, then Judge Pritchard's decree stands, and the railroads gain their contentions asserted in these suits, so far as the law of the cases is concerned.

Blow at States' Rights.

"An analysis of this decision discloses its profound importance. Some newspapers hold that it is favorable to the doctrine of States' rights. On the contrary, it is a staggering blow to that vanishing doctrine. It is an assertion that tribunals created by States to adjudicate contentions affecting its own citizens, called courts, and with all the machinery of notice, hearing, investigation and determination which constitute judicial procedure, are in fact invested with two distinct and widely separated functions, one of which is to legislate and the other to judicially determine; that when such tribunals or courts are legislating, the inferior Federal courts may enjoin their orders, but they may not do so when the courts are exercising their judicial functions. It is therefore for the Federal courts in any particular case to say whether a State court is acting in a legislative or judicial capacity, and enjoin or refrain to enjoin.

"It opens the door to the perpetual interference of the Federal courts in matters of State concern, because under this decision the Federal courts can at any time acquire jurisdiction by declaring that the act of a State court is not a judicial act, but a legislative or administrative act. In its practical consequences the decision sustains Judge Pritchard and is a decided victory for the railroads.

Principle Established.

"The railroads, on their part, get the principle of law established for which they have contended. The State of Virginia, in effect, gets nothing but an exhortation from the Supreme Court of the United States to the railroads to treat the State with more politeness, which politeness consists in appealing from a legislative body called the Virginia Corporation Commission to another legislative body called the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, before invoking the injunctive energy of the Federal courts.

"Lest this politeness should seem too onerous, the railroads are told that when the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia finally acts, and such action is not to the liking of the railroads, then they can go to the Federal courts for their injunction and enjoin the Virginia Supreme Court, instead of the Corporation Commission.

"Personally, I confess I would rather see, if it must be so, the Corporation Commission enjoined by the Federal courts than to witness the paralysis of the functions of our Supreme Court of Appeals by the interference of the inferior Federal judiciary. It would be less humiliating, less destructive of our State pride. The upshot of the decision as to the questions immediately concerned is about this:

"If the Corporation Commission is not acting as a court when performing the most vital functions for which it was created, and is only acting as a Legislature of three men, then the cumbrous and expensive judicial machinery with which it is invested should be swept away, and it should act with the simplicity and directness of any other legislative body. The railroads have certainly established their main contention, but much water must run down hill before the cases are determined upon the facts.

In the meantime the contract procured with the railroad companies by the watchful care of Governor Swanson and Attorney-General Anderson provides that the 2-cent rate shall continue until the cases are finally disposed of on their merits."

TRY WESTERN UNION CASE

City Will Endeavor to Have All Wires Placed Underground.

Trial of the long-deferred suit of the city of Richmond against the Western Union Telegraph Company to compel the placing of all wires underground in certain sections of the city is set for hearing on next Tuesday in the United States Circuit Court.

City Attorney Pollard said yesterday that the city was ready with its case, and would oppose any further continuance. The suit involves the right of the city under its franchise agreement with the telegraph company to establish an "underground district" or specified congested section of the city in which all telegraph wires and call-bell connections must be placed underground. Since the case has been pending in the courts the telegraph company has made several indirect efforts to secure a new franchise for the operation of a system of call wires and burglar alarms.

MR. BEATTIE MAY RUN

But Announcement of His Candidacy for House Was Not Authorized.

Mr. Henry C. Beattie stated yesterday evening that the announcement of his candidacy for the House of Delegates from Henrico county against Mr. C. W. Throckmorton, the incumbent, was not authorized. He did admit, however, that several neighbors had been to see him and had urged him to run, and that he had the question under advisement. He has not yet reached a decision.

FORTY DOZEN EGGS STOLEN IN BUNCH

Farmer's Hens Reward Him, Then Somebody Got the Goods and Skipped.

William Mitchell, trucker and tobacco grower from an adjoining county, was robbed of forty dozen eggs yesterday, and he charges C. A. Beckner, alias "Tennessee Kid," with stealing them and selling them at 7 cents below the market price.

Mr. Mitchell left his horse and wagon at Smith's stables, at Eighteenth and Grace Streets, yesterday evening, and went to one of the tobacco warehouses to receive his earnings from the sales. When he got back his forty dozen eggs were gone, representing a loss of $12.80. It is charged that "Tennessee Kid" sold them in Smith's stables, under the hammer, at 25 cents a dozen. He had, it is alleged, sold thirty-six dozen when the owner arrived. The remaining four dozen were recovered.

It is a remarkable case in some respects, and there may be further developments in the Police Court this morning. Mitchell had had more or less of a difficult time in procuring those eggs, for the hens had not been laying well. But he finally accumulated forty dozen, and came to Richmond to lose them all. Four dozen may be returned to him this morning if his case is proved.

BROWN DENIES LIABILITY

Defendant Claims Machinery Was Not Equal to Requirements.

A jury in the Law and Equity Court yesterday partly heard the evidence in the suit of C. H. Smith, W. T. Beatty and T. W. I. Bobb, trading as the Austin-Western Company (Limited) against J. Henry Brown, of Richmond, for damages placed at $4,000. The plaintiff is represented by Mr. H. St. John Coalter, the defense being in the hands of Mr. R. H. Talley.

The action grew out of the purchase of a rock-crusher and other machinery to be placed in a stoneyard operated by Brown near Richmond. Brown denied liability for the claim, and declares that the plaintiff failed to fill his order and deliver the crusher and machinery within the time limit specified; that the crusher failed to meet the requirements of the contract, and that this failure has resulted in heavy loss to him in the execution of contracts taken with the expectation of receiving and utilizing the new machinery and crusher. Argument in the case will be heard to-day.

ROBBED HIM AFTER FRIENDLY FIGHT

Man Held Up on Hermitage Road, $40 Being Stolen by Quick Work.

Held up by his friend, it is alleged, on the lonely highway where Mounted Policeman Krouse was shot some weeks ago, Patrick Graham, colored, was robbed early last night of $40, and the charge was entered against James Davis, who has been arrested. Both men acknowledge that they were friends, and Davis goes so far as to say that they engaged in a "friendly fight." The police and no one else have ever heard of a "friendly fight," and on his own admission the case looks bad for Davis.

According to Graham's story, the two were walking together on the Hermitage Road. Just as they came opposite the point where the officer was recently shot he was struck senseless.

He thinks that a rock was used on his head, and partially admits that nothing else would have deprived him of his reason for that length of time. Upon waking up he discovered that he was minus $40—all he had. He immediately gave warning, and mentioned the name of the man he suspected. Bicycle Policeman Tomlinson was detailed on the case. He went to Davis's store and arrested him. When searched, it was found that he had more than $100 in his pocket—a large amount for one negro. Two $10 bills corresponded in description to those lost.

Colonel Button Away.

Colonel Joseph Button, Commissioner of Insurance, is in New York attending a meeting of the presidents of life insurance companies. He will go from New York to Chicago, where he will meet a committee on fidelity and surety companies, appointed by the last meeting of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Railroad Company Sued.

Suit was brought in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by August Moll against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for damages laid at $1,000. No declaration was filed.

Suit was also filed by Martin J. Taylor, an infant, who sues by Mrs. Kate L. Travis as next friend, against Wickham and Northrop, receivers of the Richmond Traction Company, for $2,500.

ALL OF OUR VERSE NOT SO VERY BAD

Dr. Perry Says American Poets Show Lack of Patriotism in Their Efforts.

In the second lecture of the series on the Thomas Foundation last night Mr. Perry delighted an audience which, regardless of the weather, filled the college hall.

In discussing "Poets and Politics" as the subject for the evening, the speaker brought out very clearly the fact that national life was an education, and though one felt a justifiable pride in the material America, which was worldwide, yet in the ideal America the country of the future, one saw something larger than this commercialism.

Continuing, he said that in the great amount of verse now being produced in America, which was by no means all bad, there was a lamentable lack of patriotic verse. This lack he attributed to such causes as antagonism between sectional and race instincts and national instincts, the difficulty of the solution of the puzzling question of the rights of the minority against the declared policies of the majority, and the ever-present conflict between humanitarianism on the one hand and patriotism on the other.

Great patriotic poetry must be the spontaneous expression of the nation's pause in progress for a greater and broader outlook. To such an expression the age of commercialism was opposed.

Mr. Perry urged that America could best serve the greater cause of civilization by a more general and honest expression of Americanism.

That America needed a revival of political poetry to make reassertion of the great principles upon which the nation is founded. The proof of patriotism being not of necessity an expression in poetry or prose, but a willingness to accept any sacrifice for the country's good.

The next and last lecture of this series will be delivered in the college hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock, at which time Mr. Perry will discuss "Literary Fashions."

VAUGHAN STILL ELUDES POLICE

Case of Irish Girl Halts Until Department Can Find Drug Clerk.

No new developments have resulted in the Mary Murphy case, though the police are bending every effort now to locate Archie Vaughan, the drug clerk, who was once her constant companion. Fannie and Della Pope, mother and daughter, are being held on a charge of murder and complicity in murder. Floyd Blackburn, who informed the police that the negro woman told him she had performed the operation, and that Dr. A. B. Cosby had received $50 as hush money from her, is also being held as a witness, and is now in the City Jail. The preliminary charge of murder against the two women will be heard on December 16th. The coroner's inquest will meet again at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and by that time the police will have still further evidence against the two women. It is possible also that they may apprehend Vaughan before that time, in which event he will be summoned as a witness and forced to tell all he knows about his part in the tragedy and what he knows of Fannie Pope and her daughter.

The police have sufficient evidence against Vaughan to bring him back from any part of the country, and it is probable from any country in the world.

WATERWAYS DELEGATION

Representatives to Rivers and Harbors Congress to Assemble To-Day.

Delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, appointed by the Governor, the city and the various business and commercial organizations, will meet to-day at 12:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce for organization. The Virginia delegation will elect officers and maintain a definite headquarters in Washington during the sessions of the congress, which assembles on Wednesday next.

ROBBED WHILE PEOPLE PASSED

A. F. Gregory Held Up Early This Morning and Relieved of $8.

While looking a revolver in the muzzle this morning about 12:45 o'clock A. F. Gregory, of 2243 West Grace Street, an employe of Seymour Sycle, was robbed of all the money he had on his person—about $8 in all. Mr. Gregory was on his way home from a card party, and had arrived at the corner of Addison and Broad Streets, when a negro approached him and asked him for a match. Mr. Gregory said that he recognized at once that the negro was a desperate character. As he stopped and fumbled for a match the negro pointed a revolver in his face, and then a companion went through his pockets. He had no valuable jewelry on him, and they got only cash. He says that both negroes were young and were evidently new at the business, for they were decidedly nervous. "Three cars and two vehicles passed me," said Mr. Gregory, "but in my position I was unable to call out."

After they had finished with him they ran off, and Mr. Gregory went home as fast as possible. The young woman, whom he had taken home, lives on South First Street.

SUITS INSTITUTED

Actions Brought Against City of Richmond and Street Car Company.

Suit was instituted yesterday in the City Circuit Court by George W. Munro against Henry T. Wickham and William Northrop, receivers of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, and the Richmond Transfer Company for damages in the sum of $2,500.

In the same court suit was instituted by Latissie Blackburn, an infant, who sues by Emma Tillery, her next friend, against the city of Richmond for $2,500. No declaration was filed.

Suit was also instituted in this court by E. T. Wade, administrator of Isabella Ashton Wade, against Wickham and Northrop, receivers of the Richmond Traction Company, for $10,000 as a result of a street car accident in which the little girl lost her life in Pine Street some weeks ago. None of the cases will be heard until the next term of the court.