

**BUCHANAN, VA.**

Its Many Advantages for Investment Set Forth.

To develop Buchanan the Central Land Company of Buchanan has been formed, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. Its stock was all sold in three days and double the amount could have been placed. One significant feature of its sale of stock was that, with the exception of two small blocks, it was all taken in the South, chiefly in Virginia. This company owns 3,000 acres of land, all of which is paid for and a portion of which it has laid out in a most thorough and liberal manner into a town site. Its streets are 70 and 100 feet wide, its residence lots 40 and 50 feet front by 135 to 200 feet deep. Nearly \$75,000 has been spent in grading these streets. The Central Land Company of Buchanan has not been satisfied with merely running furrows through the fields, but all the streets in that portion of the town offered for sale have been not only rounded by road machines, but have been thoroughly graded, some 250 men with fifty teams being employed at one time in this work.

A water supply has also been provided for. The plan that has been adopted contemplates the taking of water from four freestone springs which the Central Land Company of Buchanan has acquired, the water being brought some five miles. The engineering of the works in the town has provided for the growth as well as the probable demands in the near future. A reservoir holding 4,000,000 gallons is to be built, giving a head above the hotel site of 135 feet—making a head of some 240 feet above the river.

An extensive system of sewerage has been provided for and is under construction. A steel combination highway and railway bridge is also now building across the James River. This bridge is being built by the Edgemoor Bridge Works, and will be the property of the Central Land Company of Buchanan, and will provide not only access across the river between the two portions of the town, but will give equal railroad facilities to manufacturing or other establishments situated on either side of the river.

One of the finest hotels in Virginia is also being erected. This hotel will be complete in all of its appointments. The style of architecture is German Renaissance; and it is so located as to give not only a most extensive view, but one that in variety of scenery is unsurpassed in the South—the near mountains, the distant Alleghanies, the meadows and the river, furnishing a variety of scenery rarely found.

A park of sixty acres, including the beautiful Mount Joy location, has been laid out. A lake covering some forty acres has been made adjoining this Mount Joy park. These are within easy distance of the hotel and readily accessible to the residence portion of the town.

An electric light plant, both arc and incandescent, is being constructed and will be ready to light the town about the day of the sale.

All of these matters, which are usually left until after the sale of lots, have been provided for before a lot is sold. Some \$300,000 has been spent and arranged to be expended in improvements.

**FOR INVESTMENT.**

For the reasons pointed out, because of its location, its railroad and manufacturing facilities, and its advantages for residence, investments in Buchanan will not only be safe, but most profitable. This applies not only to lots, but to the investment companies that have been formed and the manufacturing companies that have been and are being organized, such as glass works, boot and shoe factory, brick works, wood manufacturing works, agricultural implement works, flouring mill, etc.

**NOT JACK THE RIPPER**

Who Killed the Woman Found in London Friday.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—[Special]—The body of the woman found murdered in South Hampstead locality last night shows that the crime bears no resemblance to those committed by "Jack the Ripper," and a medical examination of the remains proves that the woman did not belong to the Whitechapel class, from which the "Ripper" selected his victims.

The body is that of a woman about 30 years of age, and was well clad. Her linen was marked. Her throat had been cut and her skull fractured, and all the pockets in her clothing were empty. A perambulator containing a blood stain and fur rug was found near by, which it is supposed was used to convey the body from the spot where the crime was committed to where it was found.

Dillon and O'Brien Are Passengers.

HAVRE, Oct. 25.—[Special]—William O'Brien and his wife and John Dillon are passengers on the steamer La Champagne, which sailed from here to-day for New York.

THE TIMES is the only paper in Roanoke which receives by telegraph the daily markets of New York and Chicago.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

List of letters remaining in the Postoffice Saturday, October 25, 1890.

- GENTLEMEN'S LIST.
Avory, R. D.
Anderson, A. P.
Blankenship, A.
Brown, Willie.
Brako, M. G.
Brisceton, J. Frank.
Bateman, M.
Bonsomer, C. D.
Chamson, S. H.
Dean, C. F.
Dunson, Scott.
Engle, Joseph.
Easley, Ed.
French, Floyd.
Ferguson, W. J.
Farmer, C. G.
Goggin, Wm.
Griffith, M. C.
Grabill, James.
Hopkins, Joe.
Hughes, Geo. C.
IngFun, Chas.
Kingsley, Wm. H.
Linc, Daniel.
Miller, William.
Martin, Chas.
Moore, W. B.
Nole, M.
Pettus, T. H.
Petty, L. W.
Phillips, R. C.
Rice, Newton.
Schmitt, John.
Seibert, George.
Scott, James W.
Witt, Willard.
Dr. Washington Lacy.
Walker, W. S.
Wood, Mark.
Ward, Jake.
LADIES' LIST.
Atwell, Eva.
Cary, Miss M.
Grant, Lanna.
Graves, Mrs. John P.
Hewitt, Bettie.
Hoggin, Susie A.
Hanel, Mrs. Lucie.
Johns, Miss Nora.
Johnson, Cattie.
Lytle, Ada.
Langon, Bettie.
Moore, A. W.
Mack, Mariah.
Mathannay, Lizzie.
Webb, Sallie.
Oliver, Elizabeth.
Preston, Ellen.
Price, Maggie.
Richard, Carol.
Renolds, W. R.
Riddick, Kate.
Scott, Charlotte.
Steph, Mary.
Smithers, Jennie.
Tinnel, Mary S.
Taylor, Lulsa.
Thomas, Mary T.
Wilks, Sevanna E.
Walker, J. S.
Webb, Sallie.

Persons calling for letters will please say they are adverst.

**CEYLON'S TREASURES.**

Primitive Methods Employed by Poor and Dissolute Miners.

Ratnapura, the city of gems, is the center of a district twenty or thirty miles square, in almost all of which a stratum of gravel six feet to twenty feet under the surface exists. Throughout this area gem pits are to be seen near the villages, some being worked now, others being abandoned. The natives work there in companies of six or eight and pay a rupee per man per month for the privilege of working a certain allotment, where they begin by marking off a square of about ten feet.

After removing about three feet of soil the sounding rod, a piece of iron about half an inch in diameter and six feet long, is used to sound for the gravel. If successful the digging is begun in earnest till about four feet deep. On the second day gravel is taken out by baskets handed from one man to another till all within the square is excavated. Should the miners find the soil fairly firm at the bottom of the pit, they tunnel all around for about two feet, drawing out the gravel and sending it up also to be heaped with the rest, which usually completes the work of the second day, a watchman remaining near it all night.

On the third day the gravel is all washed in wicker baskets by a circular jerking motion, which throws out all the surplus light stone and rubbish till a good quantity of heavy gravel is left in the bottom, which is carefully examined. There is hardly a basketful that does not contain some gems of inferior value, which are usually sold by the pound for about nine rupees. Should no valuable stones be found another pit is sunk, and so on until one or two or perhaps three really valuable gems are unearthed, when the work is stopped and the whole party goes off to Ratnapura with the prizes. If these are worth, say a few thousand rupees, they are kept secret and only shown to one or two men of money, who make the owners an advance and look after the custody of the precious stones.

Then the miners gamble and drink for some time, till another advance becomes necessary, and so on until half the value is obtained. Then the party, with the mortgagee, proceeds to Colombo, or Italutara, where rich Moorish traders are summoned to purchase, and the gems soon find their way to London. The general public knows nothing about these transactions, and valuable gems are never heard of in Ceylon and never see the light of day until they reach Bond street. The natives have a great fear of exposing their finds till they are sold, and they have superstitious ideas about showing them. This system has been in vogue for centuries. It is only occasionally one hears of a native having enterprise enough to dig a few feet below the first gravel to see if a second bed of gravel is within reach, for they fear the expense of bailing out water, which increases as the greater depth is attained, although the second gravel is well known to be much richer than the first.—Jewelers' Weekly.

**VIRGINIA NOTES.**

Congressman C. T. O'Ferrall, of the seventh district, spoke in Richmond Friday night and in Manchester Saturday night following. Colonel O'Ferrall says the McKinley bill has demoralized the Republicans, especially in the West and Northwest. In his opinion the democrats will certainly have a good working majority in the next House of Representatives, which is certain to be Democratic, will, in all probability, the colonel thinks, pass a reform tariff bill, and many of the Republican Senators from the West and Northwest will vote for it. They were very shaky, he says, when it came to voting on the McKinley bill, and now that they see the evil effects of their work they cannot afford to vote against the wishes of their people when they have an opportunity to help undo what they have done.

Governor McKinney stated Friday that if the bondholders' committee in New York submitted a statement in regard to the State debt, he would consider their statement, and, if necessary, call an extra session. Otherwise he did not see that any extra session would do any good.

The Old Dominion steamer Newberne, Capt. Southgate, which arrived in Norfolk Thursday night, reported that on Tuesday night, in Pamlico sound, she was run into by an unknown schooner, which displayed no lights. The steamer was not seriously damaged, and the schooner kept on her course. The collision occurred a few miles north of Long Shoal light.

The subject of special interest in the Presbyterian Synod at Staunton, Va., Thursday was the report of the committee on evangelization. Five persons in the State have offered to give \$5,000, on condition that the churches will give an equal amount, thus securing \$10,000 toward employing evangelists to preach the gospel in destitute places, and to keep abreast with the tide of population flowing into the State. This sum will enable the synod to put at least ten evangelists in the field.

The case of C. J. Campbell, editor of the Amherst New Era, charged with malicious shooting of O. L. Evans, a young lawyer of Amherst Court house, was tried Wednesday and resulted in a verdict of acquittal.

Capt. Samuel Register, a former Baltimorean, has resigned the command of the Stuart Horse Guards, Richmond, on account of ill-health and pressure of business.

The First ward colored Republicans of Petersburg have announced their intention of voting for Mr. James F. Epes, the Democratic nominee for Congress.

A second Republican convention in Alexandria, Thursday, declined to make a nomination for Congress, but resolved to give no aid to either Hume or Lee.

M. B. Moomaw has been appointed postmaster at Moomaw, Va., and S. Watkins at Rescue, Va.

William Hall, one of the oldest citizens of Leesburg, died Monday, aged eighty-one years.

John Meanley, a prominent citizen of Richmond, died Wednesday.

The Pension Bureau yesterday made requisition for \$25,000,000 to meet the payment of pensions.

**WEST END**

Land and Improvement Co.,

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA.

PETERSBURG, the third city of Virginia, population 23,317, is advantageously situated at the great falls of the Appomattox, at the head of tide water, eighty-one miles west of Norfolk, 123 miles east of Lynchburg, and nine miles from the port of City Point, on the James. It is nine hours' travel by rail from New York city, being thus nearer the great metropolis than either Rochester or Buffalo. It has large water power only partially developed.

Four steamer lines to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Norfolk.

Five railway connections, north, south, east and west, and another line chartered.

The largest quarries of gray granite in the South; single blocks of 65,000 pounds weight having been shipped northward by rail during the past six months.

Two hundred and sixty (260) manufacturing establishments in successful operation, with an aggregate monthly pay-roll of \$320,000.

The largest silk mill in the South, run by water power, now employing 500 hands, and annually enlarged and extended.

A large and lucrative trade in tobacco manufactured for export, one-half of the entire foreign export from the United States going from this city.

Six factories of tobacco for the home market, one of them the largest in the State.

Five factories making cotton cloth.

Four iron foundries, two trunk factories, veneer works, flour and grist mills. Basket and woodware works, planing mills, knitting mills. A factory for all varieties of plain and stamped tin ware, paper-box factory, fireworks factory, &c., &c., &c.

All new manufacturing enterprises receive the encouragement of ten years' exemption from city taxation.

Our industries are already well established; we welcome those who come to assist in their expansion and development. A paper mill would be a paying investment, as the raw material is in unlimited quantity, and the demand for the various grades of paper requires an immense amount of the article. A tannery could also be profitably operated at Petersburg. The raw material is in unlimited supply, and a ready market, at home and near at hand, for a large production of leather.

The proximity of large bodies of hardwood timber, the presence of skilled labor, and the radiating system of railways, mark this as the best point for building railway cars and equipment.

A marked advantage to the person who invests in Petersburg now is, that he does not come on the tidal wave of a senseless boom, to be stranded by the reflex current.

This company's property, situated in the western part of the city, on the Petersburg and Asylum railroad, has been graded and laid off in lots. The lots are beautifully situated and, being in the line of the natural growth of the city, offer a rare opportunity to investors, either as a speculation or to permanently locate as a home. One of these beautiful lots will be given to each purchaser of four shares of stock, the designation and distribution of which will be made

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1890.

One hundred and sixty lots will be sold at public auction on

Thursday, November 6,

On the grounds of the company.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

One-third cash; the balance in six and twelve months, interest added for deferred payments, and title retained until final payment.

The stock of this company will be taken at par for the purchase of any of the lots.

A plat of the lots can be seen at the office of the managers, or furnished upon application.

Fare refunded to purchasers of lots on day of sale.

**WEST END**

Land and Improvement Co.

MOYLER & EGERTON, Managers.

For information apply to C. O'Leary, James S. Simmons or Henry Stall, Roanoke, Va. oct19,23,26,28

**Most Important Sale of Lots Ever Held!**

**FIRST SALE OF**

**CHOICE BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE**

**LOTS**

AT

**BUCHANAN, VA.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29, 1890.**

The Central Land Company of Buchanan will hold its First Sale of Lots as above. Maps and Schedules of Property to be sold are now ready for distribution, and will be sent on application.

No other New Town of the South has offered such Advantages to Buyers at its First Sale.

- Streets Graded,
Water Works,
Steel Bridge,
Electric Lights,
Parks and Hotel.

**LANDS FULLY PAID FOR!**

**\$300,000**

**BEING EXPENDED IN IMPROVING PROPERTY.**

Glass works, brick works, wood working establishment, agricultural implement works

**ACTUALLY SECURED.**

Negotiations Nearing Completion for other works.

All of these are New Plants.

No place in the South offers superior advantages to the investor, the manufacturer, or as a place of residence.

The above sale promises to be the largest and most successful ever held in Virginia.

Excursion Tickets, good from October 28 to 30, will be sold from all points. For maps, schedules, etc., address

**CENTRAL LAND COMPANY OF BUCHANAN, BUCHANAN, VIRGINIA.**