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WRIGHT'S GROTTOS HOTEL—SHENDUN, VIRGINIA.

One of the most popular hosteries along the Norfolk and Western railroad, so justly famous for its handsome hotels, is Wright's Grottoes Hotel at Shendun, which is, perhaps, the prettiest of all the new Virginia towns. It is located immediately on the Norfolk and Western, about the center of the great Shenandoah Valley, where it is thirty miles wide. It is six hours from Baltimore, five hours from Washington, five hours from Roanoke and five hours from Richmond.

Mr. A. D. Wright, the best known hotel man in Virginia, has made this house so popular that the authorities of the Norfolk and Western have made it the eating house for three of its trains, the north and southbound day trains taking dinner there and the northbound train breakfasting at Grottoes. The electric lights and the famous table furnish conveniences and good cheer equalled by few city hotels, while the neat and cozy chambers, the broad verandas all round the house, and the large family parlor, all give it a home-like air that is most grateful to the traveler.

Not a few guests who tarry to take a meal or spend a restful night are beguiled into staying a few hours longer in order to view the wondrous Grottoes of the Shenandoah, reached by the street cars of Shendun in a few minutes' ride, which are pronounced by continental travelers to be the finest caverns in the world. Half way between Wright's Hotel and the caverns, right on the banks of the beautiful South river, is situated the other hotel of the Grottoes Company, known as Cave Hotel. It is a large comfortable and well-furnished brick establishment embowered in trees and kept in a nice country style, with an abundance of everything the hungry tourist wants to find on the table.

HOTEL BEDFORD, BEDFORD CITY, VA.

One of the prettiest of the public buildings at Bedford City, is the Hotel Bedford. Like all the hosteries for which Virginia is fast becoming famous, it is situated on an eminence and overlooks valley and mountain. It was erected under the management of J. Lawrence Campbell, and is adjacent to the magnificent Randolph-Macon Academy. Electric lights and bells, heat by steam, and other modern adjuncts to a first-class house are part of its equipments, which are well nigh perfect.

Bedford City is an educational center. In addition to Randolph-Macon, (a Methodist institution,) the Presbyterians have established Belmont Seminary, the Baptists Jeter Memorial Institute and the Episcopalians have secured the grounds for a college. A small but well equipped hospital, five free schools, churches, banks, electric lights, broad and well graded streets, and cultured people and the Norfolk and Western railroad are some of the additional advantages which contribute to make this town popular with investors.

There are a number of factories, including a first-class woolen mill, and a number of tobacco factories in operation. Iron ore, mica, asbestos, clays, stone and timber are plentiful in Bedford county and only await additional railroad facilities to insure their development. These will be provided by the projected railroad from Pittsburg to Atlanta via Bedford City. A company with Hon. W. W. Berry as president, has been organized to construct the middle division, which embraces Bedford City, and it is believed that the work will be commenced at no very distant day.

HOTEL RICHLANDS, RICHLANDS, VA.

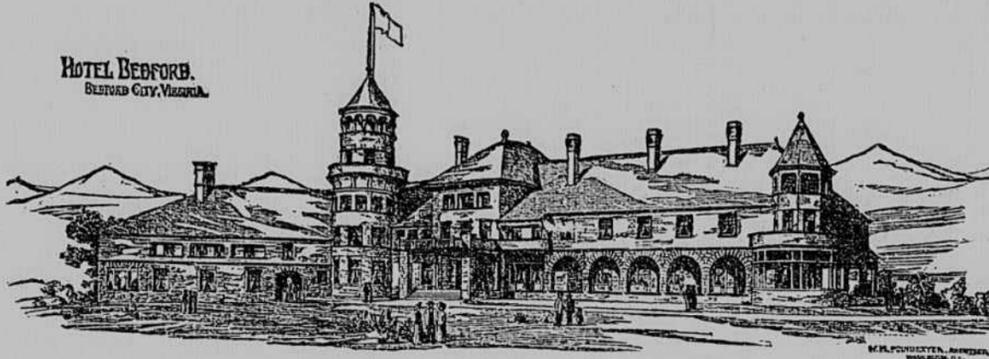
This hotel has been built and furnished at a cost of \$50,000, and is as complete as any hotel of its size in the country. It is finished throughout in light wood and fitted with steam heating and electric bells. A large tank on the roof is connected with fire apparatus on each floor. By a special attachment in case of fire an electric gong rings loudly in every room in the house. It is lighted throughout with gas, the gas fixtures being handsomely made of wrought iron. Many of the rooms are connected and can be rented out in suites.

This hotel has been specially arranged with sample rooms for the convenience of commercial travelers, and are so constructed that the trunks can be taken in below and there is easy access from the ground floor without having to pass through the main halls. Commercial travelers stopping at Richlands can command the stores at the various coal operations situated near the town as well as the rich Russell county blue grass section, and a large trade from West Virginia which strikes the railroad at Richlands station.

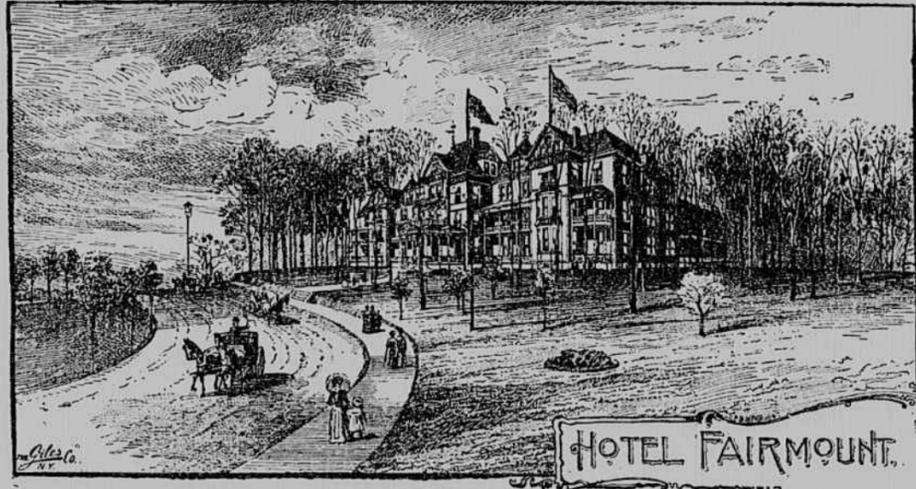
HOTEL BUENA VISTA, BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA.

Two years ago, where now stands Buena Vista, a prosperous and progressive industrial city of 3,500 inhabitants, Rev. B. C. Moomaw cultivated corn, wheat and vegetables. The promoter of this marvelous development is the Buena Vista Company, whose affairs are administered by Col. A. T. Barclay, of Lexington, Va. In the short space of time above mentioned he has secured a number of very valuable enterprises, including a wood pulp mill, paper mill, 150-ton iron furnace, harness factory, woolen mill, the Wise Wagon Works, the Rarig Engine and Boiler Works, fire clay brick and pipe works, steam tannery, electric light plant and several banks, which employ in the aggregate some 2,000 workmen.

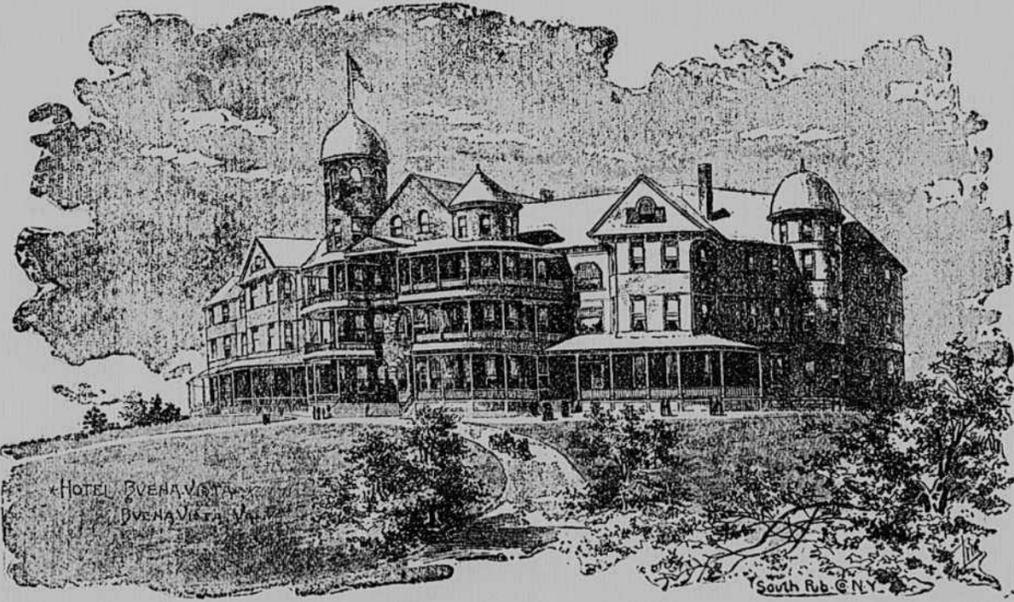
Buena Vista's prosperity does not depend upon any one product of nature. Of iron, there is an abundance to meet the demands of several centuries. Manganese, fire-clay, amber, ochre, stone and timber are plentiful, and the Nor-



HOTEL BEDFORD, BEDFORD CITY, VIRGINIA.



HOTEL FAIRMOUNT.



HOTEL BUENA VISTA, BUENA VISTA, VA.

folk and Western and Chesapeake and Ohio railroads run through the town. North river supplies a magnificent water power, and there is ample capital to utilize all these lavish gifts of nature. On a hill, from which a splendid view of the valley is obtained, the magnificent hotel, the successor of a less pretentious frame hostelry, which was burned down, is situated. It will soon be completed by the Buena Vista Company and turned over to McCandlish & Clowes, trustees for a syndicate of capitalists who purchased it. A prettier property is not to be found anywhere, and when the house is ready to be disposed of a lessee or purchaser will be found without trouble.

GLASGOW HOTEL, GLASGOW, VA.

Glasgow's princely hotel stands upon an eminence that overlooks the city. The massive, magnificent pile, whose flag staff swings its streamer to the breeze 80 feet from earth, cost \$100,000. From its tower or summer garden on the roof the eye falls upon a prospect of more than inexpressible beauty. A triangular plateau beneath, cradling an infant city, encircled by the waters of two rivers that creep along at the base of towering mountains, is a scene that might be admired in Switzerland. Anon the locomotive's shriek is heard, and over one, or all, as the case may be, of the three railroads, the freighted cars dash along. Miles of telegraph and electric poles carrying the insulated wires, with pendent arc lights at intervals, weave a net-work over the city.

The background of the view supports the industrial portion of Glasgow, with its rolling mill, foundries and manufactories. With 9,000,000 tons of excellent iron ore, these industries have material to draw on for a hundred years.

High up from the noise and smoke—nearly one thousand feet above sea-level—an incomparable summer resort is this palatial hotel. It is the handsomest, and has no superior in Virginia. It has 200 rooms, incandescent electric lights, and richest furnishings, with mountain water from a reservoir built to hold 3,000,000 gallons. Looking southward down the hill-slope to the James a covered walk will be erected, leading to bathing, pools, boat-houses, etc.

The hotel will be run in connection with Natural Bridge, five miles to the northwest, whose yearly host of 15,000 sight-seers will be a strong element towards its patronage. It will be made a special feature of Glasgow, whose past successful position at the only gap in the Blue Ridge for 200 miles south of Harper's Ferry and vast mineral wealth are now reinforced by the addition of New England brains and money.

HOTEL INTERMONT, COVINGTON, VA.

Hotel Intermont, Covington, Virginia, is one of the finest and best improved hotels south of Baltimore. The house is handsomely furnished throughout with new furniture, provided with hot and cold water, gas and elevator, and will be under the management of an efficient caterer. Covington is on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, in the west part of Old Virginia, and about twenty miles east of the noted White Sulphur. It is in the county-seat of Alleghany county, and is beautifully situated in a fertile valley on Jackson river, in the very heart of the iron section of Virginia.

Covington is the terminus of the Hot Springs branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio road, and will develop the Warm Springs valley, where are located the Hot, Warm and Healing springs, all of which have been liberally patronized for the past century, and the completion of this road will make them more accessible and increase their advantages tenfold, thus bringing them in line with the celebrated watering places of the world. The climate of Covington is delightful, and owing to its central location and moderate elevation it is exempt from the extreme cold of the North and heat of the South.

THE SHENANDOAH, SHENANDOAH VIRGINIA.

Shenandoah is a new manufacturing and industrial city of 1,500 population in the incomparable Shenandoah Valley, 110 miles north of Roanoke. The rapid progress made in acquiring industries and population is largely due to the energy and business tact of C. Powell Nowland, president of the Shenandoah Land and Improvement Company. The principal industry in operation is a 125-ton iron furnace, but there are a furniture factory, carriage and wagon works, and a large rolling mill in operation. Other manufacturing industries are the subject of negotiations and we are assured that a number of them will be secured.

This town is the junction of the Roanoke and Shenandoah division of the Maryland and Washington branch of the Norfolk and Western railroad. A round house, capable of sheltering 10 locomotives, and the repair shops are located here. The Shenandoah river skirts the town on the west and provides a fine water power for manufacturing purposes. On every hand iron, stone and timber abound, and the former there is said to be an abundance to meet every demand for centuries to come. On the west, north and south there are fine agricultural lands the products of which will find a remunerative market here.

"The Shenandoah," a handsome building which crowned a hill overlooking the valley, was burned down last winter, but the company began preparations to erect its successor immediately. It will be completed at a cost of \$70,000 elegantly furnished for the reception and entertainment of guests. That will be well patronized goes without saying. Shenandoah's geographic situation, the wealth of the surrounding country and the large amount of capital employed in its development insure a future bright with promise of rapid and permanent growth.

The Bell Printing Company.

The Bell Printing and Manufacturing Company is one of the pioneer industries of Roanoke, having been established six years ago. During this time its force employed has grown from three over thirty. The company will soon erect a three-story brick building on Jefferson street, and the plant will be enlarged. Everything in the printing line is neatly done.