

Real Estate Exchange

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The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

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The exceptional interest in the new president's debut as the nation's foremost Memorial day orator arose from the fact that it coincided with the making of the greatest battle of the great war and in the same environment where Abraham Lincoln delivered his most celebrated address—that appeal for "the government of the people, by the people, for the people" which is now read each recurring Memorial Day in every cemetery where a soldier of the Union reposes in his last dreamless sleep. Lincoln's famous visit to Arlington although it was not made on the present date of Memorial day was in effect for a purpose kindred to that perpetuated by the Memorial day institution. He journeyed to the scene of the decisive battle of the war for the Union in order to dedicate the first national cemetery, flowers of similar shrines. How closely linked are the institutions of Memorial day and the country-wide cord of national cemeteries is not generally appreciated. Without the one we would not have had the other and indeed it was from the national cemetery idea that there was evolved its companion thought—Decorated day.

It was in 1863 that President Lincoln formally opened the first national cemetery and the following year—on this occasion the May 30 date which has ever since been observed—he informally opened the second of the national cemeteries, that at Arlington on the Potomac, which has been chosen to first rank among the national burying grounds in point of size and in number of graves. It is at Arlington, it may be mentioned incidentally, that the president of the United States usually delivers his Memorial day address, but there have been numerous exceptions to the custom, along the lines of President Lincoln's chosen plan for his first presidential recognition of Memorial day.

There was nothing prearranged about that first observance of Memorial day in our second great national cemetery. President Lincoln, at that eventful May 30, 1864, was merely following his usual custom of devoting the late afternoon to a drive from hospital to hospital and in the capital in order to carry words of cheer to the sick and wounded soldiers. He was accompanied by Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs, who was at that time quartermaster general of the army. It was late in the afternoon when he reached the old Robert E. Lee mansion at Arlington, the last of the improved hospitals, which they had planned to visit that day. Upon their arrival at Arlington the presidential party found preparations in progress for the burial in a distant and Confederate cemetery of twelve Union and Confederate soldiers who had answered their last call at the hospital.

The matter of instituting a second great national cemetery was then hurriedly considered and General Meigs, with the sanction of the president, issued the order that a dead awaiting burial should be interred in Arlington. He designated a spot near the historical mansion for these first graves and just as sundown simple services were held as the bodies were lowered into the graves. Since that first informal Memorial day the population of America's greatest city of the dead has increased to more than 19,000 and an average of 200, almost all of whom are veterans of the Civil war, are buried here every year. A project is now being

congress to devote a considerable sum to the erection at Arlington of a great memorial amphitheater—replacing the present artistic but rather unpretentious amphitheater and rostrum—in which the new edifice, seating 5,000 persons, will provide a setting for the annual Memorial day services that will give new significance to the commemorative exercises.

Andrew C. Curtin, the war governor of Pennsylvania, has often been given credit for originating the idea of the national cemeteries, out of which in turn came the proposal for an annual memorial day. However, the claim in behalf of the executive of the Keystone state is disputed and much evidence has been presented from time to time in support of the contention that the honor in reality belongs to Thomas Broughman Baker, who was at the time of his death a few years ago a clerk in the quartermaster's office at Chicago.

The man who is now hailed as the "father of the national cemetery" was at the outbreak of the war an actor playing in a stock company in Washington, D. C. One day in 1861, riding in the outskirts of the city with his friend, Capt. E. L. Hartz

of the army, they saw a member of the Sixth Massachusetts volunteers being buried by the roadside. Baker suggested that there should be in every large city of the country a cemetery owned and controlled by the government for the burial of the soldiers, and that the national government should keep a record of all internments. Baker thought so well of his suddenly conceived project which he brought it to the attention of Simon Cameron, then the secretary of war. Cameron rejected the plan, but Baker persisted in his effort to realize the interest of the government and when Stanton succeeded Cameron he approved the suggestion and six acres of land in the rear of the old Soldiers' home in Washington were set aside as a national cemetery.

It will be seen that this is in reality the first national cemetery, although Gettysburg is commonly given credit as the pioneer. Baker, the originator of the cemetery idea, was one of the men chosen to lay out the initial cemetery. Not only that, but Baker conducted the first funeral in this first national cemetery and in personal charge of all the ceremonial and mortuary records of the army up to 1869. From this modest beginning the national cemetery idea spread until there are now 83 national cemeteries, with total burials of more than 350,000 soldiers, of which number 150,000 are unknown.

Gen. John A. Logan is usually given credit for having suggested the observance of Memorial day in its present form. Nowhere is there more impressive celebration of each recurring memorial day than in the national cemeteries—located in 30 states and territories and in Old Mexico—even though some of them are situated in localities remote from large towns or cities and none too accessible. Particularly notable and interesting are the ceremonies where the national cemeteries are located in the vicinity of state or national soldiers' homes, making it possible for the old veterans to themselves pay tribute to the comrades who have preceded them to the last camp ground.

The Vanished Nickel

A solicitor for a weekly magazine who had tramped the streets of Philadelphia all day discovered at the quitting hour that he had an over-riding thirst and a solitary five-cent piece.

The nickel meant either a sourest-souring drink of soda water and a long walk home, or a dry throat and a comfortable ride. Which should it be? He stood on the corner of Forty-third

with a last desperate gleam, it wobbled at his feet and dropped quietly into an open lot.

In This Land of Possibilities.

Joseph Stanton came to this country from the north of Europe, married eight years for \$6 a week, which was it was raised to \$9, and four years later departed for a foreign land, leaving a family and a draft for \$2,000 on a foreign bank, thenceforth to lead a country gentleman's life—Ward's Work.

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