

TRAGIC DAYS ARE RECALLED

Sergeant Hickman Remembers Terrible Times at the Samar Massacre.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—The peaceful old Presidio of San Francisco, local army post since the early days of California's history, was the scene recently of the retirement from army life of the hero and, one of the few survivors of the Balangiga massacre, in Samar, Taylor B. Hickman, of Knoxville, Tenn. Hickman, who was called forward from his company and complimented feelingly by a superior officer for his 26 years of inspiring service as a soldier of the United States.

Hickman was told he was still a sergeant only because he had modestly thrust aside a commission. A decoration was pinned on his chest, hands were clasped, and the old hero of Balangiga walked back to his quarters, a soldier no longer, but a greater hero than ever. There was a tear on the rim of the steady eye and the fighting jaw trembled a bit. The company, at rest, followed him with their eyes until he was out of sight.

"I would go back again tomorrow if my country called," Hickman said. "I think I have a few good fights left in me yet."

Seventy-one enlisted men and three officers of Company C, Ninth U. S. Infantry, went into camp at Balangiga, island of Samar, in the Philippines, 23 years

When Slayers Went to Court



Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, Chicago's millionaire boy murderers, as they appeared in Chief Justice John Caverly's court. The defendants are indicated by arrows. At extreme left is Clarence Darrow, chief defense counsel.

ago. A few days later occurred the attack on these men, and the massacre which in the annals of the American army has been compared to the last stand of Custer. Totally without warning and while at breakfast the Americans were rushed by hundreds of Visayans armed with heavy knives called bolos. The three officers were killed in the first onslaught. The fight lasted well over two hours, and the next day the eight American survivors, including Sergeant Hickman, reached Basay, in native canoes. The natives killed by the Americans numbered 250.

NEW CONSCRIPTION TERMS FAVOR JAPAN'S ATHLETES

TOKIO (AP).—To encourage athletics, and in the hope of raising Japan's international athletic status, the government has announced changes in the regulations governing conscription for military service. Hereafter young Japanese who go abroad for athletic competition will have their conscription terms postponed until their athletic tour is finished. This, it is claimed, will encourage international competition, as heretofore promising athletes have been prevented from going abroad by the imminence of their conscription terms.

The members of the Meiji university baseball team, which is touring the United States this spring and summer, the athletes who take part in the Olympic games in Paris, and the Members of this year's Davis Cup team will be the first to benefit under the new ruling.

Another change permits Japanese emigrants living abroad to return to Japan temporarily without fear of conscription.

Few men get too old to wriggle with delight when the manكيرس say they have artistic hands.

AUTOS LINED CREEK SUNDAY

Baker, La Grande and Other Nearby Cities Send Salmon Hunters Up Catherine Creek.

THE PARK (Special).—About 400 automobiles were lined up on each side of the creek last Sunday. They were from Baker, La Grande, and a few from Pendleton and Portland. All were entered to this stream on account of the reported large run of salmon coming up the creek to spawn at this time of the year. Most were disappointed because the run proved to be a very small one. The Indians from Umatilla reservation were the luckiest of all. It is reported that they went home with about 75 nice specimens.

There are about 24,000 sheep ranging in the adjacent mountains here. Several bands had to be taken off the range on account of a shortage of grass. This is due to the lack of snowfall last winter. On the southern side of the hills the grasses are all burned by the sun. This last rain has helped considerable but there will not be the usual amount of feed for the great number of stock on the range. It is reported that the cowboys who keep the cattle up on the range, as all want to come back to their winter quarters where they had plenty of feed. It has

been reported that some sheep men are actually feeding hay to their sheep. While all report an unusual crop of lambs, the returns will not average as usual, on account of the slow growth of the animals.

John Wallace Boyle, an old-time pioneer here, was here on a visit for a few days last week. He came from Corvallis, Ore., where he is now located. He reports a very poor condition of all crops he has seen along the route, due to lack of moisture. He states that thousands of men are looking for work everywhere.

The carcasses of seven dead sheep were found recently, killed by, as it appears from the large tracks seen around, a timber wolf, which has been seen a number of times in this locality.

E. Phillips, from Baker, was a guest at the "Big Log Cabin" Thursday evening. He is taking an outing for a few days hunting salmon and angling for trout.

John Allen, the oldest sheep herder in the country, has come back to Eastern Oregon. He is running a band for S. E. Miller on Little Catherine creek.

Bert Van recently went to Idaho, looking for an exchange of farms. He reports that nothing there could induce him to leave this part of the country.

Art Mouly, range rider for L. Stewart outfit, went to Laver Powder last week.

M. Vernon, with another man, came from Canyon City, last Thursday. They came in a Ford, reporting the roads very nice this side of Baker, but quite rough over the Smelter mountains. They are prospecting for placer mining up on the South Fork.

There seems to be more canyons and fishermen along the lower Catherine creek, between the Thompson place and Union, a distance of 15 miles, than ever before seen, quite a number are tourists from California coming through by the highway.

Guy McNair, the fire warden was up the creek Thursday. He reports considerable camp fires, but all seem to be very careful this year.

The crops here are in fine shape. The last rain and snow, along with the warm sunshine has started the few spots which were held back to growing rapidly. In this basin there is a ways natural moisture from the surrounding mountains. No failure of crops here.

Clarence Vanorder has recuperated nicely from the broken shoulder he sustained some time ago. His many friends will be glad to see him around as jovial as usual.

Kenneth Vanorder was at the Springs on business last Saturday.

NORTH POWDER OUTLOOK GOOD

NORTH POWDER (Special).—The grain and hay crops of the North Powder section are looking exceptionally well, considering the dry season. The recent rains have been very beneficial.

Four carloads of cattle and one carload of hogs were shipped from the North Powder stockyards to Portland Saturday. The shippers were James Wilson, Andy Elliot, C. L. Scott and the Bidwell Evans Grain company.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Peterson and family left Tuesday morning for Portland where they will attend the Rose festival and visit relatives and friends. They are making the trip by auto. Miss Doris Wilson accompanied them.

L. J. Grafte, editor of the North Powder News, and Mrs. Grafte are in Portland this week.

Kenneth McGrath returned from O. A. C. last week to spend his vacation at North Powder with his parents and friends.

Miss Rose Glickson and Miss Opal Glickson left Sunday evening for Portland, where they intend to spend some time, after which they will go to Monmouth where they will take a six weeks summer school course at the Monmouth normal school.

Mrs. Lillie Law left for Monmouth last week, where she will take up a business course for high school teaching. She expects to be gone six months or more.

Miss Rose Krimmonick who has been spending the last few weeks with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Grafte left Sunday for Nebraska where she will visit friends and relatives at various points before proceeding to her home in Michigan.

OBLIGATIONS ARE STRESSED

Civic Duties of Women Pointed Out at Los Angeles Meeting by Leader.

LOS ANGELES (AP).—Apathetic citizens, especially among the women, came in for emphatic disapproval in an address here before the biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's clubs by Mrs. W. H. Alvord, of Detroit, chairman of its division of citizenship training.

"Woman suffrage may be a failure," said Mrs. Alvord, "but one of its by-products will turn that failure into glorious victory, and the by-product is the decided impetus it has given to the teaching of citizenship in the public schools. Not until such courses became of equal value to boys and girls did educators seem to be keenly alive to the necessity for such instruction."

Tracing the progress of citizenship training in different states, the speaker added: "An interesting result of the growing interest of such training in the schools is the holding of mock registrations and elections on election day by the students, who are using the same method of procedure in their school elections. Schools are also being used more frequently as polling places."

"Hopeful as we are of the future we must not neglect the present, and the immediate task facing us is how shall we inspire women and men, to exercise their right of suffrage. When all that is encouraging is noted, the fact remains that unless there is some exciting local contest, the number of stay-at-homes at any election is appalling."

"The increased number of women on election boards is encouraging, and while we regret that so few women are willing to accept the responsibilities of office-holding, we are able to report the number is increasing. Many municipal offices are held by women. We commend jury service to women who wish an enlightening course in citizenship training, and urge their acceptance of the duty as an opportunity offers."

"Indifference and apathy cannot be overcome immediately. Political bosses will continue to flourish for many years to come."

Peggy's Latest



The latest matrimonial conquest of Peggy Joyce is a very good looking young man of 24, or thereabouts—the Count Gowa Morner, here shown in business suit leaving the "honeymoon hotel."

but the present outlook is fairly encouraging. The indifference that is due to ignorance will gradually disappear, for citizenship facts are being broadcast every day from many sources. But there is need of haste. Our primary laws are threatened and we women must have knowledge to combat the arguments of clever politicians who would have us return to the old party convention system.

The enforcing of laws is an issue of the hour and alert women grounded in the fundamentals of citizenship must create respect for law through their influence in the home and in the schools and through their attitude in the community towards law-breaking.

"It is the desire of every woman that America shall establish

the peace of the world, but can we make a real contribution towards world peace unless we have learned to assume the responsibilities of citizenship in our own communities? That is our first step towards a right understanding of world affairs."

Dry Goods Men to Discuss Lower Costs to the Consumer

ST. LOUIS, (AP).—Reductions in the costs of retail merchandising that would reflect themselves in lower prices to the ultimate consumer, is the announced theme un-

derlying discussions of delegates to the National Retail Dry Goods association here June 16 to 19.

Several hundred representatives of the nation's largest dry goods and department stores will discuss advertising, merchandising, selling costs, insurance, delivery and warehousing, receiving, checking and marking of merchandise, and other topics concerning retail management.

The keynote of the convention will be an address by Lew Hahn, managing director of the National Dry Goods association.

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