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has devoted his entire attention to citrus culture, abandoning the practice of dentistry. He had charge of seventy acres, and now has fifty-eight acres under his supervision. However, he makes his home at 1269 Harvard Avenue, Claremont.

His marriage with Miss Bessie Hull was solemnized September 26, 1893. In his religious convictions Mr. Baker is a member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass. Politically he does not adhere to any party. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views, and active in the management of his business interests, of which he has made a pronounced success.

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An enthusiastic advocate of and an authority on good roads is Frank A. Hickman, the well-known citrus grower of San Dimas, who for twelve years was street superintendent of Road District No. 112, formerly known as the old San José road district. He was born at Fairmount, Vermilion County, Ill., on January 9, 1868, the son of H. H. Hickman, who married Miss Ivy Snyder, and who was active as a farmer in the Prairie State until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Twenty-fifth Illinois Regiment and served throughout the great conflict, in which he was severely wounded. In the fall of 1868 they removed to Kansas and located on a homestead in Anderson County on the frontier, where roamed Indians as well as countless antelope and buffalo, and there they resided until their death. The parents had five children, all of them still living, the youngest brother still residing on the old home farm.

Frank A., who was second in the order of birth, was taken to Kansas at the age of eight months, and there was educated in the public schools. He assisted his father on the home farm until he was of age and then followed farm work and cattle feeding, principally for J. M. Broady. After seven years in his service Mr. Hickman moved to the vicinity of Cripple Creek, Colo., and there, also for seven years, he was employed at lumbering and logging. Desirous of getting a first-hand view of California, he came out to the coast in 1902, purchasing a three-year-old Valencia orange grove of ten acres in Los Angeles County, which he cared for and improved until he sold it in 1906 for \$1,000 an acre, and then returned to Colorado.

In 1909, however, haunted by alluring memories of the Golden State, Mr. Hickman came back and bought his present orange grove near San Dimas, for which he paid \$15,000. There are twelve acres in the tract, devoted to oranges and grape fruit. He has made many improvements on the place and built a fine large residence, so that it is now one of the most attractive places in the Valley, and reflects the painstaking, intelligent labor that has been expended upon it. A

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self-made man in every sense of the word, has entered enthusiastically into the life of the community, and is a director in the New Deal Land and Water Company and a member of the San Dimas Orange Growers Association and the San Dimas Lemon Growers Association.

On March 5, 1901, Mr. Hickman was married at Colorado Springs to Miss Minnie E. Allen, born at Cedarville, N. J., the daughter of William P. and Hannah A. (Conklin) Allen, natives of New York state. Her father served in the Third New Jersey Cavalry Regiment in the Civil War. He was a contractor in Bridgeton, N. J., until he removed to Manitou, Colo., and there he engaged in the same line of work. Both he and Mrs. Allen are deceased. Mrs. Hickman was seventeen years of age when the family took up their home in Colorado and she completed her education in the schools at Manitou. On the Allen side she is a lineal descendant of Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary War. On her maternal side she is of the old New York Conklin stock.

Mr. Hickman's party affiliation is Republican, but he is at all times above party and partisanship, when the best interests can be served by voting for a rival candidate or measure. In 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Hickman made a trip of three months to the East and South, visiting Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, Alabama and Florida. They returned home at the close of the year more pleased than ever with this section and their experience leads them to the conclusion that there is no state in the Union equal to California for climate, residence nor the opportunity for making money.

RICHARD N. LOUCKS

A citizen of Pomona for nearly forty years who has contributed his share to the permanent and substantial development of the city, and a man who has witnessed the marvelous growth of the city of Pomona as well as the prosperous development of Pomona Valley, is Richard N. Loucks, who for twenty-five years has been actively engaged in the general insurance business here.

Mr. Loucks was born in the parish of East Baton Rouge, La., May 31, 1848, where he was reared. Before he had reached his sixteenth birthday, Mr. Loucks entered the Confederate Army as a member of the Sixth Louisiana Cavalry, and was captured near Mobile, Ala., December, 1864, and on May 6, 1865, was paroled.

After the Civil War, Mr. Loucks accepted a position in a mercantile business at Baton Rouge and later on conducted a general merchandise store for himself in that city until 1881, when he migrated to California.

It was in the year 1882 that R. N. Loucks arrived in the then unimportant little town of Pomona, and here for a number of years he conducted a general merchandise store on East Second Street. In