



NISABURO AIBARA

Nisaburo Aibara, honored as the outstanding elder citizen of the Cortez-Ballico community, died this morning at a local rest home after a lingering illness. He was 103. Funeral services are pending at the Allen Mortuary. Aibara four years ago received the ruby Medal of the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese government. It is the highest civilian award which Japan bestows. Aibara was a pioneer in the Japanese settlement in this area, moving here in 1913, and a schoolteacher for Japanese youth for nearly two decades.
