Public Health Association, and in business circles is a director of the Scandia-American Bank of Crookston and the Crookston Commercial club. His religious affiliation is with the English United Lutheran church, and he is one of the deacons of the congregation in which he holds his membership. On September 25, 1902, he was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Lunde, of Franklin, Minnesota. They have three children, Harold Oliver, Evelyn Irene and Junius Augusten. With nearly a quarter of a century of upright and serviceable living among this people, during all of which he has always been at their command for high-grade professional work, it is not surprising that Dr. Holte is universally esteemed throughout the Northwest, and the fact that he is creditable alike to him and to the people among whom he has lived and labored so long and to such good purpose.

HON. R. T. BUCKLER.

Carrying on extensive industries in farming operations and raising livestock; taking an active and very serviceable part in the public affairs of his county and the whole state of Minnesota; looking to the best and most wholesome progress and development of this part of the country, and holding a high place in the regard and good will of his fellow men, Hon. R. T. Buckler, at present (1916) state senator for the Sixty-sixth Senatorial district, is an ornament to the manhood of Polk county and one of the county’s most progressive, enterprising and useful citizens.

Mr. Buckler was born in Coles county, Illinois, October 27, 1865, and grew to manhood and obtained his education there. His father died when the son was but fourteen years old, and as he was the oldest boy at home, the care of the family devolved in a measure on him. At the age of twenty-one he rented a tract of land in his native county and began to raise broomcorn on a large scale. His average acreage devoted to this production ranged from 120 to 160 acres, and his crops were the largest ever raised in that part of Illinois. He prospered in his venture and bought land until he owned 370 acres, all of which he made through his own unaided efforts. He bought his land at $50 an acre and sold some of it at $100 and the rest at $150 an acre, but he expended a considerable sum on improvements also.

The senator became a resident of Polk county in the spring of 1904, having purchased the year before some 800 acres of land in Andover township. Later he sold a part of this but subsequently added more, and now owns 1,040 acres all in one body on Burnham’s creek, six miles west of Crookston. On this land, a part of which is the old Alexander Burnham home, he raises great crops of grain and numbers of horses, cattle and sheep. In 1915 he had over 16,000 bushels of oats, 13,000 bushels of barley and 7,000 bushels of wheat. In his farming operations he employs four men and thirteen horses all the time, but does his plowing and threshing with a gas tractor. His usual