in the state of Washington; Albert, associated with his father in the management of his farms; Lucy, who resides in Montana, the wife of James Shandorf; Olga; Carl, who makes his home with his parents and is a farmer; and Elmer.

JOHN A. NEWTON.

John A. Newton, of Rosebud township, well known farmer and proprietor of Oak Dale farm, was born at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1859. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of his native state. He taught in the schools for a time and then went west and spent the next five years traveling through Montana and South Dakota, employed during part of the time in teaching. He came to Minnesota in 1883 and decided to locate in Polk county, taking a claim on the southeast quarter of section ten in Sletten township. In the fall of 1884 a school supported by subscription was established in the residence of Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Newton was appointed the teacher. This was the beginning of twelve years of able and efficient service in the schools of this vicinity. The settlers, realizing the importance of a competent school system, took a deep interest in the development of the local educational advantages and gave their earnest support to the project. The attendance of pioneer schools includes a variety of ages among the scholars, and during the first term taught by Mr. Newton twenty-eight pupils, young and old, but all seriously bent upon securing the privilege of the school, were enrolled. Mr. Newton also taught for a number of years in Rosebud township, in school number III, which had succeeded the first school in the township, on Mr. Flesch’s farm. As a teacher and a member of the school board for over twenty years he has been notably associated with the growth and progressive administration of the educational interests of the county. He sent out a number of county teachers from his class rooms, one of whom, Henry Welte, is the present county auditor. Mr. Newton lived for nine years on his homestead in Sletten township, putting all the land under cultivation. After selling this place he bought a farm on section twenty-one of Rosebud township, where he remained for eleven years, engaged in developing the property, erecting new buildings and improving the land. In 1901 he removed to his present home, the old Flesch homestead of two hundred acres, five miles southwest of Fosston. This place was settled by John Flesch, a sketch of whom is found in this work, in 1878, and was the first claim filed in the Thirteen Towns. Mr. Newton has successfully conducted the management of his agricultural interests and devotes his attention to the raising of grain and hay and dairy farming. His farm is equipped with modern buildings, the pleasant farm home having been erected in 1911 on the site of the first Fosston postoffice, later known as the Hansville postoffice. Mr. Newton is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Fosston. His favorite recreation is hunting and he enjoys an occasional deer hunt as an outing. He was married, in 1894, to Mary Flesch, daughter of John A. Flesch, pioneer of Rosebud township. They have four daughters, Jessie, Elizabeth, who is a teacher and is at present continuing her professional studies in a training school, Pearl and Jennie.

LANE R. FISHBECK.

Lane R. Fishbeck, well known and successful farmer of Sletten township, was born near Oshkosh, Wisconsin, December 16, 1859. His parents were natives of that state. The death of his father occurred in his early childhood, and his mother, Betsy (Stokes) Fishbeck, married Freeman D. Dowd. When he was six