years of age he accompanied his mother and step-father in their removal to Mower county, Minnesota. In 1881 Mr. Dowd brought his family to Polk county, and two years later took a soldiers' homestead in section eighteen, Sletten township. This farm remained his home until 1896, when he removed to Bermdiji, settling on land close to the town, which has since included part of his property within its corporation limits. Since his death there in 1910, in his seventy-second year, his wife has made her home in Bermdiji. Lane R. Fishbeck was the only child in his step-father's home and continued to make his home there until 1883. In March of this year he was married at Janesville, Minnesota, to Julia Sca, the daughter of a pioneer family of Lesueur county, Minnesota. Two years after his marriage he located on a preemption claim of eighty acres in section thirteen of Sletten township and soon after he bought an adjacent quarter section, with forty acres of improved land, the former claim of James E. Vanworth. He continued to add to his farm, buying for the most part improved land. His present property includes five hundred and twenty acres, all of which is under cultivation with the exception of the pasture land. Very little ditching has been necessary as he has required the low land tracts for pasturage. With capable management he has developed a notably productive and prosperous farm, raising grain and hay and engaging extensively in the cultivation of the latter, harvesting about two hundred tons annually. In 1903 he erected the pleasant farm home, which is delightfully situated in a grove. He is a shareholder in the cooperative creamery. Mr. Fishbeck is a member of the Republican party and voted at the first township election in Sletten township. He has a family of three sons and four daughters: George, Lillian, Mabel, Alfred, Etta, Victor and Winnie, all of whom are at home with the exception of the two older daughters. Lillian became the wife of Peter Klein and lives on an adjoining farm, and Mabel is the wife of Wilfred Raboin of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Mr. Fishbeck's family are members of the Catholic church at Hansville.

L. W. LARSEN.

This enterprising gentleman, who is one of the pioneer merchants of Crookston and prominent in the farm implement trade throughout Polk county, was born on a farm in Wabasha county, Minnesota, September 11, 1860. He is the son of Jorgen and Annie M. (Sobije) Larsen, the former born November 19, 1826, on the Island of Fyen, in the Great Belt, off the coast of Denmark, and the latter also a native of Denmark. They came to the United States in 1854, and for four years lived in the state of New York. In 1858 they located at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the next year moved to Wabasha county, where the father took up a homestead and improved it into a good farm. In 1880 they moved to Wisconsin, and there the father died. The mother returned to this state and passed the rest of her life in Crookston, where she died January 22, 1901. They had three sons and four daughters, but only L. W. and two of his sisters are now residents of Minnesota.

L. W. Larsen grew to the age of seventeen on his father's farm in Wabasha county, and during the next three years worked on lumber rafts and steamboats on the Mississippi. Life on the river then was wild and daring, and the adventurous youth had many thrilling experiences. In 1882 he came to Polk county and took up his residence on a farm in Andover township near Crookston. He followed farming until 1886, when he moved to the city, and during the next six years he was employed by several firms in the implement trade, serving them as a salesman.

In 1892 he went into partnership with George F. Carpenter in the same line, and until 1907 the business was conducted under the firm name of Larsen & Carpenter. In the year last named Mr. Larsen be-