sota, where he lived seven years industriously and profitably engaged in farming. In July, 1873, he brought all the family he then had to Polk county, and in 1874 settled on the farm in Section 11, Vineland township, this county, on which he has lived continuously since that time. He first bought 160 acres, and to this he has added 100 acres by a subsequent purchase. He has also erected good buildings on the place and has all of his land under cultivation.

On May 30, 1870, Mr. Bangen was married in Freeborn county, Minnesota, to Miss Eline Thompson, who is also a native of Norway. They have had nine children, eight of whom are living, a daughter named Laura having died in infancy. The living children are: Mina S., who is the wife of John Saugstad; Anton, who is now farming the home place; Marie, who is the wife of Peter Hauske; Clara, who is the wife of Helmer Estenson; Theo, who is the wife of John Stubson; Laura, who is the wife of Olaf Stromsmo; Theo, who married Miss Emma Berg, and Helmer, who is still living at home.

Mr. Bangen has been chairman of the township board for a number of years, and has always taken an active part in the affairs of the township. He is a member of the Free Lutheran church, and he has led the singing in its religious services and been one of its most liberal and faithful supporters from the time when the church edifice was built. The members of his family also attend and support this church.

Anton Bangen, the oldest son and second child of the household, is a resident of Vineland township and conducts the operations on his father's farm. He was born in Freeborn county, Minnesota, March 22, 1873, and was brought by his parents to Polk county when he was about four months old. All of his subsequent life has been passed in this county and in Vineland township and the daughter of Hans H. Berg. They have one child, their daughter Harriet E. Like his father, Mr. Bangen takes an earnest interest and an active part in the affairs of his township, and is regarded as one of its most useful and representative citizens.

LEWIS E. FLINT.

This gentleman, who is a resident of East Grand Forks, and who is passing his days and nights in useful service to mankind as a passenger conductor on the Northern Pacific Railroad, is exemplifying now the spirit of industry and abiding interest in the welfare of his fellow men that has characterized him in all previous periods of his manhood and every occupation he has engaged in from his youth. He is a native of West Randolph, Vermont, where his life began May 25, 1872, and a son of Joseph J. and Clara L. (Ford) Flint, also natives of Vermont.

The parents came west in 1879 and located at Jamestown, North Dakota, where the mother is still living and where the father passed the remainder of his life, which ended November 11, 1888. He was a contractor of prominence and success, and was well known and highly esteemed throughout the northwest. Two children were born in the family, Lewis E. and his older brother Harry C., both of whom came with their parents to this part of the country. Harry is still a resident of Jamestown, North Dakota.

Lewis E. Flint obtained his education in the schools of Jamestown and for about three years after leaving school was employed as a clerk in a store in that city. At the end of that period he entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad company as a brakeman, and three years later he was raised to the position of conductor, in which capacity he has been rendering the railroad company and the general public good service ever since.

Mr. Flint was married December 30, 1899, to Miss Maude A. Bradford, who was born in Detroit, Mich