hardware trade with John Brant at East Grand Forks, and of late years being a stockholder in the Arneson Mercantile company of East Grand Forks.

Half of Mr. Bang's 900-acre farm is in timber, making a fine pasturage. Still he raised in 1915 some 10,000 bushels of wheat, barley, oats and flax. He keeps forty head of Shorthorn cattle and thirty of horses, and milks fifteen cows to make butter for private customers in Grand Forks. He has shown fruit can be raised to advantage here, having 300 bearing apple trees whose products have taken premiums in exhibits at Crookston. In politics he is a Republican and in religion a Lutheran, being an active member and foreman of the governing board in the Mesopotamia United church.

Mr. Bang was married at Blue Earth, Minnesota, in 1876, to Miss Jennie Olson, who was born on the ocean. They have six children living: Emma, who is the wife of Victor Peterson of Grand Forks; Annie, Henry, Rose, and Elida, who are living at home; and Clara, who is the wife of Ole Quern, as indicated in a sketch of C. C. Quern, to be found in this work. Mr. Bang is a fisherman of some devotion to the sport and frequently visits the trout streams of Wisconsin to gratify his taste in this direction.

K. E. FLASKERUD.

K. E. Flaskerud, of Brandsvold township, a well-known farmer and the clerk of that township, is a native of Iowa, born in Winneshiek county, in 1861. His parents were natives of Norway and were among the first of their countrymen to emigrate to the United States. In 1864 they removed to Freeborn county, Minnesota, from Iowa, and there K. E. Flakerud was reared. When he was twenty-three years of age he went to North Dakota and bought land in Grand Forks county and lived there until 1891, when he came to Polk county and purchased the 160 acres on section 17 of Brandsvold township, which is his present home. This place had been the homestead of Andrew Thronson, who had settled on it in 1883. He had cleared about twenty acres and built a one-room log house and received $1,300 from Mr. Flaskerud for the property. The latter has put 120 acres under cultivation, reclaiming some twenty-five acres of low-land with ditches and has every acre in use. With capable management and progressive farming methods he has increased the value of his land to seventy-five dollars an acre and has equipped his farm with good buildings. He engages successfully in dairy farming and stockraising, breeding Red Polled cattle, and sells his dairy produce to the creamery at Fosston, four miles northwest of his place. Mr. Flaskerud is a carpenter and aside from his farming occupations has been busily employed at that trade. He has ever taken a public spirited interest in the welfare of the community and has given his services and influence freely in support of the best interests of the county and has capably discharged the duties of the various township offices to which he has been elected. He has served as chairman of the township board, treasurer of the township, justice of the peace and eleven years as township clerk, which office he now holds. As a member of the school board for nineteen years, he has given his particular interest to the development of the educational system of the district, and school No. 282 stands on land which he donated for school purposes. Mr. Flakerud is not pledged to any political faith, but reserves the right to vote for his own views and the man of his choice. He is a shareholder and secretary and former director of the Farmers Cooperative store at Fosston, a prosperous enterprise which has proved of great benefit to the agricultural district. The company has over seventy stockholders, with a capital stock of $73,000, and conducts an annual business of about twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Flakerud was married in North Dakota to Gunneld Milfeld, who was born in Norway in 1868. Ten children have been born to this