Canadian homestead. Margaret is the wife of Ole Torkelson, of Red Lake county; Martin is now living on the western coast; Toney married Lars T. Larson and lives in Canada; Birget is the wife of Osman Sannes, of Grand Forks and Osman Salve and Ole remain with their parents. Theodore Knudsen, the eldest son of the family took a homestead in Pembining county, near Thief River Falls and after acquiring the title to his land, sold and returned to Polk county, purchasing a portion of his father’s homestead and has since combined the operation of his farming interests with those of his father. He is a member of the Socialist party.

BERNT L. BJUGSTAD.

Reared to manhood and strength in his native land of Norway and inheriting the hardiness and resolute spirit of his Norwegian ancestry, Bernt L. Bjugstad, one of the progressive and wide-awake farmers of King township, this county, has succeeded in winning his way to a comfortable prosperity in the New World, as all who knew him in youth and observed his industry, determination and perseverance, expected him to do, wherever he might be. He was born December 14, 1860, and emigrated to the United States in 1880, landing at Boston and from there coming at once to Minnesota and locating in Ottertail county, where he remained about two years.

The next year was passed by Mr. Bjugstad near Fargo, North Dakota, on the Buffalo river, and in 1883 he came to Polk county and took up 160 acres of land in section 11, King township. On this tract he has since lived, and by his industry and good management he has converted its wild expanse into a good farm and enriched it with good buildings, making it an attractive and valuable country home. He has also taken an earnest and helpful interest in the public affairs of his township and has given his district valuable and appreciated service as school director.

On February 4, 1891, Mr. Bjugstad was married to Miss Anna G. Moy, who was born in Norway May 9, 1872, and came to the United States with her parents in 1881. Her father was Gunder Moy, who lived in Polk county until 1894, then sold his farm and moved to Bemidji, where he passed the rest of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Bjugstad are members of St. John’s Lutheran church. They have two children, Nettie and Gunda. The genuine worth of the parents has won them the lasting esteem of all who know them.

FREDERICK BAATZ.

The interesting subject of this brief review has been one of Polk county’s most progressive and esteemed citizens. His industry and thrift, which are characteristic of the German people, and his persistent and devoted attention to his own affairs, have been potent factors in his success and have also won him the respect and good will of his whole township, which is largely populated by persons of a totally distinct nationality.

Mr. Baatz was born in the grand duchy of Luxembourg, Germany, December 7, 1854, and came to the United States in 1871, joining an uncle who lived in Wabasha county, Minnesota, with whom he remained until the spring of 1878. He then came to Polk county and took up the first homestead in what is now Russia township, which later he helped to organize. He came to this county to get a home, and he has not only had a good one for himself ever since, but has helped very largely to make the region habitable for other persons.

The land on which Mr. Baatz lives, and which he has made over into an excellent farm, is the Northwest