but passed his last years at Big Stone Lake in what is now South Dakota, where he died, aged more than seventy years, after a long continuance of useful labor.

Carl L. Hansen took up his residence at Crookston June 18, 1881, when the settlement was but a straggling hamlet with big stumps in the middle of its main street. Ole Rindahl, Andrew Olson, Christ Olson, and Ole, Steffen and Martin Horstad, friends of his in Nicollet county, had located here the previous year, and two of them, Ole Horstad and Andrew Olson, are still residents of Garden township. Mr. Hansen took up part of his land in 1881 as a pre-emption claim and built his present dwelling of logs cut on the place, which was all covered with timber.

"Garden" was suggested by Mr. Hansen as a suitable name for the township when it was organized because of the abundance of wild strawberries in it, and his suggestion was adopted. When he located here he had a wife and seven children, a team of horses and a wagon, two cows and $15 in his vest pocket. So he worked out to provide for his family, especially in harvest times, and gradually got a start. In the meantime, when he had opportunity, he worked on his own land and by persistent industry he has transformed its wild expanse into a well improved and highly productive farm.

Mr. Hansen's main dependence has been growing grain, but he keeps ten to twelve cows to furnish milk for the Co-operative Creamery association at Rindal, in which he is a stockholder, as he is also in the Cooperative store at the same place, which is a mile and a half from his home. There is a feed mill at the creamery which is operated in connection with it and does an extensive business and is a great convenience to the farmers.

In the early years Mr. Hansen served in survey and road work, on the township board and in other public capacities. He has built a good new barn on his farm but is still living in his log house, which, however, is commodious and comfortable enough for his needs. He and his family are connected with Faaberg United Lutheran church, which is near his home. At the age of twenty he was married in Nicollet county to Miss Sarah Clementson, a native of Norway. She died January 3, 1893, leaving eight children: Christ, who is a merchant at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; Lewis, a farmer near his father; Charles, who is living at home; Edward, who cultivates the farm; Mary, who is the wife of Oscar Fugleseth and lives near her old home; Alvin, who works in North Dakota; Christina, the wife of Peter Hogenson, of St. Paul, and Bertha, who is the housekeeper for her father.

THOMAS H. NESSETH.

The late Thomas H. Nesseth, of Fertile, whose tragic death on July 5, 1911, cast a heavy pall of gloom over the whole community of his home, was one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers and business men in Garfield township and one of its most highly esteemed citizens. He was born in Norway March 18, 1859, and came to the United States with his parents, Helge and Margaret Nesseth, in 1871, when he was twelve years old. The family located at Harmony, in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and there its members remained until 1881, when they all came to Polk county together. Five of them are still living in Garfield township. The father took up a homestead in that township on which he died about 1890. The mother is still living and has her home with her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Benness of Garfield township. She is now more than eighty-two years old.

Thomas H. Nesseth took up most of the land on which his family is now residing as a homestead in 1890; the farm has, however, been enlarged to 200 acres, and about 160 are under cultivation. Soon after locating here Mr. Nesseth became a dealer in farm implements at Fertile and was the second mer-