

dred and eighteen thousand dollars, and a surplus of \$25,000 is maintained. On other pages of this publication will be found a brief review of the career of the president of this popular financial institution.

#### WILLIAM L. HAMRICK.

A native son of Shelby county, who has here gained prestige and success as an able member of its bar, and who is now incumbent of the office of prosecuting attorney of the county and also that of city attorney of Clarence, is William L. Hamrick, whose professional standing and personal popularity find ample voucher in the official preferments which are his at the present time.

Mr. Hamrick was born on the old family homestead in Taylor township, this county, and the date of his nativity was November 27, 1866. His paternal grandfather, Rev. Jesse Hamrick, was born in Virginia, where the family was early founded, and was a clergyman of the Methodist church. He removed to Kentucky when a young man and there passed the residue of his life. William F. Hamrick, father of him whose name initiates this article, was born in Kentucky, January 10, 1816, and he was reared and educated in the old Bluegrass state, where he continued to reside until 1854, when he removed to Missouri and took up his residence in Shelby county. He purchased a tract of land in Taylor township and developed one of the valuable farms of the county. He continued to reside on the old homestead until his death, which occurred September 24, 1873. He was a citizen of prominence

and influence in his community, ever commanding the most unequivocal confidence and esteem, and he served for several years as justice of the peace, having been a staunch Democrat in his political proclivities. His first wife, whose maiden name was Melvina Savage, was likewise a native of Kentucky, where their marriage was solemnized, and she became the mother of four children, of whom two are living: Belle, who is the widow of Valentine McCully, of Cherry Box, Missouri, and Miss Melvina Hamrick, who now resides in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Hamrick died within a short time after the removal to Missouri, and in February, 1858, Mr. Hamrick contracted a second marriage, being then united to Miss Martha Shelton, a daughter of Griffith D. and Lavina P. Shelton, who were pioneer settlers of Shelby county. Mrs. Hamrick was summoned to the life eternal in 1904, and of the nine children of the second marriage only two are now living: William Loren, who is the immediate subject of this review, and Martha, who is the wife of Luther Kemp, of Leonard, Shelby county, this state.

William Loren Hamrick passed his boyhood and early youth on the old homestead farm and was not denied the privilege of contributing his quota to its work, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages of the district schools of the locality, after completing the curriculum of which he continued his studies for three years in the Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville. Upon leaving this institution he continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm, and in the meanwhile

devoted close attention to the reading of law, under effective preceptorship. He was admitted to the bar, upon examination in the Circuit court of his native county, April 11, 1903, prior to which time he had been for fourteen years a successful and popular teacher in the district schools of the county. After his admission to the bar he continued his pedagogic labors for another year, and on February 14, 1904, he opened an office in the thriving little city of Clarence, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, and where his success as a trial lawyer and well fortified counsellor has been on a parity with his energy in and devotion to his chosen vocation.

In politics Mr. Hamrick accords an unswerving allegiance to the Democratic party, in whose faith he was reared, and he has rendered effective service in its cause. In April, 1904, he was appointed city attorney of Clarence, of which position he has since remained incumbent, and on November 3, 1908, he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of the county, receiving a gratifying majority at the polls, and entering upon the duties of his office on January 1, 1909, for a term of two years, and he was re-elected in the fall of 1910, with an increased majority. He has proved in his administration the wisdom of his choice for the office and has materially added to his professional laurels through his effective labors as public prosecutor. He is essentially a loyal and progressive citizen, and takes deep interest in all that tends to conserve the welfare of his native county and state. He is affiliated with Clarence Lodge, No. 305, Free &

Accepted Masons, and its adjunct organization, the Order of the Eastern Star, and also holds membership in the M. W. of A. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

On July 26, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hamrick to Miss Grace Kemper, daughter of William Kemper, a representative citizen of Clarence, this county, where she was born and reared.

#### WALTER M. PRITCHARD.

The able and popular cashier of the Clarence Savings Bank is recognized as one of the representative business men of the younger generation in his native county, and his civic and business status in his native town of Clarence sets at naught all application of the scriptural aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." Of the institution in which he is an executive officer, brief record is given on other pages of this work.

Mr. Pritchard was born in the village of Clarence, Shelby county, Missouri, October 11, 1879, and is the elder of the two children of James W. and Mina (Merrin) Pritchard, whose marriage was solemnized in this county in 1876: the younger child, Alma, is now the wife of John Ward, of Brookfield, Missouri. The honored father died in 1892, and the mother was summoned to the life eternal in 1895. She was born and reared in Shelby county and was a member of an honored pioneer family of this favored section of the state. James W. Pritchard was born in the state of Virginia, and in 1876 he came to Missouri