

pages of this volume. In addition to giving much of his time to the direction and supervision of the affairs of the bank, Mr. Shain also did an extensive individual business in the extending of financial loans upon approved real-estate securities, and he is known as one of the able, honorable and progressive business men and substantial capitalists of this section of the state.

Mr. Shain is loyal and liberal as a citizen and his entire life has been characterized by that integrity of purpose that ever begets popular confidence and esteem. In a generic way he is a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party but in local affairs he gives his support to the man and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of strict partisan lines. He is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity and is a zealous and devoted member of the Christian church, in which he has been an elder and teacher of a Bible class for twenty years.

On August 19, 1859, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Shain to Miss Emily Bristow, of Macon county, who died in November, 1866, and who is survived by one son, Hopkins B. Shain, now a representative attorney of the city of Sedalia, Missouri. He was elected district judge of Sedalia county, Missouri, in 1910. His second marriage occurred in October, 1866, his second wife being Nancy Bristow, a sister of his first wife.

#### SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK.

This is one of the well managed and staunch financial institutions of the county, and its business is of the most

substantial order, implying public appreciation of its stability and effective service. The bank is located in the city of Clarence, and dates its inception back to the year 1894, in August of which year it was organized and incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000. Six months later, to meet the demands of the rapidly expanding business, the capital stock was increased to \$15,000, and at the expiration of its first year of operations the capital was augmented to \$30,000, at which figure it was maintained until 1904, when it was increased to \$50,000, which is the amount since represented in its stock; and \$25,000 permanent surplus.

The personnel of the original board of directors was as here noted: Edward C. Shain, W. D. Crow, B. P. Rutledge, J. L. Sibley and H. B. Shain. Edward C. Shain was chosen president of the institution and remained incumbent of this office until in January, 1911, when G. T. Gilman was chosen president; H. B. Shain was the first cashier, and B. P. Rutledge the first vice-president. In 1895 A. W. Combs succeeded H. B. Shain as cashier, continuing incumbent of this executive position for seven years—up to the time of his death, in 1902, when Marson Dimmitt was chosen cashier, of which position he has since remained in tenure. B. P. Rutledge is vice-president, and J. O. Callison, J. D. Fleming and H. R. Combs are assistant cashiers. The members of the board of directors are as follows: George T. Gilman, N. A. Edwards, C. W. Belsher, B. P. Rutledge, Mrs. A. K. Combs, J. C. Rodes and D. White. The deposits of the bank now aggregate nearly two hun-

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