

## NICHOLS, CLARENCE N

CLARENCE N. NICHOLS, president of the city school board, junior member of the firm of REINHARD & NICHOLS, clothing merchants at Portland and one of the best known young business men of that city, has been a resident of Portland since he was four years of age. He was born in the neighboring county of Randolph on April 24, 1888, and is the son and only child of William A. and Laura Belle (ULSH) NICHOLS. William A. NICHOLS also was born in Randolph county and there became engaged in the railway service, remaining there until 1892 when he was appointed local agent of the G. R. & I. Railroad Company at Portland and moved to that city, which has since been his home. As noted above, Clarence N. NICHOLS was but four years of age when he came .to this county with his parents in 1892 and he grew up at Portland. During his course in high school he specialized in commercial forms and for a year after leaving school was employed as a stenographer in the office of the Portland Drain Tile Company. He then decided to become engaged in business on his own account and in association with W. G. REINHARD became engaged in the clothing and men's furnishing business at Portland, under the firm style of REINHARD & NICHOLS, and has ever since been thus engaged, the firm doing business at 110 North Meridian street. Mr. NICHOLS is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is the secretary, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles; is affiliated with the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. NICHOLS is a Republican and has long given his studious attention to local civic affairs. For some time he has been a member of the city school board and in August, 1921, was elected president of that body. For years he has been one of the leading spirits in the Greek letter fraternity Phi Delta Kappa and for the past five or six years has been the secretary-treasurer of the national organization of that body.

In 1910 Clarence N. NICHOLS was united in marriage to Hilda M. TUDOR, of Portland, and to this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter, William A. and Elizabeth A. NICHOLS.

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