

REINHARD, W. G.

W. G. REINHARD, a well-known tailor and haberdasher of Portland and member of the firm of Reinhard & Nichols, doing business in North Meridian street, is a "Buckeye" by birth but has been a resident of Portland since he was twenty years of age. Mr. REINHARD was born on a farm in Mercer county, Ohio, September 18, 1869, and is a son of Joseph and Felicitas (VOLK) REINHARD, the latter of whom was born in Germany but had come to this country when a child, the family settling in Mercer county, Ohio, where she spent the rest of her life. Joseph REINHARD was born in Columbus, Ohio, but had moved with his parents to Mercer county when a lad and there had grown up and taken to farming, a vocation he followed the remainder of his life, his death occurring on his farm in that county in 1893, he then being fifty-nine years of age. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, Henry, Margaret, Frank, Theresia, Charles, Anna and Agnes. Joseph REINHARD and his wife were Catholics and their children were reared in that faith.

W. G. REINHARD's boyhood was spent on the home farm in Mercer county and his early schooling was received in the neighboring district school. When fourteen years of age he started out "on his own" and until he settled at Portland when twenty years of age had been variously occupied. Upon coming to Portland he secured employment in the tailoring department of the Cartwright & Headington store and after working there for four years went to New York city, where he took a course in the Mitchell Cutting School with a view to fitting him for entrance into business on his own account. He then returned to Portland and opened a tailoring establishment at the point where he now is located and has been there for twenty-four years. In 1910 Mr. REINHARD added to his stock a general line of haberdashery, at the same time forming a partnership with C. N. NICHOLS, who looks after the haberdashery end of the business, the combination proving an effective one. Mr. REINHARD is a Democrat. He is a member of the Catholic church at Portland and of the Union City council of the Knights of Columbus and is affiliated with the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Portland, in the former of which he served as exalted ruler during the term of 1916-17.

On December 28, 1892, at Portland, W. G. REINHARD was united in marriage to Jessie M. MCLAUGHLIN, who was born in that city, daughter of Francis M. and Susan (KECK) MCLAUGHLIN, and to this union have been born four children, Vera, Herbert, Erma and Virginia, all of whom are living. Vera REINHARD married William KIRKPATRICK, a salesman for the Hancock County (Ohio) Brick Clay Tile Company, and is living at Findley, Ohio. Upon America's entrance into the World war in the spring of 1917, Herbert REINHARD enlisted for service in the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison (Indianapolis) and a month later was transferred to Fort Monroe, where he entered the coast artillery service and was presently commissioned a

second lieutenant in that service, being assigned to the Sixty-first Coast Artillery Corps and sent to Ft. Barancas, Fla. About nine months later he was sent overseas with his command and there served for a year or until his return to the United States on July 5, 1919. He was discharged on July 29 (same year) at Camp Taylor and returned to Portland. He then entered Purdue University and on June 8, 1921, was graduated from that institution, shortly afterward being taken into the service of the pure food department of the Indiana State Board of Health in the capital at Indianapolis, where he is now engaged. On June 16, 1921, Herbert REINHARD married Inez HILL, of Winchester, Ind., and established his home at Indianapolis.

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