

W. HURD **CLENDENIN** was born in Rockwood, Randolph County, September 7, 1859. He was educated at Southern **Illinois** University, at Carbondale. Reaching manhood Mr. **Clendenin** devoted himself to mercantile pursuits in Kansas, where he resided for twenty-one years. In 1901 he came to **Zion** City, and in September the following year took charge of the **Zion** City General Stores. It was owing to his good management that the General Stores were profitable when all the other institutions of **Zion** were suffering a loss. Mr. **Clendenin** remained at the head of the **Zion** City General Stores until March, 1908, when he took charge of the **Zion** General Stores under Mr. Voliva's leadership, and is now the General Manager of the **Zion** General Stores which in September, 1909, took over the original **Zion** City General Stores. One of the pioneers of **Zion** City, Mr. **Clendenin** has been one of the potent factors in the community and his influence is second to none. He has served as Mayor two terms and twice as Alderman. In his political belief he is a Theocrat. He is a member of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in **Zion**. He was married in 1889 to Miss Kate McCreery, of DuQuoin, **Illinois**.