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CIVIC SERVICE

I have served the community in many ways, starting at an early age. I was secretary of a cattle organization started in 1884 by a number of prominent people of our county. Of the number of over sixty who made up the group, only two of us are now living, to wit: David C. Layton and myself.

In about 1882, when pressure was being placed on the Mormon people, especially those having more than one wife, it was thought advisable for father to resign from the office of County Treasurer. I was appointed to succeed him. On August 6, 1883 I was elected County Treasurer and re-elected to the same office August 2, 1886.

I was president of the first Commercial Club organized in Farmington. I served three terms as City Councilman. I served in their order with Mayors H. S. Daynes, John A. Bourne and Nephi Palmer. The last named, received in the election for mayor only three more votes than I did.

While on a mission in Iowa, I visited quite a number of beautiful cemeteries. Then and there I decided to work for improvements in our "Back-inthe-woods" cemetery. When I was elected to the city council, I , in cooperation with the other council members, was successful in my strong desire to modernize our "City of the Dead". As I had secured the first lawn in our city of the living, so I did in our now beautiful cemetery.

I served two terms as Justice of the Peace. I was

first appointed by Mayor Gardner and then by Mayor Sessions.

November 2, 1926 I was elected four year term County Commissioner. During that time I attended at Los Angeles a road convention where road machinery was being displayed. As a result and upon my return, I recommended the purchase