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A biography of Wilford Woodruff Clark told through other people called "Springdale's Patriarch", written by John R. Clark.

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"One of Wilford's childhood friends was an employee of what is now the Union Pacific Railroad. The friend was trying to influence the Legislature from passing a bill requiring railroads to fence their right-of-ways. He invited Representative Clark to dinner. The latter replied, "I accept your invitation to dinner, but I want you to know I am voting for the bill."1

Bishop Clark ran for State Senator against John R. Brenner, Democrat, in 1902, and won, 1258 to 1051.7

"Father took William and me to Boise with him in 1903 when he was in the Senate. President Theodore Roosevelt was expected to travel through Boise on a speaking tour, and Father wanted us to meet him. U. S. Senator William E. Borah and his son-in-law, Governor Frank R. Gooding, took Father to meet Mr. Roosevelt before his speech. After the speech, the President received a few of his audience, including ourselves. As Father said to him, 'These are my boys,' we shook hands with President Teddy Roosevelt."8

In the seventh legislative session, Senator Clark of Bear Lake County was chairman of two committees: Privileges and Elections, and Engrossed Bills. He was appointed a member of the committees on Corporations, among other things. During the first part of the session, the following were numbered among the items he introduced:

1. A resolution banning smoking from the Senate chamber (passed);2

2. Bill No. 102, entitled "An Act to Prevent and Punish the Desecration of the Flag of the United States" (nothing further heard);

3. Joint resolution No. 10: A Joint Resolution...submitting to the electors of the State of Idaho the Question, "Shall there be a constitutional convention called by the eighth session of the Legislature... to revise and amend the Constitution?" (passed).