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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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4. Senate Bill No. 50, requiring the closing on Sunday of any saloon, dance house, theater, playhouse, race track, or variety hall (passed).

Almost every day Wilford Clark's name was in the Senate log. Many of the issues were local matters such as Legislative proceedings, matters of commerce and irrigation, use of public lands, reapportionment of the Senate vote based on electorate populace, etc.

On the Senatorial discussion of House Bill No. 56, the Pure Food Bill, Senator Clark thought the bill would bring hardship on many people besides creating an expensive office, and did not feel that he could support it.

Regarding Senate Bill No. 2, to create a State Board of Health, Senator Clark sided with those who felt the provisions of the bill were inadequate for the task it set out to accomplish. Debate on the matter was intense and Senator Clark recommended the bill be set aside.

In the senatorial race of 1920, he outnumbered Alma Finley, Democrat, 1840 to 1120. Now he was no longer a Montpelier bishop (although retaining the title), and again was a Georgetown rancher. He served on the Committees on Corporations, Irrigation and Water Rights, Agriculture, Public Lands, and Livestock; he was chairman of the Committee on Indian and Military Affairs.

Although he was absent from this Sixteenth Session of Legislature for a few weeks because of ill-

ness, he contributed to many of the proceedings. It is not known whether he authored any bills in this session but, on the various committees mentioned above, he helped introduce at least seventeen bills. One item that he opposed, House Bill No. 307 "relating to the operation of motor vehicles" was similar to a bill already in effect, and Senator Clark felt it would be redundant and unworthy of the time required to process it into law. This bill included "prescribing certain equipment for such vehicles, e.g. two sets of brakes, horns, lights, mirrors, speedometer, front lamps, etc.... Vehicles which can exceed fifteen miles per hour, except motorcycles, shall have front lights capable of furnishing sufficient illumination ... for two hundred feet."¹⁰