

It's a fact!

Ever heard of an attorney or state representative giving up their job to manage a custodial staff? There's always a first.

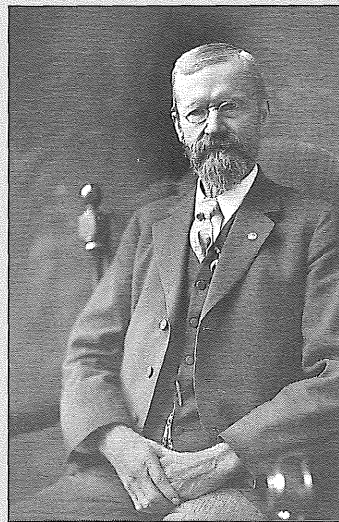
Eben E. Corliss of Fergus Falls was the Otter Tail County Attorney for 10 years; before that, a state representative. In 1895, he was appointed to the Board of State Capitol Commissioners, which oversaw construction of the present-day Capitol.

He remained on the board for the entire 14 years of its existence. But when the board's work in planning and overseeing construction of the Capitol was finished, Corliss' dedication to the structure wasn't.

Corliss was so concerned about the Capitol that, in 1910, he moved to St. Paul to become head custodian of the building so he could personally see that it was cared for properly.

Corliss remained at the job for seven years until his death in 1917.

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Eben Corliss, once a lawyer and a lawmaker, became the head custodian of the Capitol from 1910-1917.