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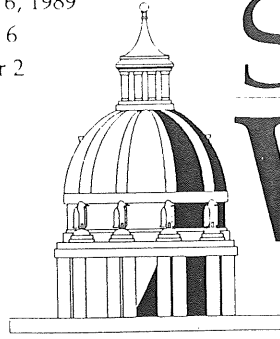
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It's a fact!

The name, Charles H. Graves, may not be one you know. But 100 years ago it was prominent in Minnesota, when Graves served as speaker of the House.

Graves was a merchant, who moved from Springfield, Mass. to Duluth in 1877. He served as mayor of Duluth and as a state senator before becoming speaker in 1889.

The speaker's post, which is that of presiding officer of the House, wasn't the first officer position that Graves held. In the 40th New York Volunteers, a military organization, Graves rose from the rank of private to lieutenant, and then, captain. He also held offices as assistant adjutant general, brevet lieutenant colonel, and captain in the United States Volunteer and Regular Army.



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