



# POLITICS OF THE PAST

## The changing (male) face of politics

Whisker fashions have evolved since state was young

*Editor's note: This summer and fall, Capitol Report is dipping into the Minnesota Historical Society's political archives and scooping out documents and artifacts exploring the state's rich record of voting reforms, colorful politicians, contested elections, curious facial hair and more.*

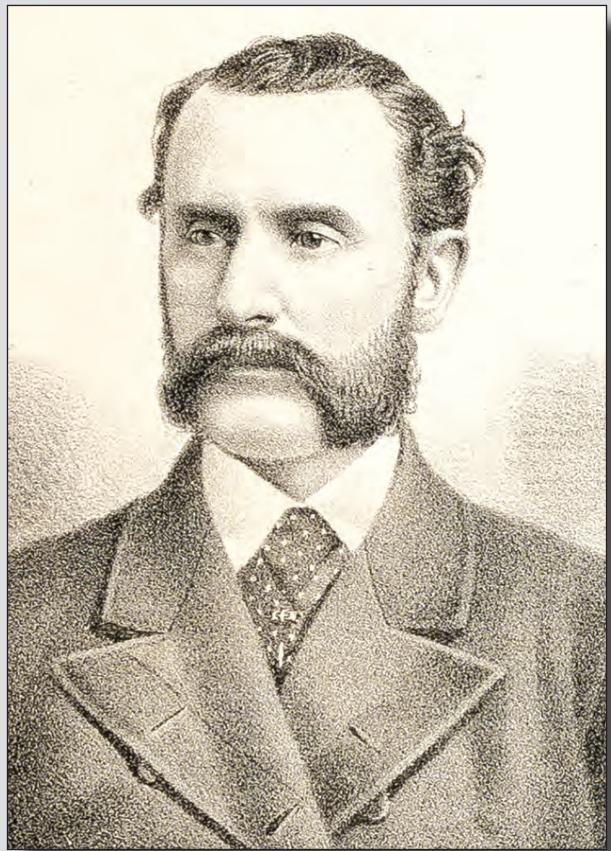
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Devoted readers of this history column — or, rather, readers of the editor's note that precedes it — have been patiently waiting for the exposure of a highly visible feature of Minnesota's political past.

Now, with the nation in turmoil, it's time to withdraw briefly from our woolly political reality by looking back at our state's long history of electing legislators with curious facial hair.

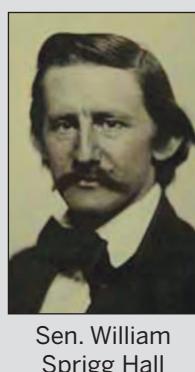
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### Best overall facial hair



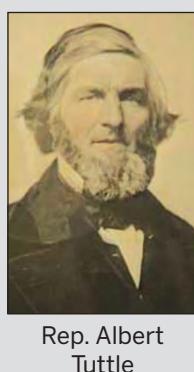
Sen. Eugene St. Julien Cox

### Best mustaches



Sen. William Sprigg Hall

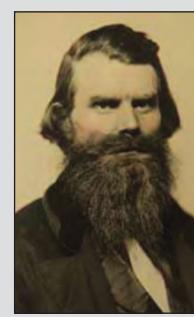
### Best beards



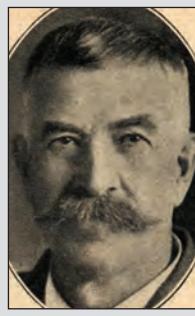
Rep. Albert Tuttle



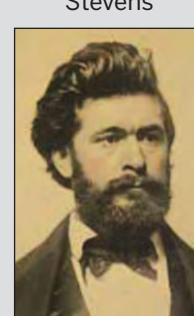
Rep. Edmond J. Fuchs



Rep. John Harrington Stevens



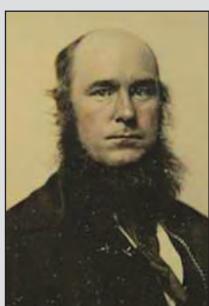
Sen. David Wallace Illsley



Rep. George O. Way

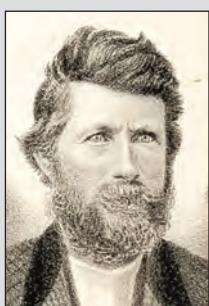
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#### 1850s



Sen. Dennis William Chauncey Dunwell

#### 1860s



Rep. John Gage

#### 1870s



Rep. George A. Wells

#### 1880s



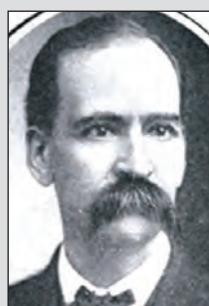
Sen. Calvin Siscoe Powers

#### 1890s



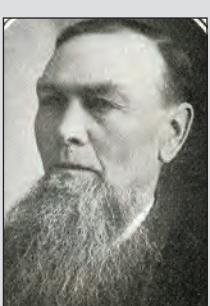
Sen. Frederic Illis

#### 1900s



Rep. John T. Johnson

#### 1910s



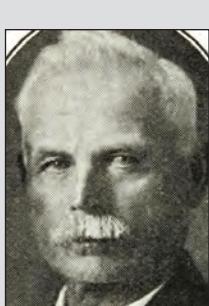
Rep. Albert B. Peterson

#### 1920s



Rep. O.K. Dahle

#### 1930s



Rep. John Prestegard

#### 1940s



Rep. Bernard Francis Ederer

#### 1950s



Rep. Peter Stephen Popovich

#### 1960s



Rep. Glenn A. Blomquist

#### 1970s



Rep. David R. Cummiskey



Rep. Tom J. Shea

#### 1990s



Sen. Mark Ourada

#### 2000s



Rep. Tony Cornish

#### 2010s



Rep. Joe McDonald

#### Best eludes photo frame



Rep. Andrew Miller

#### Most regrettable



Rep. Robert George Marshall