

Dech and the State Journal.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 18, '92.

The State Journal of August 13th, commenting on the nomination of W. H. Dech at Seward on the 11th, states that "the state of Nebraska cannot afford to have W. H. Dech elected to congress for a million dollars a year." This is very flattering to the ability and integrity of Mr. Dech. It admits that he could not be bought by the plutocratic gang, of which the Journal is an exponent. It admits that Mr. Dech has intellectual and forensic abilities which excite the fears and therefore the hatred of the Pirates. It admits that the people of the Fourth district nominated the right man for congress.

The Journal's "State of Nebraska" is the horde of corporate plunderers who subsist, without toil, upon Nebraska's two hundred thousand toilers. Its "State of Nebraska" is the ring of corruptionists and political bunco-steerers who fatten upon the wealth which others create. It is true that the Journal's "State of Nebraska" could not afford to have W. H. Dech elected to congress for a million dollars a year. Being true, it follows that Mr. Dech is the man to elect.

Two years ago the Journal said it would be a calamity to the state of Nebraska to elect W. A. McKeighan to congress. He was elected, and the sequel has shown that his election was a calamity to the Journal's "state of Nebraska." We want some more such "calamities" in congress, and Dech is one of them.

While the campaign is yet in its chrysalis stage I wish to predict that money and slander, the twin weapons of corruption, will be poured out in the Fourth district campaign as free as water, to compass the defeat of Mr. Dech. The State Journal's mud nozzle will be turned loose and the slime brigade will turn out barrels of filth upon him. Why? Because Mr. Dech is poor and hence must make his fight single-handed and alone, except, so far as others may volunteer. Because, if elected, he will damage the plunder class. Because a great voice has gone forth from Wall street, "permit no more Simpsons, Watsons, and McKeighans to be sent up from the west and south to congress," a voice which is to be obeyed alike by republican and democratic bosses, and which they will obey and unite to defeat such men as W. H. Dech.

And before this campaign is any older, I want to say that I have lived a neighbor to W. H. Dech for twenty-three years, since the spring of 1869, and have been intimately acquainted with his "goings in and comings out" during that "half lifetime" of years; have heard all that has been said of him by friend and foe, and, knowing all that neighbors in early settlement times, and later, know of each other, I say of W. H. Dech, he is as eloquent, as searchingly logical, as true to conviction, as sober, as incorruptible and as upright as any man in any community. He is worthy of the highest trust in any capacity in life. His only crimes are his poverty, his disposition to say plainly what he thinks, in forcible, sometimes in terribly forcible language, on proper occasion; and his neglect of his private interests in his enthusiasm for humanity. There is no sacrifice he will not make, no danger he will not brave in the maintenance of what he believes to be right. Money will not purchase nor persuasion cajole his consent to wrong a friend or a cause. He is a master-expounder of the sacred principles of our party, and has always been a consistent advocate of them.

Mr. Dech will carry his own county (Sunders) by twelve to fifteen hundred plurality, and not more than fifteen votes out of one hundred and forty in his home precinct will be polled against him. If anybody in the Fourth district disputes the statements of this letter, refer them for proofs to

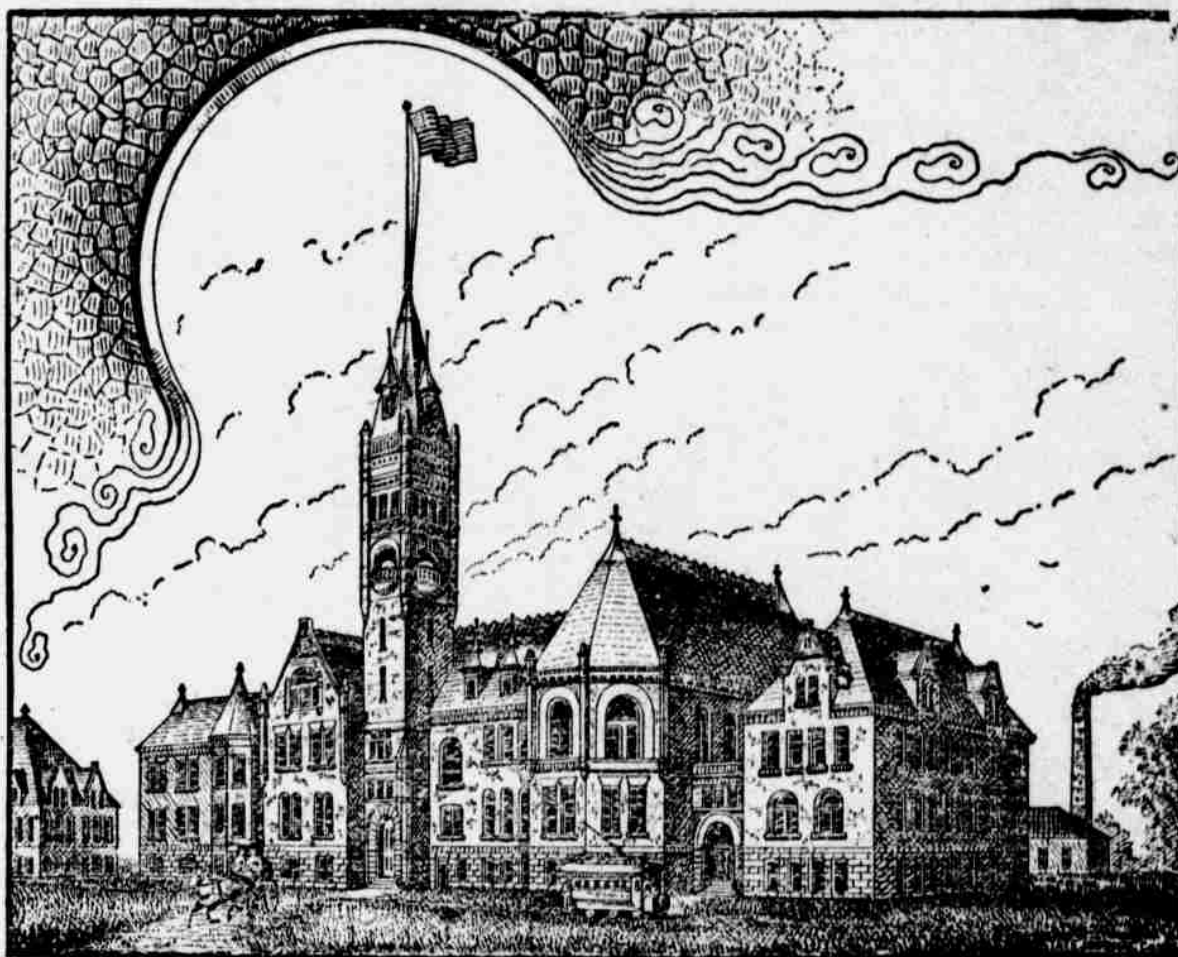
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