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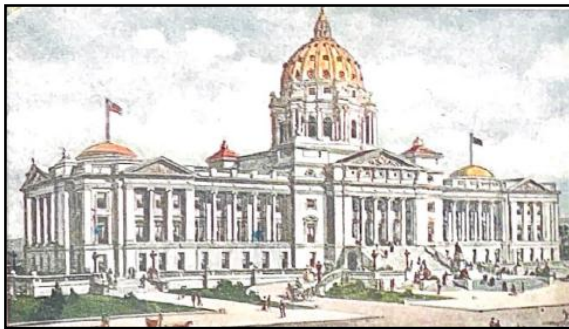
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Rendering of Mann's original Arkansas State Capitol design. Courtesy of the Arkansas State Capitol Historical Collections, Secretary of State's office, Little Rock, AR.



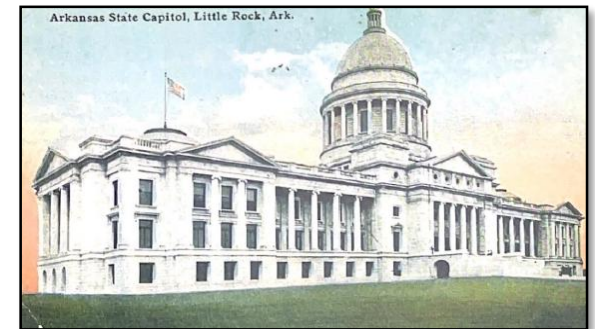
Cass Gilbert



Cass Gilbert - Images Courtesy the New-York Historical Society/ National Academy Of Design, New York

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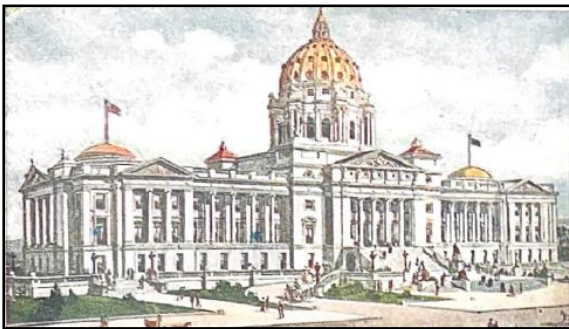
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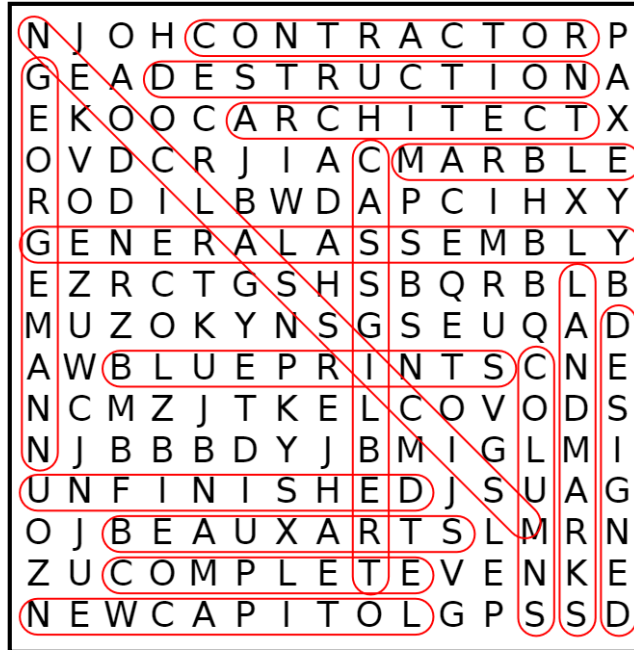
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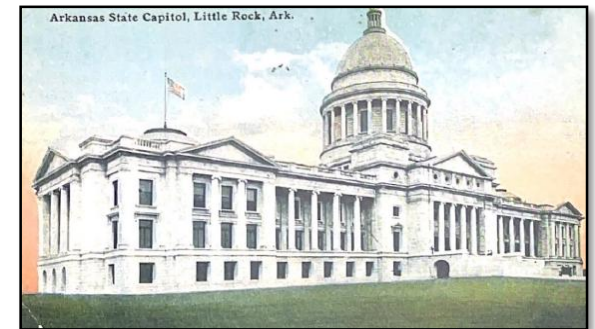
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