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Hauptbeschreibung Alexander Dallas Bache war der Architekt des amerikanischen Wissenschaftssystems im 19. Jahrhundert, ein amerikanischer Wilhelm von Humboldt. Als die USA im Bürgerkrieg zu zerbrechen drohten, gelang Bache 1863 die Gründung der »National Academy of Sciences«. Im Namen der Wissenschaft schuf Bache damit ein Zeichen für den Fortbestand der Nation. Auf originelle Weise verknüpft Axel Jansen Biografieanalyse mit Wissenschafts- und Politikgeschichte. Biographische Informationen Axel Jansen, PD Dr., lehrt an den Universitäten in Tübingen u