

PIONEER EDITOR OF STATE SIGNS "30" TO CAREER

John H. Dundas, an Original
Granger, Abolitionist, Prohi-
bitionist and Populist,
Fought Shams 50 Years.

By JOHN H. KEARNS.

Auburn, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—In the passing of that pioneer editor, John H. Dundas, at his home in Auburn, Nebraska loses one of the few remaining types of its early day journalists, the kind who made Nebraska journalism picturesque, the type of editor who conducted his paper more as an expositor of his personal opinion than as a business venture or purveyor of news.

Mr. Dundas was one of the earliest settlers of the Territory of Nebraska, was one of the first students of the Peru State Normal school, was one of the first instructors at the first Teachers' Institute held in the state at Brownville, was one of the first advocates of prohibition in Nebraska, was one of the first advocates of woman suffrage, was one of the original members of the Grange movement and of the Populist party, and one of the leading participants of the congress of religions at the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha.

John H. Dundas was a born iconoclast and during his newspaper career he continuously criticised the court and bar for what he termed "court cussedness, judicial jugglery and legal legerdemain." He was one of the original pacifists of Ne-



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braska, writing and inveighing against war ever since the conclusion of the civil war, and a paragraph which he continuously carried in his paper was the quotation of General Sherman, "War is hell."

Son of Irish Immigrants.

He criticised the churches and the ministry, his creed being: "Man's duty to his fellow man is his only duty to his God; and whatsoever is taught otherwise is born of superstition and nurtured in suspicion."

At close of the civil war, Mt. Vernon Academy was started at Peru, under the auspices of the Methodist church. John H. Dundas enrolled as one of the first students. He was a member of a band of young men who rebelled against the religious teaching of the school, and they went on strike rather than take the religious course.

It was this action which was the main cause of converting the academy into a state normal school the following year, a special appropriation for the purpose being made by the legislature in 1867.

Patrons of Industry.

In reminiscent moods, Dundas delighted to tell of an earthquake which shook eastern Nebraska in June, 1867. He was in the chapel of the school, studying, when the walls began to shake and the seats began to slide along the floor "like popcorn in a skillet."

Pupils and teachers in an upper room came rushing and screaming down stairs. Wilse Majors, who is still living at Peru, performed a deed of heroism by rushing up stairs, rescuing a sleeping babe and placing it in the arms of its distracted mother.

In 1873 Dundas took a prominent part in organizing the "Patrons of Industry," the parent of the grange movement in Nebraska. Then, as now, "profiteering" and the high cost of living were considered the dominant evils of the day. The farmers sought to combat them by disposing of monopolies and dispensing with the middle men and retailers.

J. H. Dundas was a total abstainer and was one of the first and most persistent advocates of prohibition. He took an active part in the organization of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Brownville, in 1868, and later of the Berry Washingtonians, a temperance society, and in 1872 of the Sons of Temperance. In his editorials, week in and week out, he fought the saloon, calling it the "damndest business on earth."

Dundas entered actively in the newspaper business in Auburn in March, 1884, and in his opening editorial in the Republican, he said: "The new editor has been cautioned against offending the saloon keepers, criticising the churches, against giving the names in reporting court trials, and one man advised him to go right ahead and say nothing about no one; but we just bowed and said: 'Whatever course we believe to be right that course we shall pursue.' This was his newspaper policy to the end."

In 1886 the Granger was consolidated with the Republican and the publication renamed the Granger.

Stern Foe to Shams.

Dundas was a foe to shams. Almost like the Spoon river anthology

was his description of a domestic tragedy which stirred Auburn in an early day.

"On Thursday, March 30, Ed Sterrett met his wife on the sidewalk nearly opposite the Talmage hotel and engaged in conversation, the nature of which could be guessed when it is known that she had left home with the avowed intention of never returning. They had talked but a few moments when Sterrett drew his revolver, placed it near her face and fired.

"She fell and he then placed the muzzle of the revolver to his worthless temple and made a good shot, for he fell across the walk. No inquest was held and no tears were shed at his funeral. Auburn knew the worthless cuss too well."

Like the Arizona Kicker was his description of a rural romance nipped in the bud:

"A worthless cur, in human form, attempted to elope with the daughter of a farmer near Brock. But the farmer, with a beer faucet for a shooting iron, brought the fellow to his knees."

But with all of his idiosyncrasies, John H. Dundas was known among his neighbors as honest, purposeful, with force of character. He was especially fond of exposing and ridiculing sham wherever he found it, and among the uninformed in his home town he was thought to be another Bob Ingersoll, an agnostic.

But he was no infidel. He believed in God and in the Man who de-

livered the Sermon on the Mount, but he was a quixotic fighter against what he called "priestcraft."

Wins Seat In Senate.

He ran for a seat in the state senate against the late Church Howe, then in the prime of his political power, and beat Howe for the place. It tickled the popular fancy and the race was known as "the race between the tortoise and the hare."

Mr. Dundas served his community as tax assessor, justice of the peace and member of the school board. He was the founder of the Auburn chautauqua, dating back to 1899, and one of the oldest in the state.

Consistent to the last, Mr. Dundas, who was 75 years old at

the time of his death, requested that no religious rites be performed at his funeral. His body was consigned to the earth which he loved so well with a simple, but eloquent eulogy by Allan D. May, poet and former newspaperman.

Fire Damages Ship

Southampton, March 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—Two fires on the American liner, Philadelphia, damaged the vessel so badly today that its sailing was abandoned pending extensive repairs. In view of similar fires on the steamer New York, here recently the manager of the line believes the fire of incendiary origin.

Young Girl's Screams
Frighten Negro Away

Miss Irene Bogacz, 16 years old, 2524 South Twenty-fifth street, was the victim of an attack by a lone negro at 11:30 Friday night while on her way home from the Crosstown car line, according to police reports. Her screams frightened the negro away.

Miss Bogacz's assailant grabbed her after jumping from behind a tree, she told the police.

Finns Burn Monastery

Christiania, Norway, March 27.—Finnish forces at Patchenka, in the Munnans region, burned the monastery and several buildings there

before abandoning the place to the Russian bolsheviks, according to travelers arriving at Tromsø. Occupation of the place by soviet troops occurred on March 22.

Senators, Probing Charges
Of Sims, Adjourn To Day

Washington, March 27.—The senate naval subcommittee which is inquiring into Rear Admiral Sims' charges concerning the navy's conduct during the war held no session today, but will resume Monday.

Rear Admiral H. T. Mayo, who commanded the American fleet during the war, and Rear Admiral A. W. Grant, former commander of a battleship unit, will be the next witnesses heard.

Police Unable to Find
Murderer of Ohio Girl

Steubenville, O., March 27.—Identity of the person of persons who killed 11-year-old Frances South west her home at Adena, 25 miles west of here three days ago, has not been established today. In spite of the fact that numerous armed posse have scoured the surrounding country since the body of the girl was found Thursday afternoon.

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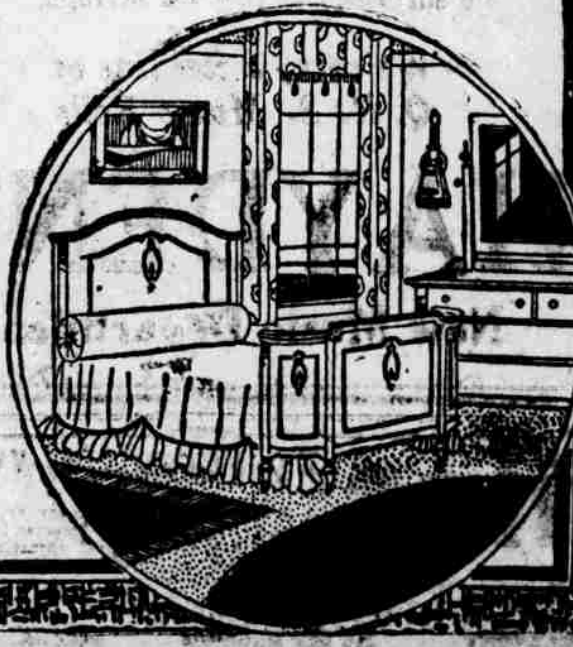
Massive Colonial Dresser, quartered oak; large mirror, at **\$69.75**

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