

"DOUGLASTREE" MYTH

Inquiry From Illinois Man Answered by John Nichols

He Is the Only Surviving Member of the Committee Who Received Stephen A. Douglas in Raleigh When He Made His Big Speech

State Librarian M. O. Sherrill received an inquiry recently from a gentleman in Springfield, Ill., to the effect that he understood that there was in Raleigh was known as the "Douglas tree," named in honor of Stephen A. Douglas, probably because he delivered an address under it on the occasion of his visit to Raleigh during his campaign for the presidency in 1860, and he desired any information that Mr. Sherrill could furnish him regarding it.

Mr. Sherrill made inquiry, but could find no trace of the existence of the "Douglas tree." He found, however, that Hon. John Nichols was a member of the committee who received the distinguished visitor—in fact, the only surviving member of the committee, and he has written out the following interesting account of the visit, a copy of which has been sent to the gentleman who made the inquiry:

Referring to our conversation a few days since, concerning what I might remember about what is known as the "Douglas tree" in Raleigh, and my recollections of Senator Douglas's visit to Raleigh in 1860, I will give you a few notes, containing some of the incidents of that visit, as I remember them. I will pass on to 1860, the time we now that I know nothing of a "Douglas tree," and never heard of it until you called my attention to the matter. It could not have referred to a tree under which he spoke, or one that was in any way connected with his visit or speech in Raleigh.

It has been just forty-five years ago since that visit, and of course many things have escaped my memory. At that time I was a young printer and gave some attention to writing for the newspapers. I was the regular Raleigh correspondent of the Petersburg (Va.) Express, the leading daily south of Richmond. But more of that later on.

In 1860 the political conditions in North Carolina were peculiar. It had been a strong Whig state until the disruption of that party in 1853-54. After that time the "old Whigs" were political wanderers. Some went into the Democratic party, while others were political free-lancers, voting as they pleased.

In 1856 Millard Fillmore received a good vote, and it would have been much larger but for the excitement created by the nomination of John C. Fremont by the "Black Republicans" (as the party was then designated) of the north.

There were local issues that kept many of the old Whigs out of the Democratic party, and at the same time alienated many of the Democrats from their former political associations. The great issue in 1858 was the question of "ad valorem taxation." The old Whigs, and especially those in the western part of the state, were largely non-slaveholders. They claimed that slaves, then property, should be taxed according to value, just as land and other property was taxed. This was opposed by the Democrats.

I will pass on to 1860, the time we now have under consideration. Ex-Governor W. W. Holden was the editor of the Democratic organ of the state, the Standard, and while he was compelled to keep in line with his party, he was at heart with the opposition. He favored the nomination of Mr. Douglas at the Charleston convention, and it was thought that he would stand by his favorite after the disruption of that convention. The party lash was too severe, and he was forced to remain with the party organization.

After Mr. Douglas was nominated for the presidency in 1860, notwithstanding the strict party lines that were drawn, that statesman retained the support of many friends and followers in this state. His friends organized and invited him to visit the state during his campaign. Most of those who participated in that movement have "passed over the river." The most ardent supporters of the "Little Giant," as he was then called, were Henry W. Miller, the great Whig leader of this section of the state, and known for his wonderful eloquence as a public speaker; Mr. Quintin Busbee, a prominent lawyer, and Democratic leader for many years. He was the uncle of our two prominent lawyers, C. M. and F. H. Busbee, Capt. John Q. Decarteret, a mechanic, but a man of great force as a public speaker, was the leader of the working men who largely supported Mr. Douglas. As a newspaper correspondent I took an active interest in the Douglas movement, and was somewhat active in the party. There were many others whose names I do not now recall.

crowd present, and it was a great speech. Gov. Holden, although not supporting Mr. Douglas in his paper, called upon him at the hotel and congratulated him on his speech. I have often heard him say years afterwards that he would always regret not having given his support to Mr. Douglas. He believed as many others did, that had Douglas been elected the war would have been averted. Fate shaped matters otherwise.

Mr. Miller died just two years after this, September, 1862. He had just been elected to the state legislature, but did not live to take his seat. Messrs. Busbee and Decarteret lived through the war, but died soon after.

Your correspondent like "the last fading leaf clinging to the treacherous twig of time" still lives, and takes a sad pleasure in giving you these few notes. If of service to you or to your friends, they are at your service. As to my own career, perhaps it would be immodest of me to speak. I have endeavored to serve my state and country to the good of each. If I have been in the least successful, I am grateful. If I have failed, let charity throw a veil over my follies, whatever they may have been, and give me credit for an honest desire to serve my fellow-man. Coming back to that "Douglas Tree," it is all a myth. There is nothing in it. Some fertile mind has produced what does not exist in reality.

INITIAL TERM OF COURT

Will be Opened at Washington, N. C., This Week by Judge Purnell

Judge Thos. R. Purnell, Deputy Clerk George L. Tonnofski and Deputy Marshal J. T. Sharp will leave this morning for Washington, N. C., where they will convene the first session of the United States district and circuit courts ever held in that town. It was by a special act of the last congress that the court was established. It will probably not be in session more than two days this term. In fact it is learned unofficially that there is only one case on the docket that will come up for trial.

HOMES FOR VISITORS

Lodgings for 4,000 Besides Guests in Homes

Information Bureau Organized to Handle the Crowd—Chairman Parker Tells Some Things That Has Been Done.

Mr. Chas. J. Parker, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee on entertainment, has been diligently at work for the past two weeks and yesterday he announced that plans indicated that 4,000 visitors, besides the 3,000 or more guests, can find lodging in Raleigh for each night fair week.

Mr. Parker made this gratifying statement: "As a result of the canvass for homes for visitors fair week, we have secured private lodging and board for about eleven hundred. Several homes are yet to be heard from stating the exact number they can accommodate.

Mr. Parker, who has made the canvass, estimates the boarding house capacity to be three hundred and fifty, and the hotel capacity, including the Yarrowburgh, Park, Capital Inn and the Carrollton to be sixteen hundred. We will probably have temporary sleeping apartments for about one thousand. So it appears now that we can take care of about four thousand people, in addition to the invited guests relatives, etc., which Mr. Park estimates at three thousand from information gathered during his canvass.

"We feel confident that the city will be able to provide comfortably for everybody that will come with the intention of spending the night. "The information bureau will be open Tuesday morning of fair week in the Capital Club building. The management will be in competent hands with such assistants and messengers as may be required and the assignment of homes will be made as expeditiously as possible. Visitors who expect to apply to the bureau for homes are requested to do so as soon as they reach the city.

"Those who wish to apply in advance may do so by addressing Chas. J. Parker, chairman, stating when they will arrive, how many in party, and how long they expect to remain, also about what rate they would expect to pay. These applications will be turned over to the manager and the visitors can be assigned boarding places immediately upon arrival at the bureau office."

Sully's Visit Mr. James W. Allison yesterday received a letter from Mr. Daniel J. Sully, saying that he would leave New York on Sunday afternoon and arrive in Raleigh Monday morning at 10:30, coming by way of Greensboro. He will talk to farmers in Metropolitan Hall on Tuesday, and a great big crowd is expected to hear him.

WAKE COUNTY ALUMNI

Annual Banquet of University Men on October 12

List of Those in Wake County so Far as is Known—Thos. Johns President and W. J. Peele Secretary. Perrin Busbee Chm. Committee

Mr. Perrin Busbee, chairman of the committee on arrangements, announces that the annual banquet of the Wake county alumni of the University of North Carolina will be held Thursday night, October 12th, at 8 o'clock, at the Gersch cafe.

Below will be found a list of the Wake county alumni, as far as they are known. If there are any alumni living in the county who are not included, Mr. Busbee will be very glad to hear from them. No further notices of the banquet will be sent out besides this one in the papers. Those desiring to attend are requested to send in their names and subscriptions to Mr. Busbee, otherwise no provision will be made for them. Also any alumni who may be in the county at that time, even if they do not live here, are invited to join with the Wake county University men.

The tickets are \$1 each. Last year sixty-four men were present at the banquet, and it is expected that there will be more than that this year. The list of Wake alumni, so far as is known, follows: Claud O. Abernathy, Stonewall J. Adams, Murray Allen, W. M. Allen, A. E. Andrews, Jr., Graham Andrews, John H. Andrews, W. J. Andrews, Thomas M. Argo, S. A. Ashe, Jr., W. W. Ashe, Thomas Badger, Sr., W. H. Bagley, J. O. Ballentine (Varina), G. W. Banks, K. P. Battle, Jr., R. H. Battle, V. H. Boyden, C. M. Busbee, F. H. Busbee, Perrin Busbee, P. H. Busbee, Z. M. Caveness (Wakefield), Walter Clark, Walter Clark, Jr., Josephus Daniels, Claud B. Denson, T. W. Davis, Claud Dockery, Alex. J. Feld, J. M. Fleming, J. Martin Fleming, J. L. Foster, Thomas S. Fuller, A. P. Fuquay (Varina), Bart M. Gatling, R. L. Gray, M. R. Glenn, Walter H. Grimes, J. Bryan Grimes, William Harris, Ernest Haywood, F. J. Haywood, F. J. Haywood, Jr., Grimes Haywood, J. W. Hindsdale, J. W. Hindsdale, Jr., Van Wyck Hoke, B. A. Hodge, R. D. Hodge, Howard Haywood, P. E. Hines, H. W. Jackson, Thomas Johns (Auburn), Alpheus Jones (Cary), G. W. Jones, W. V. Jones, H. M. Jones, R. H. Jones, W. B. Jones, J. Y. Joyner, Thomas S. Kenan, Ashby M. Lambert, R. H. Lewis, M. M. Marshall, E. P. Maynard, James McKee, Sr., George B. McNider, G. B. Moore, James Moore, Van B. Moore, W. L. Norris (Apex), F. A. Olds, W. J. Peele, W. F. Perry, S. L. Patterson, W. C. Riddick, E. M. Rollins, S. G. Ryan, W. J. Saunders, S. Brown Shepherd, Ed. C. Smith, Ham F. Smith, W. B. Snow, F. M. Stronach, J. B. Stronach, W. N. H. Smith, B. H. Temple, Stedman Thompson, Harry G. Utley, W. W. Vass, Platt D. Walker, J. D. Whitaker, Jr., George T. Winston, Thomas B. Womack, W. S. Wilson, J. W. Wilcox, Boaz Young.

Mr. Thomas Johns of Auburn, chairman of the county board of education, is president of the Wake alumni association, and Mr. W. J. Peele is secretary.

THEATRES FOR THE WEEK

"Hazel Kirke" on Wednesday and Sherlock Holmes Thursday

Wholesomeness is the keynote to "Hazel Kirke," in a new and handsome revival in which Edzie Ellsler will appear at the Academy of Music Wednesday evening, October 11th. This old play has drawn more tears and won more smiles than any other of its generation, to say nothing of having bettered the lives of many thousands of men, women and children. The present production is the most complete the drama has had since its memorable original run in New York, and probably this will be the last it will have of like character. Certain it is



that never again after this year will Miss Ellsler be seen in the title part—a role which she made famous and by which her own fame was made enduring—henceforth she will devote her energies and art to new productions. Miss Ellsler is as much Hazel Kirke today as she was when first she impersonated the simple, high-minded, courageous daughter of the devoted, but narrow-minded and unbending old Blackburn miller. This gifted actress, now in the prime of womanhood and in the ripest flush of beauty, has, in a degree never shown by another, the peculiar charm, temperament and personality absolutely essential to the im-

personation of the character. If what has happened in other cities can be taken as a criterion, more family parties will attend the performance of "Hazel Kirke" here than ever were known in the theatre here before. This is the one play that will help every father, mother, son and daughter to a new and better understanding of domestic relation and a happy life. "Sherlock Holmes" in "The Sign of the Four," that will be seen at the Academy of Music Thursday evening, October 12, is the greatest character part ever written. The character, while it thrills and is exciting, is never boisterous or ranting but gentle and artistic. His marvelous gift of observation and deduction are masterly, quick and to the point, seldom erring in his judgment. "The Sign of the Four" deal with more thrilling episode and little is toned down that occurred in the earlier adventures of the famous deductionist, as previously set forth on the stage. There are times when the most ardent lover of the extremes in drama may revel in his thrills and there are times when the most blasé play-goers will sit up and take notice that something is going on. Audiences like sensations, and they certainly have it to their heart's content in "The Sign of the Four." It is one of the best plays written and so intense that you can hear a pin drop at any time during these great scenes, and those who witness the performance will enjoy every moment of the time.

MR. PATTERSON RETURNS Commissioner of Agriculture Pleased With Trip Abroad Hon. S. L. Patterson, state commissioner of agriculture, arrived in Raleigh yesterday afternoon after an absence of nearly two months. Mr. Patterson and his party spent a month in Europe, landing in New York last Tuesday. Mr. Patterson has gone to Winston-Salem to visit and Mr. Patterson came on to Raleigh. Mr. Patterson reports a thoroughly delightful trip. He spent awhile in France, Germany and Great Britain. Of course in this brief time he was not able to study closely the farming methods in Europe, but from what he saw he was impressed with the fact that the American farmer uses better and more up-to-date machinery than he observed there. The old world farmer though is more economical, cultivates the soil closer and is more painstaking, especially in saving manure. While abroad Mr. Patterson by chance met people from Raleigh twice. In Paris he saw Miss Kate Shipp and Misses Sudie and May Johnson and in London he met Miss Jamie Ward and Misses Bridgers of Tarboro. "It was almost a miracle. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me of a terrible breaking out all over the body. I am very grateful." Miss Julia Fibringer, West Cornwall, Conn.

BARACA INSTALLATION

Service This Morning at Tabernacle Church—The Officers

The newly elected officers of the Young Men's Baraca Class of the Tabernacle Baptist Sunday school will be installed at the meeting of the class this morning at 9:30. The election was held on last Thursday night and resulted as follows: President, N. H. McLeod; first vice-president, Alexander Stewart; second vice-president, C. C. Clardy; third vice-president, John S. Person; secretary, C. R. Peebles; assistant secretary, C. B. Gill; treasurer, E. W. Yates; press reporter, W. R. Miller; librarians, J. M. Buffalo and E. L. Stallings; teacher, R. N. Simms; assistant teachers, W. B. Tarlington and L. W. Alderman.

The work was never more prosperous than at present. During the last twelve months the contributions and attendance have both steadily increased. Indeed, the work has grown each year from its beginning. Last year's work was the best in its history up to that time, but the year just ending has an increase in the average attendance of 20 per cent, and the contributions doubled. This class among its other benevolences, regularly supports one orphan child at the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. All young men in the city are cordially invited to attend the services this morning and every Sunday morning.

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Meeting N. C. Cotton Association

There will be a meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Association in the hall of the house of representatives in Raleigh, N. C., on Friday, the 20th of October, 1905, at 7:30 p. m. President Harvie Jordan has been invited to address the association, and addresses will be made by other speakers. President Jordan urges our farmers to stand firm. JOHN S. CUNINGHAM, President. State papers please copy.

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To the Farmers:

Daniel J. Sully, OF NEW YORK, Will speak to the farmers of Wake County, in Raleigh, N. C., at the Metropolitan Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon. Subject--Cotton Situation.

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