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Is The Darlington Affair A Hoax?

A story goes out from Darlington published in the Charlotte Observer that the entire affair of the Dargan suicide may be a hoax. A part of this story is published in another column of The Chronicle.

Commenting upon the Observer's two column article which The Yorkville Enquirer published in full the Enquirer editorially says:

"That Darlington story, reprinted elsewhere from the Charlotte Observer, about Robert Keith Dargan is very interesting to say the least of it and that is why we reprinted it. As to whether Dargan really committed suicide, we do not know. The probability is that he did. Still there is nothing extraordinary in any part of the Observer's remarkable story. Before this alleged suicide occurred, nobody could have believed that the part played by Pegram Dargan in the supposed tragedy could have been possible. If that incident is possible, then there is nothing improbable about the rest of the affair, and under the circumstances the people are not to be blamed for being suspicious."

As to whether rumors will be set at rest by the re-opening of the grave remains to be seen; but under the circumstances the insurance companies would be justified in refusing to pay one cent of the benefits for which they otherwise stand bound until the whole mystery is cleared up to their entire satisfaction."

To which we say "Amen!"

To Prevent Lynching.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Charleston News & Courier, of July 16th, contains a valuable communication from Ex-Governor D. H. Chamberlain, upon "The Remedy For Lynching." The writer takes the position that lynching will only be prevented by removing the cause. We heartily commend the perusal of this letter by all. Would that we could give it in its entirety, but this being impossible will have to content ourselves with the publication of the following part of it:

"I now come to another phase of this particular question of rapes and lynchings. How, say many, how, by what precise means, can what you assert, and what we all concede ought to be done, be done? I do not wish to shun any difficulty. I offer myself for examination and cross-examination by friend or foe. My answer is, it can be done just as other like, though less imperative, things are done. How is any great moral, or even political or merely social reform carried? How, for example, has the great temperance reform been carried? Let us then, to begin, take a few answers to these questions, my inquiring or criticizing friends, and you will have answered the question with which you perhaps fancy I am to be posed. Great moral movements—crusades—is a good word for them—are pushed on and carried, if I have observed or read aright, by setting every force that can move, create, or affect public opinion in full operation. Such forces now are the press, the pulpit, the platform, the school, the Church, the mission, the domestic circle. Who that knows history, or has eyes to look about him today, can doubt that if these enumerated forces were at work now, masking the sin of rape, the uppermost theme in all men's and women's and children's minds, in every house and cabin of the negro race, the crime would begin to decrease and finally, and in no long time, would cease? Go about it, I say, just as Garrison went about his crusade; or just as Yancey and Wigfall went about theirs at a later day; or just as Peter, the hermit, George Whitfield and John Wesley went about theirs. They knew no such word as fail. They were apostles, fiery, stern apostles, and did they not win, every one of them? Even Yancey, every one of them? Even Wigfall won, for their aim was to bring on Secession, though history will not, I think, record that they did or had much else."

Farmers Bank Accounts

Weather Forecast—Rain tonight and Saturday.

Meeting of Rock's Church

A series of meetings will be held at Rock's Church beginning Thursday Aug. 1st, 1905.

Editorial

Miss 14 a Harlequin costume, who is 14 years old.

Mrs. J. R. Cutler, of Elgin, Iowa, was in Camden a couple of weeks ago.

Rev. W. B. Goodwin, returned from his summer vacation in the mountains of North Carolina.

We were glad to see in Camden yesterday this week Mr. J. M. Carson, of Kershaw.

That excellent gentleman, Mr. F. G. Perry, of Liberty Hill, was in Camden a day or two this week.

A Great Revival Of Religion at Bethune

Bro. E. H. Miller:

Please allow me again to thank you kindly for the kind note.

I have just closed our New Hope Church of the South Association a protracted meeting which was a grand success.

Large congregations, good behavior, sweet singing, solemn prayers, indeed a spiritual wave. Friends made new friends to God. Members of other churches come in and caught the fire.

At the close of the meetings, the little girls all sang together. Young men who had been called to Jesus were brought to the front and joined others to prove that such responses will spread throughout the entire world.

By the way, Bethune is a nice place in which to live. We have some noble souls.

My neighbors are among the best in the world. We have here some good farming country.

The cotton crop around

is looking well, and the farmers are jubilant.

Near this place is a spring whose curative powers are marvelous.

The cold spring could be more

widely known so that the many who are physically tired and broken down could obtain its benefit.

J. C. Crouch.

Bethune, S. C., July 25th, 1905.

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