

# INSPECTOR BROWN RESENT- ED IT.

Assailed An Editorial in the Barnwell Sentinel, of Which He Was Formerly Editor.

The State.

News has been received in Columbia, to the effect that Mr. Clarence L. Brown and Mr. G. Marshall Moore engaged in an altercation in Barnwell Monday. The aforesaid altercation was a bloodless affair, and it is hoped that it will end with the meeting Monday.

Mr. Brown is the dispensary inspector who suffered the misfortune to lose \$2,000 recently. Mr. Moore is the superintendent of the schools at Barnwell and is also editor of the Barnwell Sentinel, the paper which was owned by Mr. Brown before he sold it to Mr. Moore. In the editorial columns of this paper there appeared a paragraph commenting upon Mr. Brown's misfortune in a way which was distasteful to the inspector, and he demanded a retraction. The affair happened in the principal business part of town. Mr. Brown, pointing to the objectionable paragraph, expressed his opinion in regard thereto with a great deal of force, so it is related.

The witness who reports the affair says that Brown after making a statement to the effect that Moore had his hand in his pocket, drew his revolver with an invitation to Moore to do the same thing. A Mr. Moody ran up about this time and separated them. Brown put up a cash-bond for \$15 and forfeited his revolver to the town of Barnwell. The Barnwell Sentinel is the weekly paper which attracted some attention a few months ago by attacking H. H. Evans, chairman of the dispensary board, and the editor in turn was threatened with a libel suit. It is said that on account of Mr. Moore's positive stand on public questions he is having trouble to be re-elected superintendent of the schools. There has been a deadlock in the board for thirty days.

### What the Barnwell Paper Says. Editorial Barnwell Sentinel.

One C. L. Brown, whose residence is here, but who lives mostly on the road as a dispensary inspector, approached the editor of this paper on the street, Monday, and, with a copy of last week's Sentinel in one hand and a magazine pistol in the other, demanded of us that we "just read what is in here." As he attempted to pull, a friend to whom we were talking made an attempt to grab around the gentleman, but we asked the third party to let him alone. If the editor of this newspaper had been armed, he could have shot the fellow five times, because he was some ten or fifteen seconds in getting the pistol from a hip pocket. We told Mr. Brown that it was not necessary to read the paper, as we wrote and knew what it was. He then asked with a flourish of the gun, if we intended any insinuation upon his personal character and integrity. We replied that, as far as his personal character and integrity goes, we knew nothing about it, and on that account could say nothing against it; that whenever we had proof of anything against him we would not only say so in the Sentinel, but would be willing to tell him so to his face. He then asked if we would be willing to say in our paper what we had said on the street. To this we replied positively that whatever we said anywhere we would be willing to put in our paper. We then made it very plain to Mr. Brown, in the presence of the gentlemen present, that we would have said everything that was said had he come to us in a quiet way; that we were not afraid of any man in South Carolina; that our paper stood for clean government, and that as far as the loss of the \$2,200 by himself goes, the people of the state were awaiting a statement from him. Brown told us that he admired our courage, but that he himself was a wounded bird. Later he was arrested and is reported to have said that he thought we were too brave to have informed on him. On the contrary, together with the gentleman who was present, we both tried to persuade the police from making the arrest.

The Zemstvos congress met in Moscow, notwithstanding the prohibitive edict of the police.

# DID R. K. DARGAN SUICIDE?

Rumors Afloat That Indicate It Was A Waxen Image of Himself That Was Buried.

John Charles McNeill of the Charlotte, N. C., Observer staff sends a special from Darlington to his paper in regard to the rumors which have been in circulation relative to R. K. Dargan and his suicide which says in part:

"I don't know what went with the money," confessed the attorney for Robert Keith Dargan, the man whom a coroner's jury pronounced a suicide on July 11th. "We have not been able to discover much but debts. It does not seem that he had \$100 when he died."

This whole section of South Carolina is under intense excitement over the report that the supposed suicide is not dead at all and that the alleged awful tragedy of July 10th was a farce. They say that a man who was connected with the Independent Cotton Oil company and who is now in France carried the money away with him. The company was capitalized at \$1,000,000 and was supposed to be worth more.

### Strange Stories Afloat.

This history, together with the report that Dargan went to Paris two years ago and had made a waxen image of himself, and another that his brother Pegram had been, for several years, studying hypnotism and occult arts in the North; the fact that the coroner did not go in with his jury to view the corpse and the rumor that he said, after the burial, that he could not swear that Dargan was dead; that W. F. Dargan ordered out of the mansion two men who had come with the jury to see the body; that the grave was bricked and cemented; that there was a great effort to avoid publicity on the night of the tragedy, and other rumors and reports too numerous to recount, constitute the basis for the widespread suspicion that it is a put-up job. So frantic has gossip grown that a telephone message went abroad last night that the grave had been opened and found empty.

### The Coroner's Story.

The coroner tells me that on the night of the 10th, when he got to the office where the deed was done, he found the front door and the partition door locked. In the back room were Pegram Dargan, Dr. Edwards and the dead man. The dead man's jaws were tied with a towel to prevent his mouth from falling open. He was sitting in an easy chair with his feet upon a book case. Dr. Edwards said that he was dead when first examined by him. Both W. F. and Pegram Dargan asked the coroner if he recognized the corpse, and he replied that he did, and that it was Robert Keith Dargan. They told him that they did not want a crowd to collect or any publicity, and he agreed that they might remove the corpse to the mansion. When they were taking it up to bear it to the carriage at the door the coroner offered to assist them, but Pegram objected. The coroner thrust an arm under the body anyhow while they were lifting it into the carriage. It had not yet, he says, grown cold. This was the last time the coroner saw the dead man.

"If I had the authority," said he, "I would have the grave opened. It's the shortest way to stop all this talk."

### The Barber Interviewed.

J. K. Doyle, a barber and a member of the coroner's jury, which, in this state, is composed of 12 men, said that the man is dead. He said that at 10:30 o'clock that night he was sent for to shave the corpse. He has shaved many a dead man, and this man was R. K. Dargan and no waxen figure nor hypnotized man. He had known Dargan personally for five years. He could smell the acid and saw marks of it about the mouth. Next morning when he went into the chamber with his fellow-jurors the body was lying just as he had left it. "It's been reported," he said, "that the coroner got \$1,000, the doctor \$10,000 and I \$5,000, to say these things, but that is an absolute lie."

### Knows Dargan is Dead.

Superintendent of Education H. C. Burns told me he saw the body when the jury was viewing it; that it was Robert Keith Dargan, and he was dead.

Foreman of the Jury G. K. King, a very emphatic and intelligent man,

said that it is nothing but a story that Dargan is dead for he saw his corpse and knows a corpse when he sees one. It all got started, he thinks, from the ejection from the mansion by W. F. Dargan of two ruffians who went there through curiosity with the jury, and who "had no more business there than I've got in heaven."

Receiver Williamson's opinion is that there is no doubt that the man is dead. Of him Mr. Williamson said, "He was the smartest man and had the best memory and the greatest capacity for work of any man I ever knew."

### Attorney's Theory.

The dead man's attorney said that his theory is that Dargan, who had great pride in his business ability, had bolstered the business, which had for more than a year been unprosperous, out of his own resources. Since his death it is found that this, that and the other property belonging to him had been sold, and that there is no accounting for the money they must have brought. He had probably, to keep up confidence until better times came, given his own substance thus, and had also paid "dividends" out of the capital stock. But discovery came before better times, and high-spirited as he was, the man died rather than face the shame of failure and the ruin which it brought upon himself and others.

### Why Grave is Not Opened.

They say that only his widow would have authority to open the grave, and she does not even know of the rumors afloat. Unless the public will credit the men who say they saw the man dead, there is no way to settle the question except to go into the grave by violence or at the demand of the insurance people. What impresses the investigator is the inconsequence of the whole business on both sides.

### An Air of Mystery.

After all the apparent proof of suicide an air of mystery yet surrounds the whole affair, and it will likely be a good many days before public curiosity, as some style it, will subside. They talk here that Pegram Dargan is crazy, but if he is I don't know a sane man when I see one.

### Worth Remembering.

There are three entirely different kinds of ingredients used in making the three different varieties of baking powders on the market, viz:— (1) Mineral-Acid or Alum, (2) Bone-Acid or Phosphate, and (3) Cream of Tartar made from grapes. It is important, from the standpoint of health, to know something about these ingredients, and which kind is used in your baking powder.

(1) Mineral-Acid, or Alum, is made from a kind of clay. This is and from this solution a product is obtained which is alum. Alum is cheap; costs about two cents a pound, and baking powder made with this Mineral-Acid sells from 10 to 25 cents a pound.

(2) Bone-Acid, or Phosphate, is the basis of phosphate baking powders and the process is fully described in the patents issued to a large manufacturer of a phosphate powder. The U. S. Patent office report gives a full and exact description, but the following extract is enough:

"Burned bones, after being ground, are put into freshly diluted oil of vitriol and with continual stirring and in the following proportion," etc. From this Bone-Acid phosphate baking powders are made; such powders sell from 20 to 30 cents a pound.

(3) Cream of Tartar exists in all ripe grapes, and flows with the juice from the press in the manufacture of wine. After the wine is drawn off the tartar is scraped from the cask, boiled with water, and crystals of Cream of Tartar, white and very pure, separate and are collected. It differs in no respect from the form in which it originally existed in the grape. Cream of Tartar, then, while the most expensive, is the only ingredient that should be used in a baking powder to act upon the soda, as its wholesomeness is beyond question. Cream of Tartar baking powders sell at about 40 to 50 cents a pound.

Such are the facts, and every one, careful of the health of the family, should remember this rule:—Baking powders selling from 10 to 25 cents a pound are made of Mineral-Acids; those selling from 20 to 30 cents of Bone-Acid; and those from 40 to 50 cents of Cream of Tartar made from grapes.

# RECORD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF YORK.

Under date of May 1st, 1905.

Personally appeared before me J. H. Miller, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Cashier of the Branch Office of the Equitable Life, at Rock Hill, S. C., and that the above figures are correct, being taken from the books at the close of business May 1st, 1905.

Vice-President Tarbell  
Writes:

J. H. MILLER,  
Cashier.

Sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1905.

C. L. COBB,  
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## Is Your Plumbing Out of Date?



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