

The last issue of the Barnwell *People* describes W. B. Cash's recent exploit in Columbia, as follows:

Mr. W. B. Cash of Chesterfield, the son of his father, the duelist and defeated Independent candidate for Congress from the Sixth District, went to Columbia last Tuesday week in search of notoriety which he speedily found. Filled, as to his gigantic person, with much whiskey, and as to his pockets, with two big pistols, he inaugurated a free lecture on election frauds, in the office of the Grand Central Hotel. His auditors were the persecuted Fairfield Democrats who were standing their preliminary examinations before Commissioner Bauskett on the charge of conspiracy to prevent the exercise of the elective franchise by sundry citizens of African extraction. Mr. James Heron, an Irishman, from Monticello, feeble and fifty-seven years old, took offence at the conduct of Cash and rather rough language followed. Heron's friends informed Cash that Heron was under the influence of liquor and the proprietor requested Cash to change his quarters. He started away but some one 'snickored' and Cash returned, renewed the quarrel with Heron, was called a liar and retaliated by striking the old man several severe blows. They were separated, Cash drew a pistol and called for another antagonist, and peace was not restored until a positive policeman captured and carried off the combatants. They were released and appeared before Mayor Rhett the next morning, Cash being represented by Messrs. Snyder and Willard. Cash and Heron were each fined \$20 for fighting and an additional fine of \$10 was imposed on Cash for carrying concealed weapons. From this sentence he appealed, and Willard and Snyder claimed that as a United States Marshal he had the right to bear arms and that they had instructed him to carry pistols for his own protection. Cash flatly denied this and they claimed then that such instructions were general. An interesting case will grow out of this occurrence as to the powers and privileges of marshalls and their superiority over State and municipal laws. Cash was bound over by Trial Justice Marshall for trial at the next term of the court of Sessions, on the charge of carrying concealed weapons, E. M. Brayton becoming his surety. The officials refused to return the pistols to the son of the sand hills, and he went home, accompanied by another deputy marshal and armed with a lot of warrants for the democrats of Chesterfield. After getting into trouble Cash expressed regret for the attack on Mr. Heron, but his repentance came too late.



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