

FOUND GUILTY ON THREE COUNTS

The Jury in Meredith Trial Reaches Verdict at Midnight
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The Meredith trial, which has been holding the boards in the district court since October 12 came to a close Thursday afternoon, when it was given to [transcriber's note: this is how the paragraph reads]

The court appointed H.H. Wood of Boswell foreman and a verdict was reached that night about 12 o'clock, finding the defendant guilty on three counts, as follows:

Failing to discharge a deputy, John Threlkeld, for acts unbecoming an officer; failure to serve certain subpoenas [sic] on Oliver Wright for violating prohibition law; for not suspending Frank Schultz for hanging a negroe [sic] prisoner [sic] up by the hands for stealing whiskey, after a reasonable length of time.

The jury failed to find the defense guilty of sixteen other charges, among which were criminal intimacy with Dora Neagle and fraudulenty [sic] obtaining money from the county.

The attorney for the defense is preparing a motion for a new trial, and if it is overruled the case will be appealed to higher courts, which will be requested to set aside Judge Richarbson's [sic] order suspending Meredith from office and that he be returned to his office. The motion will be made on the small finding of the jury.

The trial has been long and bitter and it is hoped by all that it will be settled in some shape satisfactory to the public as it is not only creating factions on both sides, but is putting the county to an enormous expense [sic].