

FOUND GUILTY

GEO. LA TRACE FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING LIQUOR TO INDIANS

SARAH ARNTSON AWARDED \$5, 600 BY JURY-CAVALIER CHANGED PLEA.

In the first criminal case to be tried at the present term of the federal court George La Trace, indicted for selling liquor to Indians in the Turtle mountains, was yesterday found guilty by the jury which was occupied about an hour before the decision was reached. The case was a very short one, taking only a couple of hours. One witness for the state the half breed to whom the liquor was sold, gave testimony.

A motion was made by Attorney Smith, who conducted the defense, that the court give a directed verdict, which was denied. It was based on the fact that the defendant had been indicted for selling alcohol to indians while there was no positive testimony that alcohol was what was sold, the witness stating that something tasting like it was given him. Assistant United States Attorney Townsend conducted the prosecution. Sentence has not been imposed on La Trace by the court as yet, the jury returning their verdict at about 5:30 p. m.