

## TRY SIMONS FOR KILLING TRAMP

Ashland Chief of Police to Face Tribunal on Manslaughter Indictment for Shooting Tramp Last November Who Was Escaping Arrest.

Court reconvenes from the holiday recess at Jacksonville next Monday. Among the criminal cases to come up is that of Charles A. Simons, chief of police of Ashland, who was indicted by the last grand jury for manslaughter in the killing of Albert Engvall just outside of the Ashland city limits in the eastern part of town about 10 o'clock on the night of November 23. The indictment reads as follows:

"Charles A. Simons is accused by the grand jury for the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, by this indictment of the crime of manslaughter, committed as follows to-wit:

"That the said Charles A. Simons, on to-wit, the 23d day of November, 1907, in the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, then and there being did then and there feloniously and by his act of culpable negligence in the handling and discharge of a firearm, to-wit, a pistol, did then and there discharge said pistol with such culpable negligence that he then and there killed Albert Engvall by then and there shooting said Albert Engvall with said pistol, said killing being neither justifiable nor excusable, as provided by law."

### Witnesses Examined.

Contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon.

"Dated at Jacksonville, Or., this 21st day of December, 1907.

Witnesses examined before the grand jury: A. E. Kellogg, Dr. F. R. Bowersox, Edward Thornton, Dr. D. M. Brower, Dr. F. G. Swedenburg, J. E. Thornton, C. A. Simons, Henry L. White.

"A. E. REAMES, prosecuting attorney for the first

prosecuting attorney district of Oregon."

The section of the code and penalty thereof under which the indictment was returned read as follows:

"Section 1750. Every other killing of a human being by the act, procurement or culpable negligence of another, when such killing is not murder in the first or second degree, or is not justifiable or excusable as provided in this chapter, shall be deemed manslaughter."

"Section 1753. Every person convicted of manslaughter shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than fifteen years, and by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars."

### Plead Not Guilty.

The grand jury and district attorney had deliberated over the evidence several days. The defendant was invited before the inquisitorial body a number of times. He pleaded not guilty, and Judge Hanna placed his bail bond in the sum of \$1000, which was furnished by George N. Lewis and J. Numan of Jacksonville.

## CALIFORNIA BANKERS ONCE MORE INDICTED

Following a thorough investigation into the affairs of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company of San Francisco, which failed, owing depositors nearly \$9,000,000, and the methods of its officials alleged to have been responsible for wrecking the bank, indictments have been returned by the grand jury charging James Dalzell Brown, ex-general manager; Walter J. Bartnett, ex-vice-president, general counsel and director; James Treadwell, director, with felony embezzlement. One indictment was returned against Brown and Bartnett, and two against Treadwell.

Bench warrants were issued and bail fixed at \$30,000 for Brown; \$35,000 for Bartnett, and \$50,000 on one charge against Treadwell and \$25,000 on the other.

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