

## CHARLES SCHNABEL SLAIN BY CRIPPLE

### Fancied Grievances Lead J. C. Poeschl to Deed.

## MEDAL HELD BY ASSAILANT

### Award for Saving Train Made by Legislature.

## LOSS OF SUIT IS FACTOR

### Blame for Failure to Get Big Amount of Damages for Injuries is Laid to Lawyer.

Charles J. Schnabel, prominent attorney of Portland, was shot in the back and fatally wounded by Joseph C. Poeschl, an ex-convict, as he was about to enter an elevator on the third floor of the court house shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

Fancied grievances against the lawyer, harbored for more than ten years by Poeschl, who was crippled in a railroad accident in 1910 and was obsessed with the idea that much of his suffering and failure to receive heavy damages from the Southern Pacific company was due to Mr. Schnabel, furnished the motive for the killing. Investigation by District Attorney Evans yesterday led to the conclusion that Poeschl was a paranoiac—or a very clever actor.

**Murder Intended**

"I didn't kill him. I just shot between his legs to scare him," testified the slayer at the county jail a few minutes after the shooting. He refused to believe that his victim was dead.

Mr. Schnabel was talking to August Schirmer, deputy sheriff, concerning a case in which he was interested in the district court when, without warning, there was the click of a hammer against a cartridge which failed to explode, followed by the report of the revolver as the second bullet struck him in the chest 15 feet from the attorney and the range was point-blank.

Without a sound, Mr. Schnabel staggered toward a supporting column of the court house and collapsed. He never regained consciousness.

**Fugitive Easily Caught**

Deputy Sheriff Schirmer meanwhile had whipped out his automatic and had started for Poeschl, who had broken into a halting run. At the same moment, persons began crowding from the courtroom of Circuit Judge Tucker to the end of the corridor, toward which the man was hobbling, propelled by a single crutch and good leg.

"Clear away, back there," shouted Schirmer to the people in the background; then, addressing Poeschl: "Put that gun down, or I'll shoot your hands up, and be quick about it."

Poeschl obeyed and was disarmed. Schirmer then turned and helped carry Mr. Schnabel into the chambers of Judge Stapleton, nearby. No blood was seen and the first assumption was that the slayer had fired into the air. The gathering crowd began to search the corridor in the vicinity of the elevator for the bullet mark or spent bullet. An ambulance arrived shortly and the wounded man was started for a hospital. Death occurred on the way and the body was removed to the morgue.

**Bullet Enters Back**

Examination by Coroner Smith disclosed that the bullet had entered the back and ranged upward, piercing the heart.

Mrs. Schnabel was notified by District Attorney Evans of the shooting of her husband and started for the hospital. He had died before she reached him.

Poeschl came into prominence in 1917 when the state legislature voted him a gold medal in recognition of his supposed bravery in saving property and lives at the sacrifice of his own limb and health in 1910. At various times, prominent citizens were interested in his case and endeavored to have him pensioned by the state. He never received a cent from the railroad company, having refused a proffered settlement of \$1500, and a jury in the federal court having found for the railroad in a damage action brought.

At the time of his accident there was no mention of bravery or the risk of his life to save others, and there has been much question as to the facts which he later related concerning the incident.

**Schnabel Once His Attorney**

The law firm of Schnabel & La Roche was retained by Poeschl following the accident and asked to bring suit against the railroad company.

W. P. La Roche, whose partnership with Mr. Schnabel was dissolved in 1913 upon accepting the post of city attorney, commented on the case yesterday as follows:

"Poeschl was a bridge carpenter working on a Southern Pacific trestle south of Fulton on January 4, 1910. A train appeared unexpectedly and all the workmen but Poeschl ran from the structure. Poeschl ran toward one end of the trestle, changed his mind and started for the other end, when he caught his foot be-

## DRY AGENTS CAPTURE AUTOS WORTH MILLION

### 250,000 GALLONS OF WHISKY SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT.

## ROOSEVELT HIGHWAY BILL ENCOUNTERS SNAG.

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