

**YOUTH MURDERED**

**Skull Crushed and Body Laid on Track.**

**THE POLICE DISCOVER BODY**

**Signs of Struggle in Barn Show How Boy Died—Murderers Then Place Corpse on Railroad Track for Train to Run Over.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The apparent murder of a boy stirred the Grand Crossing police into sharp action last night. The body of Robert Collier, 17 years old, was found on the Nickel Plate Railroad tracks, with the head lying across the tracks.

No train had passed over the spot after the body was placed there and before it was removed.

It is the belief of the police that Collier had been murdered while in the rear of a barn belonging to John Swaggart, a neighbor and that the body had been carried to the tracks, the murder-ers expecting a train would run over it and destroy all clues to the real manner of death.

The Collier boy lived with his parents and was employed in the Pullman car shops. The boy evidently had been struck on the back of the head with a club. The skull was found to have been fractured by the blow.

The theory of the police that a murder had been committed was further strengthened by signs of a struggle at the rear of Swaggart's barn. Foot marks were plainly visible in the soft earth for several feet, showing that the murderer had at first attempted to drag the body and then apparently had carried it to the tracks where it was laid with the head resting over one of the rails.

The police found blood spots in places about the spot and by the various sizes of the footprints it is believed that more than one person was

implicated in the crime. One may have been a woman, from the small size of the shoes.

**OPEN IMMENSE SEMINARY.**

**Catholic Church Will Start Big Educational Institution in Chicago.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Record-Herald today says:

An ambition cherished for many years by the Roman Catholic Church dignitaries of Chicago, in a plan by which this diocese becomes the center of the best Catholic education and religion in America, finally has assumed definite shape. With the opening in the suburbs of Austin of an immense seminary for the priesthood, plans of which have just been completed, the first step towards the realization of the great project will have been completed. The idea of the cathedral to be built which has only been roughly penciled on paper, outlines a structure which will be one of the most imposing church edifices of the century.

Improvements already have been started on the property. No definite idea can be given of the final amount to be expended on the church work, but it probably will not be less than \$5,000,000.

The seminary, ground for which will be broken in April, will be under the direct supervision of Archbishop Quigley.

**Of Interest to Clergy.**

The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co., having been granted membership in the Trans-Continental Clergy Bureau, the name of that company will appear in the clergy application blanks and clergy certificates issued by the bureau for 1906, and commencing January 1st, of the coming year. These permits will be honored by all agents of the A. & C. R. R., thus eliminating the individual half-fare permits issued by that company in former years. Requests for official application blanks should be made to J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent, Astoria.

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**IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.**

**Effect of Galvanic Current on Nerve Tissues Due to Physical Causes.**

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 5.—That the phenomena underlying the electrotonic effects of the galvanic current upon the nerve and muscle tissues of animal matter are due to physical causes is the latest discovery of Dr. Jacques Loeb. In previous researches, Dr. Loeb found that sodium and potassium ions in solution stimulated muscle and nerve fibers and that calcium and magnesium ions acted antagonistically to the sodium and potassium ions. In his last set of experiments Dr. Loeb has found this phenomenon is due to the migration and concentration in the region of the electrodes, of chemical substances contained in the tissues.

He has found that oleates, palmitates, and stearates, all of which are found in the tissues concerned, precipitate calcium and that it is in this way got out of the solution, preventing its inhibitory effect upon the sodium and potassium ions which are left free to act.

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