

The feature of the morning session was the masterful address for the prosecu- a midnight assassin, I would give up every dollar for a detective to run him ed States for \$40,000,000. tion of Mr. Haywood Sawyer. He reviewed the whole evidence carefully and down and send his body to the grave,

most extreme legislation that can be de-The objections of the majority to the vised and justified for the accomplishWashington. The North Carolina delegation is very

much disappointed with the River Harbor Bill as it will pass the House. It is felt that no North Carolina amend-

ments will be adopted in the House, al-

by argument that was logical and elo- his soul to hell. quent, pleaded that Wilcox was guilty and three quarter hours.

#### LEARY'S ARGUMENT CONTINUED.

Former District Attorney Leary resuming his speech of yesterday, said the strongest thing against Wilcox was that he was the last seen with Miss Cropsey, but that was not enough. It was presumed that Wilcox wore a cloak of different parts of the Bible and said: innocence which requires strong evidence to remove.

cussed that very evening at the Cropsey home, and that no testimony given by cox to death." the dectors disproved the suicide theory.

He said the prosecution had tried to prejudice the case, but if the jury would free from passion there could be brought nothing but a verdict of acquittal.

Mr. Leary declared the prosecution was hard pressed, that Mr. Turner, the previous speaker had told the jury the defense wanted them to turn Wilcox he would do anything honorable to put loose and to send Nell Cropsey to a them back where they were before Nowatery grave and to a suicide's hell. He vember 20. He referred both families spurned the statement, and said it should to the religion which Nell embraced. be beneath counsel to make such declarations.

He reviewed much of the evidence and began reciting celebrated cases entire afternoon session and spoke elowhere persons were convicted on cir- quently and forcefully. He brought cumstantial evidence, when that line of argument was objected to. By consent the doors were thrown open for both sides and the speaker continued his narrative. Mr. Leary spoke all told, nearly two and a half hours.

HAYWOOD SAWYER SPEAKS.

Mr. Haywood Sawyer for the prosecu- ble to a storm in the Indian Ocean. He the State of North Carolina which he sisters sitting before him in sombre colrepresented in part, stain her fair es- ors attesting silently affection for her cutcheon with the blood of a blameless citizen.

memory.

of iron.

He sai dthe State was satisfica that He said the State was satisfied that Wilcox did it. The girls and womanhood of North Carclina must be protected. The prosecution would ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

Mr. Sawyer is a man of giant-like physique and strong clear voice, which he used to good advantage.

Referring to the introduction of medical terms into the evidence, he said humorously: "Brother Aydlett wouldn't know exmosis or endosmosis if he met them in the road, and if he met them together he couldn't tll them apart.'

He reviewed the evidence which he was not drowned.

He reasoned that the suicide theory was incompatible with her happy, buoyant spirits. He said Nell was a timid would be fishing one of them out of Pas- tests to rotten sticks of timber. He arquotank River. After reviewing other evidence, Mr. Sawyer said:

not drowned; I have shown you that she

largely upon the relations of the canal "I see before me men who have firls of murder in the first degree, and he budding into womanhood, sweet wives and Colombia, but the committee also dis-and lovely sisters. I will tell you if the cusses at length many other phases of cusses at length many other phases of women of North Carolina cannot be prothe question. Among these is the rela-

tected we had best burn the law books, tion of the shareholders, who subscribed tear down the jails and court houses and \$260,000,000 to the old Panama company dissolve the Legislature, and then go whose interests it holds, cannot be light back to barbarism." ly regarded. On this point the report

DEMANDS WILCOX'S DEATH.

The orator read several verses from "The spectacle of the United States Congress authorizing the President as "In the name of God and the names the agent of the government to conduct of these wives, sisters, mothers and a trade with such a corporation, with-

The speaker said everything pointed daughters, I ask you not to let the guilty out consulting France as to the claim of to suicide, that suicide had been dis- escape. I ask you under your oaths to independence it (the new Panama Conpany) asserts, will be entirely new in bring in a verdict that will put Jim Wilthe history of nations and its consequences cannot be lightly disregarded.

The speaker here painted a pathetic "Among these is the serious danger picture of sorrow in the Cropsey home. of the United States being drawn into The Misses Cropseys began weeping. disagreeable relations with a large and try Wilcox according to the evidence and He turned to them and said with pathos: "Weep on; we mingle our tears with influential body of the worthy people of France, where friendship for us has yours; we echo your sighs.'

been cherished during the entire life of The speaker also expressed sympathy for the Misses Wilcox, who sat nearby our republic, and had its origin in magwith sorrowful, downcast eyes, and said nanimous sacrifices for our country when this government was in the travail of its birth. Unfortunately the report of the Isthmian Canal Commission reveals the fact that the men who make us this offer are chief among those who de-SPEECH OF BOND. frauded these six or eight hundred thous-

says

Mr. Bond, of Edenton, spoke during the and Frenchmen of \$250,000,000.

Speaking further of the obligations of the new company to the old, the matears to eyes of spectators during several jority say:

pathetic flights. "If Mr. Eiffel and his assistants get Mr. Bond said there was something \$40,000,000 from the American people in indescribably horrible to anybody but a is well that they are sheltered from the brute about the murder of a youn woman, claims of these defrauded and despoiled that when suspicion attached to any bondholders and stockholders by the al-

one the feeling grew until reason was leged despotism of French courts. They almost dethroned, and it was compara- would never escape justice in American courts and would be compelled to action followed. He said he would not seek expressed sympathy for the stricken count for every dollar of the money to to convict an innocent man, nor would family, and said he saw four of Nell's the bondholders and to the stocks bearing interest before applying any of it to the profits of their speculation." The minority report, which was pre-

the Panama Canal property to the Unit-

The sea of faces before him was pared by Senator Kittredge, completely testimony of public interest. He said Mr. upholds the title of the new Panama Sawyer had perhaps uninconsciously dis-Company as will be seen from the followtorted and exaggerated the evidence ing extract which constitutes its openagainst this friendless young man who, ing paragraph: after all had one heart which beat for "The title of the new Panama Comhim in silent prayer-his mother's. pany to its concessions and other proper-

Big, tears came into the eyes of Mr ty, appears from the facts and documents Aydlett, Wilcox's leading lawyer. which have been laid before the sub-Mr. Bond expressed admiration for the committee and is clear and free from

demeanor daughters during the trial. concessions to the United States the He told of the different degrees of mur- consent of Colombia is requisite, but port of these principles is also a guarander and pictured the touching hanging this consent has been given by the Govscene that would follow a verdict of ernment of that country as fully as it They are compelled, however, not to guilty, and the remorse that would fol- can now be given. In case of purchase low if it were shown an innocent man of the canal by the United States, differhad been slaughtered. He begged the ent concessions and different rights must said proved conclusively Nell Cropsey jury not to be swayed by dramatic ap- be obtained by treaty between this coun-

would necessarily involve a consent to He said he would attempt to show there the sales by the company of its rights themselves the right to take measures was not enough evidence to convict Jim and property on the Isthmus to the girl, and the rest of them had better be Wilcox, nor even to show Nell had been United States. Such a treaty Colombia timid if they have around them such murdered by any body. He then took up has shown and declared its readiness to company as Jim Wilcox, or someboly the medical testimony and compared the make. On every other point the right of the Panama Canal Company to trans. plete tranquility in the Far East. gud that the discoloration on the eemple fer its property to the United States

was caused by the settling of blood, not (Continued on Page Five.)

title held by that company are based ment of the purposes stated TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT.

#### Spooner and Hoar, Teller and Bailey Speak on the Measure

tee. Personally he was in favor of the

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 19 .-- During the entire session of the Senate today the bill providing for the protection of the President of the United States was under consideration. Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, made an extended argument in

support of the measure. He contended that the Government had an absolute pointed and inherent right to protect itself from assaults made upon itself or upon any White, Guilford College; Rev. C. G. Southwestern road.

of its officers. He maintained that an Vardell, R. Ed. Springs, R. Z. Southerassault upon the President was in the land, Fayetteville. very nature of things an assault upon the Government for there never was a Watts, T. J. Whitted, N. B. Broughton, time when the President was not in the F. S. Blair, Rev. Mr. Whorter, Prof. J.

exercise of the duties of his office. His O. Atkinson. argument was largely legal and constitutional, but throughout was forceful and entertaining and instructive. Regers.

Mr. Hoar, in charge of the measure, elucidated some arguments he had made White, L. T. Barker. previously and Mr. 'Teller, of Colorado, and Mr. Bailey, of Texas, spoke briefly

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Point.

upon the bill. The Texas Senator said he could not support the measure as it chalk talk was given by Rv. C. A. G. who breaks off her engagement because stands, because he could conceive of an Thomas, of Sanford, which proved very her folks are opposed to it. assault made upon the President as a interesting. person and not as an official of the Gov-Then came the report of the officers

ernment. The assailant, in that event, for the past year. Those reports showed ought to be punished precisely as if he a decided progress during the year. The matter of finance was taken up next, had assaulted any other citizen. and several unpaid pledges were col-

# ANGLO-JAPANESE CONVENTION.

### A Declaration Showing How it is Regarded by Russia and France.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, March 19 .- The Official Messenger tomorrow will print the text of a Russo-French conjoint declaration, sent March 16, to the Austrian, Belgian, British, American, Spanish, German, Italian, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese Governments. The declaration is as fol-

lows: "The allied Russo-French Governments are wholly pleased to discern that the Anglo-Japanese convention supports the essential principles, which, according to the reiterated statement of France and Russia, constituted and still conof Judge Cropsey and his any complications. For a transfer of its stitute the foundation of their policy. Both governments believe that the suptee of their interests in the Far East. lose from view the possibly hostile action of other powers, or a repetition of disorders in China, pssibly impairing China's integrity and free development peals, even though it required a nerve try and Colombia, and such a treaty to the detriment of their reciprical interests. They, therefore reserve to

to defend these interests." The prefatory remarks say that Russia desires the maintenance of the statu guo and the attainment of com-

is perfectly clear. Every link in the No matter how positive a woman may "Now I have shown you that Nell was by a blow. It was awful to have a man chain of its title and every step in the be of anything, she is seldom willing to course by which it became in a position bet real money on it.



#### PROF. GEORGE H. CROWELL, President State Sunday School Conference.

The address of welcome was by J. A. been made yesterday, in the Virginia of the Senate Committee on Commerce, made by Dr. W. G. Bradsher, of High | Senate Committee on Roads, that the to which the River and Harbor Bill will The following committees were an-

Committee on Enrollment-Prof. G. A.

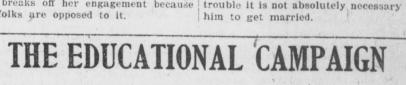
Cotton Exchange Holidays. Committee on Nominations-G. W

> (By the Associated Press.) New York, March 19 .-- The Cotton Ex-

and Saturday, March 29. The Stock Exchange and Produce Ex-

change will pass upon the question tomorrow. The Coffee Exchange also has yet to decide on the matter.

led by Rev. Eli Reece, of New York, a A girl's idea of a fool is another girl



National Association, Mr. Marion Law- Leaders of the Work in North Carolina Arrange to Hold Meetings to Give the Movement

### Fresh Impetus..

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 19.-The | State Superintendent Joyner last night, ous representatives of each. There are at different places in the State. The plan the purpose was to hold a number of today 145 delegates present, represent- is to have the county superintendents educational rallies at central, accessible ing twenty-three counties, and others and other workers in the field of educa- at these rallies a number of inspiring The afternoon session today was oc- tion gather at some central point for a educational addresses, and to have in atcupied by an address from Mr. Marion conference and public meeting and a con- tendance in addition to the general public Lawrence, and a chalk talk by Mr. Jos. ference with the State Superintendent. and all friends of education the county H. Weathers, of Raleigh, which was most Arrangements will be made to have one superintendents of the fifteen or twenty entertaining as well as instructive. In or two visitors of note to deliver addressthe vote for the next place of meeting es, and there will be a general discus- one or two days' institute and conference of the association, Kinston received a sion of the needs of the hour in North majority, and was therefore designated Carolina in an educational way.

## The Cott:n Duck Company

(By the Associated Press.)

States Cotton Duck Company today filed a certificate decreasing its authorized capital stock from \$50,000,000 to \$30,000, 000. The certificate was signed by T. L. Park, president, and David H. Carroll,

It takes two drunkards to make one

leaders of education in North Carolina speaking of the plans for educational are arranging to hold several meetings | meetings throughout the State said that points in all sections of the State, to have The first meeting will be held in

meetings as will furnish free entertainment for the superintendents and teachers. By the aid of the Southern Education Board the railroad fare of the counin Raleigh. The promoters believe this ty superintendents attending will be paid. It is hoped that arrangement can be made ing public interest and preparing for the with the railroads for the same rates for campaign to be waged in North Carolina those attending these meetings as have been secured for those "attending the

The first of these meetings will probintendent of Public Instruction Joyner ably be held in Greensboro in the near future.

surrounding counties, and to conduct a Such places will be selected for these

of the day. It was a magnificent effort, and was appreciated to the full by the large audience of cultivated Sunday school workers. Mr. Lawrence is without doubt the central figure of the pro-

gramme. The attention of delegates was called to the Sunday School Evangel, the Sunday School Times, Christian Hymns, and other periodicals and books by the vari-

The address of the Secretary of the

rence, of Toledo, Ohio, was the feature

for the 1903 convention.

Trenton, N. J., March 19 .- The United

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pair of tights.

Greensbore, and among the speakers will be the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This is a part of the educational campaign planned at the recent meeting held

The scheme has the hearty endorse- Good Roads Conventions held recently.

to be the most effective way of arous-

ment of Governor Aycock, State Superand the other leaders in education.

of these superintendents, getting from them and giving to them needful information about the educational conditions and needs of their counties.

though Messrs. Bellamy and Small will offer them. Mr. Small today vigorously attacked the bill, pointing out the unjust discriminations against North Carolina. Every since the House Committee reported the bill Senator Simmons has

been quietly working with the members Gladesville Railway charter was backed go for better treatment for our North by the Seaboard, was without foundation; Carolina rives and habors. He has held as was also the statement that the Sea- daily conferences with members of that board had purchased the Virginia and committee and has impressed upon them the injustice to our State in the House bill

Of course the Senator is interested in all of the proposed water improvements of the upper Cape Fear and the inland waterway, as these two are new projects. Senator Simmons is very much eucour-

aged with the outlook in the Senate and hopes that when the bill is passed by that body, much of the unjust discrimination against our State will have been eliminated. Mr. Simmons is one of the

most effective workers in the Senate.

If a man is determined to get into trouble it is not absolutely necessary for

change will be closed Friday, March 28 Committee on Resolutions-Capt. Ramsey, Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Rev. Mr. Auditing Committee-Prof. G. W

The second session began this morning at 9:30 o'clock. After a song service,