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The crush this afternoon was the densest yet. It would take half an hour to get out of the building. Boxes and stools to be used for seats brought good prices, and sometimes the purchasers had to give them up. Judge Jones ordered the sheriff to collect two dollars advance from some men who didn't move when ordered, and then he threatened to make it \$10, but learned that the men could not get away. There were about 800 men and women in the room.

Another record-breaking crowd was present this morning when court convened. There were many ladies.

The feature of the morning session was the masterful address for the prosecution of Mr. Haywood Sawyer. He reviewed the whole evidence carefully and by argument that was logical and eloquent, pleaded that Wilcox was guilty of murder in the first degree, and he asked the jury to say so. He spoke two and three quarter hours.

LEARY'S ARGUMENT CONTINUED. Former District Attorney Leary re-suming his speech of yesterday, said the strongest thing against Wilcox was that he was the last seen with Miss Crosey, but that was not enough. It was presumed that Wilcox wore a cloak of innocence which requires strong evidence to remove.

The speaker said everything pointed to suicide, that suicide had been discussed that very evening at the Crosey home, and that no testimony given by the doctors disproved the suicide theory. He said the prosecution had tried to prejudice the case, but if the jury would try Wilcox according to the evidence and free from passion there could be brought nothing but a verdict of acquittal.

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