

THE SHAH ASSASSINATED

Persia's Despot Shot by a Fanatic at Teheran.

MURDERED IN A MOSQUE.

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Teheran, Persia, May 2.—Nasr-ed-Din, Shah of Persia, was entering a shrine near here yesterday, when an assassin, disguised as a woman, drew a pistol and fired at him, the bullet striking near the heart. The wounded ruler was once conveyed to his palace and driven with all speed to the mosque and died two hours later. The murderer was executed. It is believed that the assassin was a fanatic.

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ILLINOIS FOR MCKINLEY.

The Delegates Instructed to Present His Name at St. Louis.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 2.—The Republicans of Illinois, at the second day's session of their State Convention, declared emphatically for William McKinley as their choice for President of the United States.

The opponents of the Ohioan's Presidential aspirations capitulated before a majority onslaught of his friends.

When the regular programme was the resolution instructing the delegates to the National Convention.

Resolved, That the delegates elected by this convention to the National Convention at St. Louis be instructed to present and support the Hon. Shelby M. Cullom for President.

When it had been read "So," Bethea, of Lee, arose and moved that the name of William McKinley, Jr., of Ohio, be substituted for that of Shelby M. Cullom.

When the cheering ceased the Committee on Resolutions reported, and B. W. Patterson, editor of the Chicago Tribune; William Nixon, editor of the Inter-Ocean; and George F. Olesby, of Elkhart, and ex-Governor Joseph W. Eiler were selected as delegates-at-large to the National Convention.

When the platform, which declares for sound money, the gold standard, protection and reciprocity was read and unanimously adopted the convention adjourned sine die.

Killed by His Own Invention. William Herbert Coulson, an amateur chemist, was almost instantly killed at his home, New York City.

Fifty-One Political Prisoners Deported. A Cuban political prisoner was deported from Havana by the Spanish mail steamer.

Striking Servants Win. The strike of the servant girls of Superior, Wis., which had been on several days, is now over.

Half a Million Fire in Paris, Texas. The entire south side of the business part of Paris, Texas, was destroyed by fire.

A Cloudburst Causes a Train Wreck. A cloudburst at Raymond, Iowa, washed out the track and derailed the Illinois Central fast limited train for Chicago.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Quadrennial Session of a Month Begun at Cleveland, Ohio.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will be in session for one month, was called to order in the Central Armory at Cleveland, Ohio, by Bishop Bowman.

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THE HALLS OF CONGRESS.

The House has passed the bill giving a pension of \$75 a month to Brigadier-General William Graham Sumner.

Senator Hill introduced a bill amending laws relating to contempt of court. The bill allows appeals to the Supreme Court.

Congress passed a bill appropriating \$60,000 to improve the New York Postoffice building and furnish certain rooms therein.

In Congress the great Appropriation bill, the last of the great appropriation bills, has been passed, showing a very unusual record of promptness.

Speaker Reed has announced the appointment of Representatives Payne (Rep., N. Y.) and Sawyer (Dem., Texas), as Trustees of the National Debt and Dumb Asylum.

Under the special order adopted the vote on the passage of the Pickler Pension bill was taken in the House immediately after the reading of the Journal. The bill passed by a vote of 187 to 84.

Senator Peffer's resolution for an investigation of the bond issues was opposed by Bishop Bowman, on the ground that it is not the method of issuing bonds, but the policy, that the Populists really oppose.

The appropriation for fortifications is \$11,384,018, of which the sum of \$5,452,237 is for expenditures during the next fiscal year and contracts are authorized to the extent of \$5,543,376.

Mr. Lewis, of Kentucky, introduced in the House a bill appropriating \$100,000 to provide for the purchase of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and the erection thereon of a home for disabled soldiers to be known as the Lincoln National Home.

Senator Vest offered an amendment in the Senate to the Sundry Civil bill, which was adopted without dissent.

Mr. Payne, of New York, has prepared a report on the bill which amends Section 4216 of the Revised Statutes, which permits foreign vessels to enter our ports.

The retirement of Mr. Cobb, of Alabama, from the membership of the House, reduces the Democratic representation in that body to ninety-three.

The health of John Hays Hammond, the American who was sentenced to death for complicity in the Transvaal rail-roads to cause uneasiness.

John Hays Hammond, whose sentence of death for high treason against the Transvaal Government was commuted by President Kruger, is forty years old.

The town of Henderson sends a delegation to Portsmouth to offer 15 acres of land and \$25,000 for the establishment of the Seaboard shops at that place.

The Battery Park Hotel gave a banquet to the Asheville Fire Department in recognition of their superb work when fire threatened to burn the hotel.

The Perry suit against the Seaboard Air-Line Railroad has been settled by a compromise, the railroad paying the widow, Mrs. Perry \$2,500.

A company has been incorporated in Rockingham county to build a new cotton factory at the town of Spray.

One life lost and immense damage to timber and agriculture lands by the recent forest fires in Tyrrell county.

Louisburg is to have a new \$10,000 roller mill.

A \$40,000 cotton mill is to be built at Albermarle.

An Attack on Bicycles. The Rev. Dr. Haydn, of the "Old Stars Church" in Cleveland, has made a bitter attack on bicycling.

A Domestic Tragedy. At Rosedal, Russell county, Va., a man by the name of Dutton and his son, quarrelled over a money transaction.

We would rather enlist in the army for three years, in time of war, than have a back tooth pulled.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

A Synopsis of the Proceedings of Both Houses.

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SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MAY 10.

Lesson Text: "Lessons on Prayer," Luke xviii., 9-17—Golden Text: Luke xviii., 12—Commentary.

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THE WOMEN WILL WIN.

OHIO METHODISTS WILL ADMIT THEM TO THE CONFERENCE.

A Complete Victory. All Other Questions Lost Sight of. The Third Largest Church.

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