

BILLY SUNDAY HURT IN FALL INTO "PIT"

Evangelist, However, Suffers No Serious Injury and is Able to Lead Chorus in Singing. Trailhitting Begins Auspiciously.

Special to The State. Louisville, Ky., May 6.—Truth crushed to earth will rise again and Billy Sunday's doctrine is hard to floor and harder to keep floored. Nerves taut with the tension of his appeal for the tabernacle crowd to "hit the sawdust trail," Billy Sunday Friday night failed to see that the trap door in the platform had been raised, stepped blindly into the opening and fell his length down the wooden steps. The evangelist lay still and shaken. Members of his party raised him to his feet. Blood showed in the heavy coat which he puts on after being overheated by preaching, and helped him through the crowd to his waiting automobile. One hundred and fifty men answered the invitation Wednesday and 170 shook the evangelist's hand Friday night after "hitting the trail" with a realization of what it means. "It isn't the sawdust or my handshake that saves you," Sunday told them, "but the spirit that moved you to hit the trail."



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ASSEMBLY PLANS ANNUAL MEETING

Presbyterians to Gather at Montreat. BRYAN TO BE HEARD Session to Be Opened by Retiring Moderator, Dr. R. C. Reed, of Columbia Seminary.

Members of the Southern Presbyterian church are looking forward with great interest to the sixty-third annual meeting of the general assembly of the church to be held in the Anderson auditorium, Montreat, N. C., May 17. The general assembly is the highest court of the denomination, its sphere of activity reaching into 16 states, eight countries and four continents. A number of important matters relating to the future plans and growth of the church will come before this body for consideration. Montreat, the church's summer conference grounds located in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains, should prove an ideal and most acceptable place. The new auditorium where the sessions will be held is a marvel of beauty and efficiency, said to be the greatest auditorium in the South. At the last meeting of the assembly the church reported a membership of 411,884; ministers, 2,095; churches, 3,492; and per capita gifts amounting to \$28.50. In per capita gifts the Southern Presbyterian church, with an exception, occupied the first place among the churches of America. In the light of a recent announcement that the churches of America have shown more growth and advancement during the past year than during any previous year, the reports from the various committees and departments on the efforts and work of the year ending March 31, will be received with unusual interest. The Montreat assembly has been designated as a "prayer assembly." Dr. R. C. Reed, professor in Columbia Theological seminary, will preside. An important matter coming before the assembly will be: Reports of executive committees, committee on men's work, ad interim committee on studies, committee on women's auxiliary overtures. All churches are entitled to representation at the assembly through commissions or electors from respective Presbyteries. The following will represent the synod of South Carolina at the approaching assembly: The Rev. W. H. Milley, Charlotte; the Rev. J. Brown, Rock Hill; J. E. Miller, Rock Hill; J. S. Mackorell, York; the Rev. J. G. Walker, Greenville; W. M. Stanhouse, Greenville; J. V. Aiken, Mt. Airy; the Rev. W. R. Fritchett, Hemingway; M. B. Wilson, Mayesville; the Rev. J. S. Garner, Mullins; the Rev. J. M. Lemmon, Conway; J. M. McCall, Clemson; the Rev. J. McKinnon, Hartsville; the Rev. J. R. McRee, Iva; Dr. J. M. Hobson, Townville; and the Rev. F. B. Estes, Lockhart.

The singing of negro "spirituals" by Homer Rodeheaver, Mrs. William H. Hester and Bob Matthews is proving a feature attraction of the campaign in Louisville. The songs have served as the basis of a tale concerning Columbia. "We studied the negroes' singing for ten years," Mr. Matthews said, following the singing. "After we had given some of their songs in Columbia, S. C., an old negro preacher came up and said to us: 'You folks can sing mo' lak black folks than any nigger I ever heard.'"

HIGHEST BIDDERS TO TAKE PROPERTY City and County Officials to Conduct Auction.

Bargain hunters will gather in front of the court house this morning to bid on lots and buildings to be sold for sale by the mayor and sheriff of Richland county and the city sheriff of Columbia. The auctioneer will mount the block at 11 o'clock rain or shine, and knock down valuable pieces of property to the highest bidders. The city and county officials have advertised a large number of lots for sale to satisfy tax executions and court proceedings and the auctioneer will finish the job this morning. The city sheriff is conducting monthly sales to clear the city tax books of delinquents. Over 200 pieces of property have been listed for sale at public outcry during the last three months. The large majority of taxpayers hurried to the tax office and paid the accounts and costs to prevent their holdings from going on the block. Legal sales day attracts large crowds to the court house and lively bidding features the auction deals.

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PYTHIANS MEET TO HONOR DEAD

Hold Memorial Exercises at Cemetery. LUTHERANS HEAR FORMER PASTOR Dr. Kinard Preaches to Ebenezer Congregation.

Pythian memorial day, which has been an annual event in Columbia for more than 25 years, was observed yesterday. Each year the members of the local lodges scatter flowers on graves of departed Knights and impressive exercises are held at the cemetery. Yesterday was no exception to the rule. Committees from Myrtle, Columbia, Equality and Brookland lodges, strewed flowers on many mounds and in the afternoon brief but impressive memorial exercises were held. The Pythian sisters took a prominent part yesterday. The women members of Columbia and Brookland temples brought floral offerings to the home of the dead and showered them on graves in the Pythian enclosure while the Knights sang "Nearer My God to Thee." The Rev. W. R. Booknight, pastor of Green Street Methodist church, delivered the memorial address. The speaker eulogized the work of the Pythian Order and gave it credit for contributing to the moral uplift of the nation. He said the order teaches men to serve humanity, walk circumspectly, be brave in the discharge of duties and exhibit confidence in mankind. The Rev. Mr. Booknight said there are many men who believe in his order and he pointed to the beautiful story of Damon and Pythias and pointed to them as worthy examples. The address created a lasting impression in the minds of the audience. James F. Williams, veteran Pythian, presided over the exercises and the invocation was offered by the Rev. A. M. Doggett, pastor of Waverly Methodist church. J. M. Walker, chancellor of Myrtle lodge, introduced the speaker of the day. The Knights sang the opening and closing odes during the ceremonies. Six Columbia Pythians passed away since last memorial day as follows: W. W. McQuatters, F. L. Outlaw, J. R. Dickert, George R. Manstine, A. C. Jackson and W. A. Black.

WILL MEET TONIGHT Arden Citizens to Discuss Water Supply.

Citizens of Arden will gather at the town hall at 7 o'clock tonight to discuss the water supply. C. N. Koon, chairman, has issued the call for the meeting and many men and women are expected to attend and participate in the important discussion. The growing suburb needs an adequate supply of water and the citizens will talk about ways and means to meet the issue. Gold Rush Tragedies. Capetown, South Africa, men and women were killed in the rush for the new gold field above Johannesburg.

SAVANNAH CHIEF VISITS COLUMBIA

E. L. Hendry Welcomed at Police Station. E. L. Hendry, chief of police of Savannah, spent a few hours in Columbia yesterday and visited Chief Strickland at police headquarters during his brief stay. The Savannah chief had attended the annual convention of the International Police Chiefs' association at New York. He stopped over in Columbia to visit his daughter, Miss Lorraine Hendry, who is a student at the university of South Carolina. Chief Hendry's visit was accompanied by comment on the city prison. Chief Strickland and Officer Kramer escorted the chief over each floor of the building and the chief inspected the sanitary features of the barracks created a favorable impression upon the visiting chief. Police chiefs attending the big convention at New York participated in the deliberations and all manner of crime was covered in the debates. Chief Hendry of Savannah and Chief White of Augusta were the only heads of police departments of the South to attend the 1923 convention.

SHIFT OFFICES AT CITY HALL Water Department Forces Get More Room.

Important changes have been made at the city hall and water consumers and others having business dealings with various officials will have to become accustomed to the new order of things. The water department office is now located on the second floor of the municipal building where the clerks have more space to transact business. The city electrician has moved to the third floor in an office formerly occupied by the superintendent of playgrounds. The playground department has new headquarters at the old police station in the rear of the city hall building. The employment bureau has also moved to the old police station. Mayor (to-be) will occupy the office on the first floor formerly used by the writer department. The city clerk and treasurer and the city sheriff will remain at the old locations.

TO MEET TOMORROW City Council to Hold Regular Session.

City council will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in regular session. The agenda for the day includes the acceptance or rejection of the Carroll bequest as among the most important matters pending on the calendar. Branding the Auto Tire. To discourage the stealing of spare tires on automobiles, a device in Germany are using a device which brands indelibly the name of the owner and other necessary information in the side wall of the tire.

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For sale, good dry ash, poplar and oak hardwood cut to 14-inch lengths. Finest kind of stove wood for cooking; \$2.00 per cord. Send your wagon or truck to our plant at Cayce, just three miles from Capitol Building. Hoffman Lumber Company COLUMBIA, S. C.

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WHAT A WIFE LEARNED

Thomas H. Ince Presents Margaret De La Motte Milton Sills John Bowers Ince-Punch in Drama and Thrill! The New Broadway NOW SHOWING