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A CHECK TO RADICALISM.

Aside from all questions of law, the technicalities and involved procedure of which the busy man of affairs in no way understands, the decision of the Supreme Court in the rate case will give a sense of security to the people of the State which they have not had for months.

It is well for us as a people that we have a tribunal which lifts above the passions of the hour, which takes full time to think, which listens only to the voice of one sovereign—the truth.

That voluminous, sedate and well balanced contemporary, The Congressional Record, which is due to resume publication, will be welcomed back to its place on the exchange lists of the nation's newspapers.

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It takes some nerve, thinks The Philadelphia Record, for a Republican to talk about the connection between Democracy and hard times.

The white winter fields of childhood are a-ring again with the voices of hunters wrapped securely from the cold and trudging joyously through the snow in wood and field.

God pity him upon whom no fire-light memory shines to-night; God pity him who wanders by weary slopes and swept hills.

Willie, the boy of all work in this building and general overseer of all Observer affairs, came into this room a few hours ago and looking intently at the machine on which this is written, announced that it is the one "that John Charles McNeill wrote on."

The conference then proceeded to question twenty. Are all preachers blameless in their life and administration? The bishop called first on the presiding elders of the districts, who gave good reports of their stewardship.

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SESSIONS HELD AT NEWBERN.

Bishop Currier, G. Halloway, opened the Seventy-First Session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Newbern, Dec. 4.

The first business was the announcement of committees, which are as follows: Books and periodicals—Clerical: W. H. Packer, G. T. Adams, J. M. Benson, P. A. Sikes, R. F. Parris, R. R. Grant, W. C. Merritt, W. B. Hocutt, Lay: L. B. Turner, L. B. Hambright, R. E. Wrenn, R. T. Pool, C. J. Johnson, G. C. Kornegay, T. M. Anderson, J. J. Hayes, S. W. Brant.

Sunday observance—Clerical: G. W. Starling, J. B. Thompson, E. H. Craven, J. M. Ashby, C. W. Smith, R. Greening, J. M. Lowder, C. L. Reed, D. L. Earnhardt, Lay: W. J. Young, W. R. Hambright, Dr. J. H. Hudd, O. T. Goodwin, W. H. Hickman, J. H. Hancock, Wiley Brown, W. E. Moss, R. A. Briley.

Temperance—Clerical: A. L. Howard, E. M. Snipes, R. A. Willis, R. B. Beaman, G. W. Roberts, C. H. Jones, R. L. Davis, Lay: W. B. Young, J. M. Hoyle, S. P. Hatch, W. H. Neal, H. I. Schulken, D. Line, J. F. Benton, J. F. Flythe, H. W. McClees.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGION.

Freedom and truth is necessary for the development of religion. This together with the absence of religious intolerance for all creeds and the special fastening of any one idea has been the principle of Trinity College.

The speaker closed with an earnest appeal for the brotherhood of Trinity College for the purpose of having a special organization to promote a home of learning among all people, the usefulness of Trinity and to extend its influence and increase its patronage among the people of the South.

LAST NIGHT'S SESSION.

A blinding snowstorm, accompanied by Egyptian darkness, was the fate of the members of the Conference to-night, but in spite of the elements and a poor light service of the city, the church was again filled with the zealous churchmen who assembled to hear a masterful address on church extension, by Dr. McMurray.

He made his statement involving the loan fund feature to which he solicited contributions. He stated that the entire contribution made by the North Carolina Conference was \$97.85.

He then spoke of the new State of Oklahoma and a great need there of assistance from church extension. He said there are 477 congregations without a home in that State and it is the most promising field in the whole Union for raising Methodism.

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THE PLAY A BIG SUCCESS.

Monroe Local Talent, Trained by Mrs. Nora E. Hummel, Gives a Performance, That Brought Many Profound Praises and Profoundly Moved the Audience. Monday Evening, Dec. 4.

Special to The Observer. Monroe, Dec. 4.—The play presented by local talent, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, at the Opera House last night, for the benefit of the veterans' monument fund, was a success in every way.

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The Little Long Co. The Right Time, and Place for Umbrellas and Rubbers. Large New Stock of Both—Prices That Are Just Right. Consignment of Furs. SALE BEGINS THURSDAY. A large New York Furrier has just shipped us on consignment a fine assortment of Furs of all kinds. A great chance for a Christmas gift. TOY LAND. While our display is not as we shall have it later, still we have arranged for the early shoppers, both wholesale and retail. We shall display the cleanest, newest and most serviceable lot of Christmas goods we've ever sold for Children. White Furniture. A beautiful lot Desks, Dressers, Bookcases, China Closets, Rocking Chairs, Morris Chairs, Revolving Desk Chairs, Doll Beds and Cradles, Doll Tables and Chairs. The Little Long Co. DEPARTMENT STORES CHARLOTTE, N. C.