

THE CORRECT VIEW OF THE PLATT BILL
Senators Simmons and Overman are right in declining to become hysterical over the introduction of the Platt bill for the reduction of Southern representation on account of the disfranchisement of the negro.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1904.

THE REASON WHY.
A correspondent, "A Respectful Inquirer," cites in a communication in another column, a recent editorial of the New York Sun in which it was said that as large a proportion of Southern people as Northern favor the policies and administration of the Republican party;

THE PETERSBURG INDEX-APPEAL SAYS:
"Your Uncle Joe Cannon was born in North Carolina, but that did not keep nature from stamping him with the face of a shrewd, able and amiable down-Eastern Yankee. Your Uncle Joe is a heap better than he looks."

CLEARING OUT THE DOCKET
THE CASES FAST DISPOSED OF.
Few Persons in Jail Now, So Rapidly Have Cases Been Handled in the Superior Court—Little Trial for Murder Will Begin This Afternoon—The Case of the Burglar Who Didn't Budge—An Interesting Witness—Minor Cases on Trial.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING?
The President said to Contemplate a Bear Hunt in Linville Gorge—Notes From Morganton.
Special to The Observer:—Mr. J. S. Penland, who lives at Linville Falls, in this county, has been notified that President Roosevelt has under consideration a bear hunt in Linville Gorge in company with Judge Pritchard, who has been urging the President to visit this section.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
A government inspector is here to-day looking over the line of a new rural delivery route which is to run from Morganton to Rock. There are only four routes in Burke county, but a number of additional routes are in prospect.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
Miss Mary Lou Briscoe, a daughter of Capt. L. A. Briscoe, clerk of the Superior Court, is to be married here on the 22nd inst. to Mr. W. H. Westall, of Mississippi. The Southern Railway has just completed the siding for the new wood-working plant of the McNaughton-Hall Company, in South Morganton, and work on the plant, which is to be of large proportions, is to begin at once.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
Mr. A. R. Kane, a prominent druggist of Baxter Springs, Kansas, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are, in my judgment, the most superior preparation of anything in use to-day for constipation. They are sure in action, and with no tendency to nauseate or gripe." For Sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: Baxter Stuart, colored, was convicted in two cases of larceny, and sentenced to six months on the roads.

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George Crenshaw, a negro farmer of Pineville township, was convicted of stealing cotton and sentenced to six months in the county jail.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
John Barber was convicted in two cases of retailing and given a term of four months on the county roads.

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John Henderson, for retailing, plead guilty, and judgment was suspended on the payment of costs. He was also required to give a bond for good behavior.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
Tom Walker, colored, for gambling was sentenced to 60 days on the chain-gang.

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Bert Douglass submitted to a charge of an affray and was liberated upon the payment of costs.

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In the afternoon the first defendant was Mack McIlwaine, a burly negro, who was charged with carrying concealed weapons. The case had some interesting features.

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An interesting case was that of Frank Stevens, the negro who was found in a half-drunken condition in a house which he had entered through a window when the occupants were away.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
Howard Love, a negro boy, 11 years old, was charged with larceny. Mr. Clarkson said he did not want the boy punished, and Judge Allen concurred, saying that to begin to deal with such a youth in court would mean that he'd be coming back in after a few days.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
When Norman Lewis, colored, was being tried, upon the charge of retailing liquor without a license, a most striking witness appeared. He was John Thomas, who swore that he had bought a half-pint of liquor, for which he paid 25 cents, and "a 10-cent drink, split between two men, of John's, a coal-black negro of middle size, but with a play of muscles beneath his thread-bare clothing which betokened great physical strength.

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The case of Marshall Wallace and Cary Alexander for an affray resulted in the latter being 60 days in jail. Wallace got 110 and costs upon conviction for carrying a concealed weapon.

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Tom Ferguson was charged with an assault on Charles Brown. He got 60 days.

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Will Russell, for an assault, will have to spend four months in jail.

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A street car went off the track at the corner of Davidson and Seventh streets last night about midnight, and stayed off two hours. There was no injury to any one, except perhaps some belated passengers.

MR. ROOSEVELT COMING? (Continued)
BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS.
"DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve," writes J. L. Tucker, of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy and should always be kept on hand for immediate use."

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The two women are said to be both originally of good family, and their story is a tale of the downward path. Hazel Horner came here from Washington City and put up at one of the leading hotels of the city. She was well dressed, had money and it was supposed that she was entirely respectable.

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