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THE REAL PUERTO RICAN ISSUE

American Economist

'Keep the real issue in sight, and le president and the party be judged stated by the "Post-Intelligencer,

It is not a question of whether we ought to impose a duty of 25 per cent on commerce between that island and the United States. It is whether this government has a constitutional power to levy such a tax under any circum stances: whether Puerto Rico is territory to be governed as all other territory added has been, by the disposition of congress, or whether its people acquired, by the Paris treaty, constituthat compel recognition by us and leave us no choice but to acknowledge new possessions as an integral part of the nation under the constitution, and finally admit them as states.

Rightly the "Post-Intelligencer" insists that the contest is not waged on the question whether Puerto Rican trade should be free or untaxed. The opposition to the pending bill is based upon no such consideration. It cares nothing about the question either of tariff or of revenue. Engineered by clever free-trade and anti-imperialist strategists, the movement, intended solely to "put the administration in a considerable number of republicans who seem to be able to discover the

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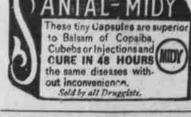
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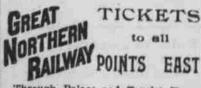
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