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Matthew Stanley Quay is not very busy shaking plum trees these days. If he is, the plums refuse to fall.

It has been discovered there are fewer lawyers in St. Louis than any other city. St. Louis people probably have no complaint to offer on this score.

The nerviest man on record has turned up in Eastern Oregon. One week he took the benefit of the bankruptcy law and the next week announced in a public print that he owed no man a dollar.

Quiet has reigned in Kentucky now for a week. To the people in that state this condition of affairs must be trying to their nerves. A renewal of hostilities may occur at any minute, however, as the calm portends a storm.

A small creamery, in or near Pendleton, would be profitable if properly conducted. There would be a good demand for its product and ample milk could be secured up and down the river for its uses. The Commercial Association can easily secure the establishment of such an enterprise.

The laws of a common country have not followed the flag to Porto Rico. The people of that island were led to believe that we could give them bread but we have given them a stone instead, and all in the interests of the trusts. Once we made laws to protect "infant industries," and now we make them to benefit the trusts. In short the infant industries have grown into greedy combinations of capital that are even bold enough to set claim to the government and boss the American people.

The Portland Telegram observes that if the greatest city in the land be taken as a criterion, municipal government is simply becoming, more and more, an immense machine for plundering the property owners—or such of them as will not and cannot escape taxation. This is true, and will remain the case until a simple system of taxation is in vogue, under which land value only would be taxed and the privilege of individuals to mortgage and bond the land would be denied. It is this privilege on which the robbery and extortion against which the Telegram complains is based.

The democrats are beginning to make a good, strong race against the republicans. The democrats will undoubtedly score upon the new phase of expansion, which has been brought out by the discussion over the Porto Rico tariff bill in congress, and, with good result, by standing by the principle that "the constitution follows the flag," which the republicans deny in their attitude toward Porto Rico. The object is certainly United States territory as certain as one of the states of the Union. It is an integral part of the country, the flag proclaims our sovereignty there and the constitution should follow it. The republicans say not, and the democrats will carry the case to the courts and before the people and by decision and verdict discover whether they are right or wrong.

Senator Carter, of Montana, in the United States senate one day this week, adverted to the reasons which induced him to vote against the seating of Hon. H. W. Corbett, of Oregon, who was the appointee of Governor Lord. Senator Carter made the charge that Corbett and his forces had corrupted the legislature and defeated the will of the people of Oregon. On Tuesday Senator Simon addressed the senate in answer to Senator Carter's speech and denied the charges of corruption, declaring that he could not allow such "untrue and unjust" statements to go unchallenged. The people of Oregon will smile at Joe Simon's stand for "justice" in this instance. The fact is, he is the man who manipulated the Corbett deal, spent Corbett's money and so dexterously played the game of politics that he put himself in the United States senate, while Mr. Corbett met all of the expenses. Of course it is right and proper that he should defend the methods through which the aged ex-senator was denied a seat and by which he was able to obtain one. And the senate is largely composed of men elected to office just as Joe Simon was. It is useless to deny it. The people are convinced of the truth of it and because of it are overwhelmingly in favor of a change in the method of electing senators.

THE PORTO RICO QUESTION.

Under the head, "The President's Momentous Mistake," the Chicago Times-Herald, one of the oldest republican papers in the country, and heretofore a strong supporter of President McKinley and his administration, says:

Not since the speech of Senator Proctor setting forth the harrowing sufferings of Cuba under Spanish misgovernment has American sentiment been so universally aroused as at the present moment over the bill to exclude Porto Rico from free access to American markets. Indignation mingles with the amazement of republicans throughout the country that their representatives should be so dead to popular opinion as to flout it.

In this worse than unfortunate state of affairs responsibility for the reversal of the republican policy toward Porto Rico is laid directly at the door of the president. It is credibly reported that but for Mr. McKinley's change of front the bill reported by the ways and means committee would have been defeated with or without the compromise that went to the percentage and not the principle of the wrong. Congressman Watson of the sixth Indiana district says that the president sent for him and induced him to vote for the bill in the face of hundreds of telegraphic protests from his constituents.

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The press dispatches from Washington all testify to the fact that one word from the White House reaffirming the president's declaration of last December would have rallied republican congressmen from every section of the union to the performance of "our plain duty" to Porto Rico. The president failed to utter that word, which, like a blast from the horn of Roderick, would have carried dismay and consternation through the lobbies of sugar and tobacco in Washington.

This was a mistake of omission of a plain duty.

Then followed the mistake of commission. Instead of preserving what might have been pardoned as a dignified silence—leaving to congress its responsibility and reserving to the executive its freedom to follow the course of plain duty in accord with the almost universal will of the people—the president permitted it to be understood that he favored the action of the ways and means committee and wished to see free trade with the United States denied to Porto Rico.

In this we think President McKinley committed the first almost irreparable mistake of his administration—a mistake that we fear will not down—unless through his influence with congress he can induce the senate to throw out the house bill or a substitute that shall enact free trade with Porto Rico as an integral part of the United States.

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We are told from Washington, and especially we of the Mississippi Valley are told that we do not understand the motives behind the President's absurd attitude toward Porto Rico.

Neither do the Republicans of the country understand these motives. But they understand this, that with all the light before them, that he and the people have possessed, last December President McKinley declared:

The markets of the United States should be opened up to her products. Our plain duty is to abolish all customs tariffs between the United States and Porto Rico and give her products free access to our markets.

Moreover, the republicans declare that if there were any sufficient secret reason why our duty in December should not be our duty in March, they do not understand how that can possibly be the case in this case, here the impression has gone forth that it was brought about in the interests of two great trusts.

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The president and the republican party must remember that the people of the United States are at this time particularly suspicious of the evil influence of great trusts on national legislation, and that—

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Are to the people abominations since
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President McKinley's mistake is big with the possibilities of serious disaster for his party in this year's elections. It may not jeopard his own renomination and election, but it puts a whip in the hands of every democratic speaker with which to scourge republican congressmen wherever they appear for re-election. What answer, for instance, can Congressmen Mann, Bonville and Foss make to the charge that they preferred to serve the ulterior interests of the sugar and tobacco trusts than to obey the dictates of "our plain duty" as pointed out by the president last December?

Not one of these congressmen voted for the Porto Rico tariff without warning. They all knew that the sentiment of their constituents was solidly for free trade for Porto Rico, not only because it was simply justice, but because it was the best policy sustained by the reports and reasoning of every official or commission that had investigated the subject.

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The Times-Herald knows that it voices the sentiment of the entire Mississippi valley when it says that by abandoning the attitude of his message in regard to Porto Rico President McKinley has imperiled republican control of the next congress. Even his own prospect of reelection would be in jeopardy were it not for the utter impossibility of the democracy to get from under the load of Bryan and its own futility.

But the republican party should remember that the people sometimes shut their eyes to all risks when they wish to punish neglectful or recreant parties.

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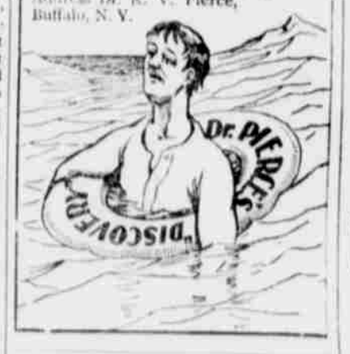

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