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THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

In an article on the Monroe doctrine in the current number of the North American Review, Walter Wellman, the American correspondent, reaches the conclusion that in particular instances the doctrine is sound, but that its application to the whole hemisphere is without reason, and is impossible of enforcement by any single nation. Several European countries, for example, have far greater interests in South America than the United States, and he questions the right of the latter to interfere in plans which these countries may have for the improvement of the backward States of the continent. The question of contiguity, in his opinion, is of no importance, for it cannot be said that any European power would be more dangerous to the United States as a near neighbor than it would be at a distance. Moreover, he points out that the distance between the North American Republic and many of the countries of South America is greater than the distance between it and Europe. As applied to Cuba or the Panama Isthmus, the doctrine is, he declares, a sound one, but it is folly for the United States to put up a sign "No trespass" over half of the world, especially when the Americans have extended their own sphere of activity beyond the bounds of the hemisphere.

STICK TO PRESENT DAY ISSUES.

There is far too much reference to the dead past in the speeches which are delivered nowadays in the Ontario Legislature. Members get up and babble away about the sins or virtues of men and administrations that are dead and come with years ago, and it passes for live political debate. Even the leaders are not free from this weakness, and in listening to Mr. Ross and Mr. Whitney at times the unsophisticated might think that the actions and policies of twenty-five or thirty years ago were of more importance than the affairs of the present day. The partisan spirit is not so strong in the Province as it once was and we do not believe that the majority of either party are prepared to put their confidence in the Premier or in the leader of the Opposition, simply because they are the successors of Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir William Meredith. There are no great hereditary principles dividing the parties, and the only question between them is who will manage the business of the province in the most honest and capable manner. They must consequently stand on their own merits, and neither the errors nor the services of those who went before them should influence the voters in the slightest degree in casting their ballots in the coming elections. In his budget speech Mr. Ross went back as far as the Blake administration to find arguments to bolster up the claims of his government, and took credit for the able handling of the finances at a time when, except himself, probably not a single member of the present House had yet dreamed of entering political life, and many of them were schoolboys. It is manifestly absurd that they should ask the country to support them on account of services in which they had no part, nor is it more reasonable that they should take the responsibility for mistakes and faults which were committed at the same time, as the Opposition would have them do. It would be infinitely better, in fact, if these gentlemen would confine themselves for the future to the issues of our own day, and cease from perpetually resurrecting the skeletons of the past. The questions which are of interest to the public are numerous and of more importance enough to keep them fully employed, and if the constituencies would insist on their members keeping strictly to them, instead of dabbles, continually, as they do, in

ancient history it would lead to a decided improvement in political debates and greatly expedite public business.

It is charming to see the way the various nations of the European continent are denying that they ever had any intention of taking up arms against the United States in favor of Spain. Nothing succeeds like success.

Mayor Low, of New York, says he is going to keep the saloon closed on Sunday as much as practicable. Tammany kept them closed except where it paid to keep them open. It all depends upon what view one takes of "practicable," but under any circumstances the visitor to New York will never be likely to die of thirst.

Another of the proposals of the Ontario Government has been rudely thrust aside by its originators, points out the St. Thomas Times. The Administration undertook to simplify the legal procedure of the province; to bring in a comprehensive measure of law reform. It is announced, however, that no such legislation will be attempted this session. It is the last opportunity the government will have. After this will come the dissolution and a deluge. Law reform has thus been abandoned along with everything else undertaken by Mr. Ross. He has tired of it, just as he has tired of all the great projects he mapped out for his cabinet. Happily, the Conservatives have shown themselves quite capable of grappling with the question, so that law reform will not perish with the Ross Administration.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, in his address to the students of the Toronto Normal School at its opening, said: "The trustees in the country just now who were most popular were those who could cut down the salaries of the teachers to the lowest point. The average trustee was just as ignorant of educational affairs, and about as incompetent to pronounce on them as an ordinary elder or church member to try a case of heresy which involved a scientific knowledge of literature. As well get the people to pronounce on bacteriology, as hope to get an intellectual verdict from ordinary church members on questions of literary criticism." "But," said the speaker, "remember the rock from which they were hewed and the pit from which they came, and be penitent with the poor trustees." He was sorry for the teachers, that they were ground down, poorly paid, that they were up for auction, that they were enduring a kind of slavery. They were one of the greatest elements of society for its redemption, for its glorious development. The learned doctor was pretty outspoken in his remarks, but they only go to emphasize the fact that the best teacher and not the cheapest should always be employed.

THE VITAL PRESENT.

Philadelphia Record.
A ton of coal is more acceptable to a live man than a wreath of flowers to a dead one.

NO USE FOR A GIRLLESS 'PHONE.

Somerville Times.
Now they are talking about the girlless telephone. Hello, none of that! Life has lost many of its charms to us; don't take away our last remaining joy.

GET OUT A SEARCH WARRANT.

Ottawa Journal.
And really, it still looks as though the Journal or somebody will have to offer a great big prize for the discovery of the exact whereabouts of that Ontario surplus.

USEFUL ILLUSION.

Belleville Intelligencer.
A hypnotist who can come here and make the boys believe there is as much fun in shoveling snow as in playing hockey can earn all sorts of money in this locality.

WHY THE CHAPLAINS ARE BLIND.

Washington Post.
A contemporary wants to know how it happens that both the chaplains of Congress are blind. It doesn't happen. They were selected because of their inability to see what a hard lot they have to pray for.

A SHORT DEFINITION.

Goderich Signal.
The Hamilton Spectator gives a definition and more of space to the question, "Why poverty exists." It shouldn't take all that space to discuss that question. Poverty exists because the fellows who owe you don't pay up, and the chaps that you owe insist upon squeezing the mortal juice out of you.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Toronto News.
The pro-Boers will experience a pang of remorse for many of their wild criticisms of the British army in South Africa when they read the blunt confession of a Rotterdam newspaper that it published lies

Catarrh

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A WORD TO THE WISE.

Belleville Intelligencer.
And now that the present campaign is over, a word of advice to the Conservatives may be timely. It will not be long before you will be called on again to oppose the Grits, led by Hon. George Washington Ross, the man who at the last Dominion elections, stamped Ontario in defence of Tarte and Laurier. Say, you men of West Hastings, what are you going to do to Ross next July? Remember the school book frauds and the Grit machine! Keep your organization, Conservatives, and be ready to give the Ross government what it deserves.

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