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A poet has said of the saloon that it is appropriately called a bar:

A bar to heaven, a door to hell;
Whoever named it named it well.
A bar to manliness and wealth,
A door to want and broken health.
A bar to honor, pride and fame,
A door to sin and grief and shame.
A bar to hope a bar to prayer,
A door to darkness and despair.
A bar to honored, useful life,
A door to brawling senseless strife.
A bar to all that's true and brave,
A door to every drunkard's grave.
A bar to joy that home imparts,
A door to tears and aching hearts.
A bar to heaven, a door to hell,
Whoever named it, named it well.

TO OUR READERS.

Well, boys, young and old, one and all, we want to ask you to read over this number of the Yellow Jacket, from a to zard, and then ask yourselves if you don't think such a paper, every two weeks, is worth 25 cents a year to every republican from Maine to Mexico who loves the teachings of Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and McKinley and who believes in calling a spade a spade at all times. If you think it is worth the price asked, then we would be very grateful to you if you will take this paper with you when you go to the store, shop, or mill and show it to all your republican friends who do not take it. If you are a republican of the true faith we know you can't object to doing this much in the interest of a paper that has been faithfully battling for your rights from the time it was founded in those dark days of poverty, rags and free soup in 1895. You can do more for republicanism and the interest of the Yellow Jacket by showing the paper to all your friends than we can do by sending out a million sample copies promiscuously.

It sometimes happens that you will find men professing to be republicans who take nothing but democratic papers. Such men are on the broad road to political ruin. Don't let them go this way if you can help it. Put the Y. J. in their hands. It will help them to see things as they are. You know the average democrat would see us almost at the devil before he would take our papers to the exclusion of democratic sheets.

The fact that the election is past and that the republican party has won a signal victory over democracy is no reason why you should not want to help encourage the circulation of the Yellow Jacket. We will want to win again, and the best time to prepare for war is in time of peace. Of course the democrats are about dead for the present but they haven't found it out yet, so they will continue to kick up a great deal of sand during the next few years. Especially will the mud guns of the democratic press be very aggressive in their efforts to malign the policies of our President. Already they are at work. The Y. J. will pay its respect to these and all other fakes, frauds and humbugs in its own peculiar style.

We have adopted this bi-weekly form of the Y. J. in order to give us time in which to thoroughly prepare each article for print and with a view of making this bi-weekly the ideal of republican papers in the Southland.

We hope that every reader of this article may feel interest enough in the

cause of republicanism to comply with the above suggestion, by devoting a few spare moments in introducing the Y. J. to your republican friends who never saw the paper. Let us not neglect our party papers now that a great victory has been won. Truly and indeed all seems well to-day, but remember we must keep our signal lights a-burning, and look ahead for the political dangers that lurk in forgetfulness and carelessness. Let us not turn back for an instant. It is not enough to be awake; we must keep awake. It is not enough to look ahead; we must go ahead and keep ahead.

Remember the Yellow Jacket is not a local paper, nor the organ of any district or section, but circulates in every country where the stars and stripes float and is always republican and always American.

EDITORIAL

The people of New York have Crokerism by the tail and a down-hill pull.

Democratic tariffs never did support the government.

By the way, isn't the new woman getting old enough to vote?

Progress is progressing nicely, thank you! Telegraph communication with the Klondike has been opened up.

After all, isn't anti-expansion a pretty good name for a movement that is contracting so rapidly?

Mexico will label her new navy "Built in the U. S." Come again, Mexico, No trouble at all to show goods.

Beware of tariff tinkers. When a country is prosperous it is well enough to let well enough alone.

Whenever it shall become necessary to revise the Dingley law, the revision should be made by Protectionists.

Bryanism, in Nebraska, since the election, looks like rocts worth of second-hand chewing gum.

Schley, Cleveland, Watterson—this is the available Democratic presidential timber. Isn't it a beautiful triumvirate?

Of course the Constitution follows the flag—but that don't mean that it gets in front of the flag and trips it up.

Tammany is a big thing, but then the voter is a big thing when he gets after an animal with his little vote.

Possibly kissing does spread disease; but then, all the girls have probably been vaccinated.

The best statesmanship that any country ever saw is the kind that gives work for the worker and bread to the eater.

President Roosevelt's habit of "talking out in meeting" is very trying to the man who would do a little backbiting "on the dead quiet."

If it is any consolation to Mr. Bryan, he may assure himself that henceforth he can travel without paying extra baggage on his presidential boom.

We ask everyone who purchases a copy of The Life of McKinley of us to show the book to your neighbors and tell them where they can get the book for one dollar.

A furiously funny feature of democratic argument is that since silver has been "demonetized" no more is being coined. Look up the figures in this issue.

The fellow whom you can hear always kicking because times are hard and saying he can receive no work, is the fellow, generally, who, when you want help, is always busy whittling goods boxes.

When a democrat makes up his mind to have fits or night mares you might just as well stand aside and let him have them till he gets done. A notable example is the Broadax, of St. Paul, Minnesota, which has had free silver spasms till its entire system is out of order and now it predicts that in less than ten years gold will be turned down as a money standard and that the bank note will be pushed in. Bro. Graves, go home and take a pill.

The first duty of every man as an individual is to provide for his own living—including therein that of his family if he has one. A right step in this direction is made by aligning himself with a party that seeks to place him on a high plain of usefulness to himself and his country.

The post office deficit was only four millions last year. Next year, if Congress does not reverse the act of the Department in barring various classes of matter from the second class rates, the chances are that, for the first time in our history, the postoffice will be self-supporting.

Somebody is responsible for the contamination of the anti-toxin serum which has caused the deaths of eleven children in St. Louis and is imperiling nobody knows how many more. The somebody ought to be hunted down and sent to jail for the balance of his life. Such carelessness is nothing less than criminal.

Come to think of it, why shouldn't the people who suffer by a reciprocity treaty object to its ratification? Why should anyone sacrifice his own business in order to boom another man's? Whether the treaties really imperil any one's interest are matters of infinite detail, with which only experts are fitted to deal. The Republican party will so deal with them this winter, when there is plenty of time for their consideration; it could not, last winter, when there was no time at all.

The Ironton, Missouri Register says the people of Missouri do not want any man who does not stand squarely on the Kansas City platform to represent them in the United States senate. Small wonder at that. A people who can swallow a Nesbit election law without gagging wouldn't be expected to flicker on the Kansas City platform.

A table prepared by the director of the mint shows that during the last calendar year the coinage of gold was \$99,272,943; silver, \$36,345, 621. When you hear a fellow throwing off on the republican administration in the sense that it is not increasing our money volume, let these figures down on the young rooster and see his feathers fall.

Reciprocity? Certainly we will have reciprocity whenever the conditions are ripe for it, whenever foreign nations conclude to come to our terms. The party that has built up American industries to their present prosperous condition may be relied upon to neglect no policy that will inure to the national benefit.

President Roosevelt is surrounded by an official family of short names. In the Cabinet we have Root, Hay, Smith, Long, Gage, Knox—all names of one syllable, which is most unusual. The President's most intimate friend is Wood. The man he is most fond of in New York is Riis. His most intimate political enemy is Platt. His chief political advisor and for years his sponsor, is Lodge. His private secretary is Loeb. His secretary while Governor of New York was Youngs. All names of one syllable.

Without taking sides on the canteen question, we can't help wondering whether General Miles would think as he does, if General Corbin thought differently.

The Iowa democrats put free silver in their platform and the republican gain in that state is the largest ever given in a gubernatorial election. Mr. Bryan, put that in your free silver pipe and smoke it.

During the last fiscal year \$36,000,000 of silver coin was added to the currency of the country. Perhaps this may be some solace to the man who is sitting up of nights worrying over the "crime of '73."

According to the Post Office authorities, rural free delivery will reach practically every farm in the United States within five years, and at the same time will be so managed that it will reduce instead of increase the annual deficit in the postal branch of the Government.

Some would be facetious, but anonymous Southerner has sent President Roosevelt an opossum. The President was not at all annoyed, but, with his characteristic good sense, ordered that it be fattened and served on the White House table with the Thanksgiving turkey.

In the Yellow Jacket of October 17th, we offered a copy of the Life of McKinley free to the one sending us the largest club of subscribers by the 4th day of November. The book goes to Mr. A. E. Agard, of Pleasantville, Iowa, who sends us a club of thirty-four annual subs.

Those measures which identify the interests of republicans are just as beneficial to democrats, but the average democrat would howl at anything however good unless he was in office and the good deed proceeded from his side of the house. They are built that way and can't help it.

No, my dear gosling, don't think for a moment that there is something in the democratic "issues" just because of the noise they are making. Their idea is that if they hollow loud and long enough they can make the public think there is something to hollow for. That's all there is in it.

A number of democratic editors are trying to extract consolation out of the result of the elections last week, but it is making them sweat like blazes and we notice that they can't get much consolation to manifest itself. Boys, you know you can't get blood out of a turnip.

The overflowing Treasury, factories running overtime, farmers receiving unprecedented prices for their crops, bankers reporting decreases in mortgages, exports breaking all previous records, abundant employment, good wages, full dinner-pails—in a word, universal prosperity and everybody happy. These are the conditions after six years of Republican administration. Is it surprising that an intelligent people desire no change?

Manufacturing industries which not only supply the home demand, but a large proportion of the world's requirements have resulted from the Republican doctrine of protection. This is the stern fact which gives to the Democratic free trade doctrine that wan, pale look.

The most rapid industrial development that the world has ever known has resulted in great combinations of producers, along similar lines, whose object in combining their forces has been the greater availability of the most improved methods of production and distribution, all that is implied by cheaper production. These "trusts," as they are called, have attained wonderful results in cheapening production and in most instances the cost to the consumer. In some instances they have not resulted in benefit to the consumer. They require legislative control. The party whose judicious administration has resulted in this vast industrial development is perfectly capable of exercising this control and the American people are content to entrust the Republican party with the task.



Our special offer to send the Yellow Jacket 12 months for 25 cents runs out the 25th of this month, but the number who have already taken advantage of this offer has so far exceeded all expectations that we have decided to extend the 25-cent offer till December the 25, and let everybody in on it if they so desire. Of course, the more subscribers we have the cheaper we can afford to make the paper.

Now if you like the tone and temperature of the Yellow Jacket, we ask you to help it along by taking advantage of this low price. And don't be selfish about the Yellow Jacket, either. Get all your neighbors who will to join in with you and make a good big club. Remember you will get more red-hot republican reading for 25 cents than you ever did before.

Don't send stamps. Read first column for how to make remittances.

The revelations of the Schley trial in regard to the battle of Santiago are amazing. Heretofore, all accounts of it were written by those who were not there; now, for the first time, we have the stories of Schley, Cook and Clark, who were there. And what a flood of light it throws on the battle! Clearly, the Spanish were not whipped by the American fleet under Sampson's plan, but the Brooklyn and the Oregon, by grace of the former's much discussed loop.

Democratic methods of government have been given a fair and expensive trail. They have proven chimerical and disastrous. Their theories were impractical and their efforts at reform were hampered by the dishonesty of their leaders on the one hand and their inexperience and incompetence on the other. Their administration resulted in industrial depression and commercial distrust. Gratifying Republican majorities at the polls have testified louder than words where lies the confidence of the American voter.

The Moulton, Iowa, Sun must have a spite at itself and is trying to get even by telling tales that knocks out the underpinning of its veracity. In a late issue it makes the astounding statement that "the republicans are rapidly climbing onto the democratic platform." Don't the election in its own state last week look like the republicans were climbing onto the democratic platform? If the republicans will keep on "climbing onto the democratic platform" in this way a few times there won't be enough of the old thing left for baby billy goat to stand on.

King Edward has decided against the day of national humiliation and fasting proposed in Great Britain on account of the Boer war. Doubtless he thinks that there is enough humiliation in the situation as it is.

It seems useless to assure the country that a huge balance of trade in our favor is not an unmixed good. If it continues, we shall soon hold all the money in the world, to the impoverishment of the rest of the nations—thus rendering them unable to buy from us. A fair give and take arrangement is better for all hands.

The republican are talking strongly of tinkering with the tariff, says the Pekin, Illinois, Times. Just as we expected, the Times has mistook the echoing of its own braying for republican argument. The only republicans that are talking of tariff tinkering are democrats in disguise, and they are not fooling anybody but some of their own crowd.

Democratic editors are "sich funny critters." For instance, they declare that the way to have harmony in the democratic ranks is for every member of the party who finds himself uncomfortable on the Kansas City platform to leave it and go where he is better suited, yet they kick like a Texas steer every time a democrat utters one word of protest against the Kansas City doctrine. Invite a man to stay out of your house if he don't like your ways and then cuss him for not believing in your ways.