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Cancer Sticks

The World Bank says that, during the past 15 years, the incidence of smoking among males has declined 5% in the United States (25 down to 20), 5% in Germany (28 down to 23), 10% in Britain (30 down to 20), and 18% in Japan (52 down to 34).

Further progress in Japan depends on passage of a law against smoking indoors. As usual, tobacco farmers, bars, and eateries are opposed.

Japan has the additional obstacle of a government which is simultaneously in the business of selling cigarettes. And, the Japanese treasury rakes in \$18,000,000,000 (gross) each year from tobacco taxes.

Let's don't laugh too hard. Our own American government finances anti-tobacco programs with income from tobacco taxes: The more effective it is in discouraging smoking, the less money it receives to continue working against smoking. It may find an equilibrium where declining sales of tobacco balance declining tobacco tax revenue, but it will never eliminate smoking entirely until it breaks the dependence of tobacco treatment on the maintenance of tobacco sales.

Сделаем Америку Снова Вединой.
Our President wanted to "Make America Great Again" by kissing up to Russia. Fortunately, Congress managed to get its act together long enough to stop that.

I, Bill Bayes, am a candidate for nomination as the Prohibition Party's presidential candidate in 2020. I have long been a believer in states' rights, individual rights, and very limited government – as clearly stated in the Constitution. Since the 1850s, the federal government has overstepped the guidelines set forth in the Constitution. The States created the Federal Government, not the other way around. The states are in charge and, ultimately, we the people are in charge.

Many of the things the federal government does on a daily basis are in direct violation of the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Anything that exists at the state level cannot also exist at the federal level. This includes the federal income tax, which has been totally illegal and unconstitutional since 1913. The Department of Education, the EPA, and many of the other federal agencies are in direct violation of the Tenth Amendment, as well.

I strongly recommend dissolving the Federal Reserve Bank. The Federal Reserve is a private bank run by foreign bankers. It prints fiat currency and, by seeking 2% annual inflation, constantly devalues the buying power of the American people. Congress has committed treason by allow this to happen. We need to go back to a gold standard, as originally set forth in the Monetary Act of 1792, and coin honest money.

We live in a constitutional republic, not in a democracy. Democracy is mob rule, and the Founders did not want it; they wanted a republic, a representative form of government. All of our representatives at the local, state, and federal levels are supposed to be public servants. They are supposed to follow the Constitution and represent us. Most have failed miserably at this task.

Let's look at the federal government for a moment: We have 100 members of the U.S. Senate and 435 members of the U.S. House or Representatives. Which of them is supposed to represent Washing, D.C.? None. Each of the members of the

Senate and of the House are supposed to represent their individual states and the people who live in those individual states. They are not supposed to bow to Corporate America or to any other organizations trying to convince them to vote in a certain way. After all, each of them placed his left hand on the Bible, raised his right hand, and pledged to protect the United States Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic.

Moralizing

Appeals to morality are a helpful political campaign tactic, but they can boomerang if not done carefully. Research shows that leaders who make a moral defense of their policies are seen by voters as having better personal characters; they are better at recruiting people to their causes.

But, morality had better be supported by facts-on-the-ground.

Pragmatic politicians who change their views "because the facts have changed," subsequently are treated relatively leniently by voters. "I was wrong." "Well, OK, we all make mistakes."

Politicians who claim moral superiority and then do not follow through with moral actions may be labelled hypocrites and treated harshly by voters.

The Prohibition Party claims to occupy the moral high ground on many issues. We'd better make sure that, when we do so, we can also make solid, evidence-based arguments to back them up. Having to retreat from a moral position could do us a lot of damage.

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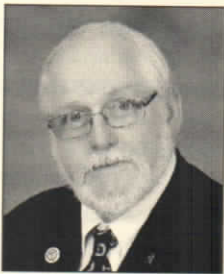
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**From the
Chairman's
Corner**
Rick Knox

Twenty eighteen will be an election year. Bill Bayes is running for Congress in Mississippi District 4. Bill is also seeking the Prohibition nomination for President in 2020. Our Party owes Bill a debt of gratitude, because he is in the arena standing up for principles.

The best way to generate interest in the Prohibition Party is to run for office: local, state, or national. We need candidates in Tennessee, where it takes only 25 signatures to run for any office. We need new members to keep this historic movement alive. **We need your involvement**, either as a candidate or as a soldier in the ranks. In politics, there are no final victories. Every election cycle brings new opportunities.

We must keep the message alive: We are the only political party with true family values; we are the only Party which points out the evils of drinking, smoking, and gambling. No other party dares touch these hot-button subjects. The object in a political campaign is to win and to spread the message. Sometimes, defeat can be the mother of victory. However, we will never accomplish anything until we stop talking and get to work. A team has players. You cannot have a successful baseball team with only a pitcher and a catcher.

So, let me make this clear: it's time to go to work, to stop talking, to make our move. Right now, let me ask you this: What (if anything) do you intend to do for 2018? You need to have an answer. Silence is not acceptable. Failing to act is not acceptable. If you do not plan to enter the arena, just what are you going to do? Idle talk is ... nothing. It tells us that you lack interest in politics, and that perhaps you are just taking up space, that you should move on to another project.

On a personal note: I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Lt. Governor of Georgia. As most of my readers know, I have been active in conservative causes since 1968. My association with this historic party has been to offer political advice, obtain ballot access, and offer campaign management. As a former school principal, I know what alcohol does; I have lost over the years four students to DUI-related auto accidents.

I offer no apologies. When people drink, they do stupid things, ignorant and deadly things. Tobacco also kills, and gambling is a waste of money. I hate these vices! During my lifetime, I have witnessed the damage and the cost of these so-called "legal evils." I favor very strict DUI laws. Human life is precious. I favor throwing the book at DUI offenders – heavy fines and suspension of licences. Driving is not a Constitutional right, it is a privilege.

OK: You know where I stand. Where do you stand? Let's roll!!

Drugs vs Jobs

A recent *New York Times* article points out that a quarter to one-half of manufacturing job applicants fail mandatory drug tests. American industry is losing business to foreign competitors because other countries have more reliable labor pools.

It's not just insufficient vocational training that is harming American competitiveness, it is also the fact that, even when well-trained, too many American workers refuse to stay clean and sober: They can't be trusted to operate production machinery. They're not hired because, in their clouded mental condition, they might injure co-workers or damage expensive equipment.

Companies have to reject orders, because they cannot find reliable workmen

to produce the goods. The government has calculated that opiates, alone, cost the American economy seventy-eight and one-half billion dollars in 2013 – and that does not include lost production. This is money that Americans could earn, but cannot because of opiate addictions. The use of alcohol and other recreational drugs create additional drags on the economy.

Workshop considerations – not social conservatism or traditional mores – make employee drug use inexcusable. Relaxing drug policies is not an option for manufacturers, because of insurance and liability issues, in addition to quality control concerns.

America needs to re-focus its "war on drugs" to stop jailing users (who already are victims) and put more emphasis on intercepting shipments and imprisoning producers and dealers.

America also needs to reject the forgiving public-health attitude that users are "sick" and "need treatment." The principle of self-determination says that each of us may choose our own road to Hell, but choosing that road harms not just the individual wrong-doer but also injures many of the people around him. It harms us as a nation.

America needs to re-adopt the attitude that drug use, any kind of recreational drug use, is wrong, and that users are evil, anti-social people. Wicked people, if you will. Yes, love them in spite of their sins, but do not smile at their sinning.

Jails are not big enough, nor charities rich enough, for law enforcement and welfare agencies to solve the problem of recreational drugs. America needs moral re-armament.

California AIP Primary

The California American Independent Party, in whose primary candidate Hedges came in 6th out of 7, later decided not to nominate any of its declared candidates. Instead, it co-nominated the Republican vulgar fool.

Donald Trump obtained more write-in primary election votes than any of the announced candidates received ballot votes.

The traditional role of minor parties in American politics is to provide alternatives to major-party candidates and positions. When a minor party endorses a major-party candidate, it abdicates its responsibility.

Me? Drunk?

The following rating came from the newspaper *USA Today*, which got its information from a financial news outlet, which got it from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (a respected alcoholic rehabilitation business). It's interesting, for whatever truthfulness it may contain:

Among 400 "metro areas" in the United States, Green Bay Wisconsin contains the most heavy drinkers. In fact, 10 of the 20 most drunken cities in America are in Wisconsin. (Oddly, or maybe not, Wisconsin was once a stronghold of the Prohibition Party.)

In fact, 17 of the 20 are in the Upper Midwest: Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. These are states with large Germanic and Scandinavian populations – beer-drinking cultures. The outliers are in Alaska, New York, and Nebraska.

Green Bay is one of only 5 metro areas, nationwide, where more than half of traffic fatalities involve alcohol.

One of the Iowa towns included in the top 20 is Iowa City, the location of the State University. As a native Iowan, I can't resist chortling over this: Last year, Iowa replaced Penn State as the "top party school" in the country. Penn State then beat us at football, but Herky the Hawk drank the Nittany Lion under the table after the game!

Makes me embarrassed to be an Iowa graduate!

Blessings of Addiction

One-third of all deaths in Russia today are caused by alcohol. It is estimated that 1/10th of all alcohol consumed in Russia is in the form of household products not manufactured as beverage alcohol.

— *Harper's Index*

America's debt is more than a modern-day disaster; it is a morally unfair burden that we are leaving to our children and our grandchildren. As our elected officials continue to raise the debt ceiling and as government spending continues to go unchecked, we selfishly rob our progeny of a prosperous future.

— Ben Carson



Editor's Musings

Taxes

Jobs which enhance the general welfare are best done by government. These are, notably, national defense, but include such other things as law enforcement, roads, and basic research.

Things we do together, as government, have to be paid for together, by taxes. The Prohibition Party's greatest achievement, tax-wise, was enactment of the personal income tax. At the time, the income tax appeared to be a straight-forward, fair method of raising money for governmental expenses.

Over the next 100 years, though, the income tax was changed from a method of financing government to a program of social engineering: There are now tens of thousands of pages of laws, rulings, and interpretations providing exceptions for various categories of citizens. Tens of thousands of accountants, bean counters, pencil-pushers, and lawyers are employed in navigating the maze of income tax regulations – doing paperwork instead of producing useful goods.

We can't abolish the IRS, because the government has to have tax income, but we should abolish the income tax and try something less complicated. Our vice-presidential candidate in 2000, W. Dean Watkins, advocated using sales taxes and import duties instead of a national income tax to pay for government operations. The "border tax," a kind of import duty, was discussed by major-party candidates during the 2016 national campaign.

Import duties would protect American workers and American communities. American workers are as good as any others. They can win a competition on quality, but they cannot win a payday race to the bottom against cheap foreign labor.

A national sales tax of, say, 20%, would make the cost of government immediately obvious to everyone, with salutary effect on the acceptable size and activities of government.

"Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric." — Bertrand Russell

Recent Publicity

A really nice article on presidential candidate Hedges appeared in the on-line edition of *USA Today* on 16 August 2016. A slightly different version appeared in the on-line edition of his local daily paper, the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania *Public Opinion*. The print edition of the *PO* gave him half of the front page in a third variant. The print edition of *USA Today* carried the article on p.8 of the August 17th issue. All four were written by Hedges' long-time personal friend, head reporter Jim Hook.

Reflections on Cultural Decline

Stephen K. Hauser

Roger Babson, the Prohibition presidential candidate in 1940, was the founder of Babson College, the father of the savings-and-loan industry, and the only financial analyst of that time to predict the 1929 stock market crash. He was also a man of high moral character and profound business ethics.

With Babson's high personal character in mind, let me say that whereas I have taught college and university history courses for 36 years, it is my considered professional opinion that we are in the midst of a social and cultural collapse of unique historical significance. It took Rome hundreds of years to reach the level of societal decline that we are witnessing in the United States and Western Europe today. The past 50 years, beginning with the drugs, hippies, free sex, and rejection of traditional lifestyles, manners, and morality have marked an utterly amazing downward spiral. It is a type of societal "devolution."

Part of the problem is the lack of men with the moral character of a Roger W. Babson today. I am not merely speaking of the prohibition issue, here. I am instead referencing lives lived with self-respect and personal integrity, with an eye upon leaving behind a "legacy" that one could be proud of. No one is perfect, and men like Dr. Babson would have been the first to admit that he was a sinner, but their personal goals encouraged them onward and upward and always toward the right and to the light.



John J. Ashenhurst

A log cabin in Ohio County, West Virginia, a few miles from the city of Wheeling, on 29 October 1848, was the birthplace of John Ashenhurst, a man who was to become the Prohibition candidate for governor of Ohio in 1891.

His father, Rev. J.Y. Ashenhurst was a minister of what is now the United Presbyterian Church. He was an ardent Abolitionist and an elector on the Birney ticket in Virginia, in 1884. In 1856 Rev. Mr. Ashenhurst accepted a call as pastor in Hayesville, Ohio, the seat of Vermillion Institute. Here his son John, the subject of this sketch, received as thorough an education as the Institute afforded. During his school days he worked on a farm, clerked in a store, and taught school to help out the family of the poorly paid minister. When 15 years of age he got hold of an amateur printing press and soon issued his first paper, the *Hayesville Chronicle*. A few years later he entered the office of the *Times*, at Ashland, Ohio.

In 1869 when the Prohibition Party was organized in Ohio, Mr. Ashenhurst was one of the first to join its ranks, and he has been working for it ever since by pen and voice. Although not a voter when he joined the party, yet the first year he went out to school-houses and made speeches for Dr. Scott, of Dayton, the Prohibition nominee for governor of Ohio. In 1872 he started a paper at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, *The Ohio Valley News*, which he published for two years as a straight Prohibition paper.

In the fall of 1880 Mr. Ashenhurst began the publication of the *Press* at Freeport. In 1882 he took the editorship of *The Wayne County Herald*, at Wooster, which then had the reputation of being the best-edited and most influential Prohibition county paper in the United States. In 1888 he went to

Omaha, Nebraska, and took a position on *The Midland*, a United Presbyterian Church paper. In 1890, he returned to Ohio and began the publication of the *Canton Leader*. He is very proud of having been the founder, in 1876, of Thyne Institute, a school for freedmen in Virginia, now under the care of the United Presbyterian Board of Freedmen's Mission.

Mr. Ashenhurst has twice been the nominee of the Ohio Prohibitionists for Congress. In 1891 he was the party's candidate for governor of Ohio, polling a very large vote.

— Data from *An Album of Representative Prohibitionists* (1895)

You wouldn't worry so much about what others think of you, if you realized how seldom they do.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Uncle Sam

America's unofficial national logo, a tall, goateed man wearing a top hat and red, white, and blue clothing, is recognized the world over. "Uncle Sam" was a Massachusetts man, Samuel Wilson, whose job in 1812 was to stamp "U.S." on containers of food owned by the U.S. Army.

Already known locally as "Uncle Sam" Wilson, people assumed that the "U.S." on barrels of food meant "Uncle Sam," and the misconception spread nationwide. Cartoonists soon began drawing Uncle Sam in patriotic clothing, and someone in a parade costume added the goatee and top hat.

American "Uncle Sam" by now has far outshone the analogous "John Bull" symbol of our English mother-country.

A Wine for the Night

A glass of a new kind of fermented wine, taken at bedtime, could mean a peaceful, uninterrupted night's sleep.

California vintners in the Napa Valley, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir, and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a hybrid grape which acts as an anti-diuretic.

Taking a glass of wine made from this variety of grape each evening is expected to reduce the number of trips to the bathroom which older people have to make during the night. The new variety will be marketed as Pinot More.

Anti-Saloon League

The town of Westerville, Ohio (now a suburb of the city of Columbus), which includes portions of Delaware and Franklin counties, has never had a Prohibition Party organization. This seems peculiar, because for many years it was the headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League. There were Prohibition tickets in Franklin County during the 1920s, but never a Prohibition Ticket in Delaware County or in Columbus.

Or maybe not. The League, including its several re-incarnations, has always been a single-issue lobbying group, whereas the Prohibition Party has always been a progressive reform group for which temperance is but one of several interests. The League works within whatever political party happens to be available, whereas the Prohibition Party teaches that "You can't vote dry in a wet party," and threatens other parties with defeat at the ballot box if they do not enact reform legislation.

The two temperance organizations rarely have worked together, the League believing that Prohibition Candidates are poison pills and the Party fearing that the League is in bed with the Devil.

Which was the more effective in obtaining National Prohibition? The Anti-Saloon League did great educational groundwork. The Prohibition Party threw the elections of 1884 (Blaine) and of 1916 (Hughes) to the Democrats, which lead the Republicans to pass the 18th Amendment in 1920 in order to neutralize the Prohibitionist obstacle.

The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations, and benefits.

— Plutarch

If we churchmen had saved all of the ammunition we have fired at each other over water and pre-destination and foreordination and apostasy and apostolic succession and church government, and a hundred other things that do not mean everything in this world and nothing in the world to come – if we had saved all the bullets we have shot at each other and had turned all our guns on the enemy, we'd have had the Devil on the run a long time ago.

— Ira Landrith

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