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### *Fear of Infection Hampers Petitioning*

Third-Party and independent candidates this year face an almost insurmountable obstacle to getting signatures on ballot-access documents.

There is hardly anyone on sidewalks and in other traditional places for petitioning. Going door-to-door exposes both the petitioners and the residents to germs picked up elsewhere. Many courthouses and other governmental offices are closed, making it difficult to obtain and return documents.

The Prohibition ticket is “on” already in Arkansas. The Mississippi paperwork has been finished and submitted.

Getting on the ballot in our other three target states (Colorado, Louisiana, and Tennessee) is uncertain. Little has been done in any of those, and, as the Covid-19 panic grows, less and less will be possible.

Our local candidate in Massachusetts was prevented from finishing his petitions when his city officials forbade him to continue petitioning.

We may be able to obtain a governor candidate in Tennessee by endorsing an independent. (Tennessee election laws make it easy to qualify as an “independent” but prohibitive to qualify as a third-party candidate.)

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### Coöperation

Anthropology and studies of the great apes show that, in most situations, societies working together toward common goals are more successful than are rugged individualists. The Prohibition Party advocates policies enhancing community welfare.

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### *Takeaways from General Mattis'*

#### Call Sign Chaos

Leadership has four elements, in the sequence of “listen, learn, help, and only then lead.” He references George Washington and other effective people.

In other words -- identify the problem, understand the problem, try to get it solved somewhere back down the chain of command, and as a last resort handle it personally.

Don't micro-manage every situation. Make sure your subordinates understand the leader's intent, give them the education they need to reach your goal, then encourage them to take the initiative when problems arise. “Don't wait for instructions from higher up, just go do it!”

An effective leader has the “three C's” -- Competence, caring, and commitment” -- know what you're doing, be empathetic with your subordinates, and stick with the job until it's done.

Ask yourself in every situation: “What do I know? Who needs to know? Have I told him?” The corollary is: “If I don't know, myself, find out.”

If a subordinate needs correcting, don't do it in front of his troops. Call him aside and talk to him privately -- that's a basic principle of effective management. (The White House occupant does it by issuing public insults on “twitter,” which is great theater [his goal] but which distracts from getting the job done [our goal].)

*In this difficult year, let's all listen, understand, share, and overcome!*

### Collins wins

The just-concluded American Independent Party primary in California, held March 3rd, was won by Prohibition Party presidential candidate Phil Collins. The AIP has ballot status in California and is able to conduct its own primary. Phil got about 32% of the votes cast and came in first out of five.

Our 2016 presidential candidate, James Hedges, ran in the AIP primary also and came in 6th out of 7. Running in this primary is a way of getting ourselves publicity.

Collins did not provide a photograph or a biographical sketch for the election publicity. He was just a name on the ballot. Some commentators have suggested that, lacking information to the contrary, many AIP voters believed they were voting for a different “Phil Collins” -- an English popular musician with a large following in the United States. However, “our” Collins lived in California 14 years and has many friends there.

Be that as it may, the person behind that name was our own Phil Collins, and “our Phil” won.

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### Religious Freedom Day

Each year, the President declares January 16th to be “Religious Freedom Day” and calls upon Americans to observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship. January 16th is the anniversary of the passage, in 1786, of the Virginia Statue of Religious Freedom.

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## From the Chairman's Corner

Phil Collins

National Chairman Randy McNutt resigned early in March, saying that he felt unwell and could not give the Party the energy and drive which it needs.

The National Committee held a conference call on the 28th, at which Phil Collins was chosen to be the next Chairman.

Collins says: “I persuaded a Las Vegas-area resident to join our Party. He wants to be the leader of the Nevada Prohibition Party.”

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## Campaign Report

California held its primary election on March 3rd. Phil Collins was on the ballot as one of five American Independent Party candidates. He won, with about a third of the total vote. He carried a majority of the 93 counties.

However, the AIP may ignore their primary and endorse someone else – as they did in 2016. Collins sent emails to party officials on March 4th, and again on March 30th, asking them to confirm that he would be their candidate at the general election this fall. As of press time, he has not received a reply.

[www.prohibitionparty.org](http://www.prohibitionparty.org)

## Getting it Right

Last January, the Associated Press sent out an excellent article on American drinking habits based on federal statistics. The writer, Mike Stobbe, summarizes many “dry” positions:

Just before National Prohibition went into effect, per-capita alcohol consumption was around 2 gallons per year. That, itself, was about a third of estimated consumption in the early 1800s, before the temperance movement got going.

Prohibition cut that at least in half. We know, from other sources, that alcohol consumption remained below the pre-Prohibition level for 40 years after Repeal – Prohibition was one of the most successful of all governmental programs.

Alcohol-related deaths have doubled over the past 20 years. A large share, 89%, of the increase is due to increased consumption by women, especially by women over 55.

Today, consumption by teens and adults is estimated to be 2.3 gallons per year, about half of it during episodes of heavy drinking.

Alcohol kills more Americans each year than do opioid-drug overdoses, some 80,000/year. We know, of course, that whereas public (and governmental) opinion condemns the taking of any illegal drugs, the use of alcohol is said to be “wrong” only if it is “excessive.”

Researchers and rehabilitation workers need to stop talking about “excessive” drinking. No level of consumption is “safe.” Behavioral impairment and organ damage begin with the first drink and become progressively worse as intoxication proceeds. We have to restore the stigma against drinking, have to make it socially unacceptable anywhere at any time.

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## Seaman in Massachusetts

My campaign to get on the ballot for Library Board in Southwick has failed. I was not able to get 43 signatures quite frankly because of this whole Coronavirus thing. I was in the home stretch, only needed a few more signatures. I appealed to town hall about it but they wouldn't budge.

Tonight I received the State numbers for registered Prohibition Party voters, and we have...16. Not bad, I will now try to get a hold of these people and see if they want to participate at all.

## World Year of Sobriety

Dear friends,

In October 2019, the XXVIII International Forum on Sobriology, Prevention, Social Pedagogy and Alcology, with the participation of representatives of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Lithuania, Kazakhstan, Finland and other countries, completed its work in Sochi (Russia), which decided on declaring 2022 the World Year of Sobriety.

It is the year 2022 that will become quite significant for the inhabitants of the planet in overcoming the existing problems associated with the consumption of alcohol, tobacco and other narcotic substances. This year, different countries of the world will celebrate a number of significant anniversary dates (attached).

Please support our decision.

Allow me to once again express deep respect and recognition to you.

*Academician A. Mayurov*

PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY

Dr. Mayurov attached a long list of historical figures associated with the temperance movement, mostly in European and Asian countries but including Americans such as William Jennings Demorest, Harry Anslinger, Rachel Bubar Kelly, Harold Hughes, and Rutherford Hayes. A second list gives the founding dates of many temperance organizations, world-wide. If anyone would like a copy, please ask the Editor.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence estimates that 4/5 of all crimes resulting in jail sentences involve alcohol or another mind-altering drug.

## American Legion

Maine National Committeeman Ray Perkins has petitioned the national American Legion to reject tobacco advertising in the *American Legion Magazine*. Parker is a Legion member.

Perkins pointed out that most newspapers and magazines stopped accepting tobacco ads long ago, because of the adverse health consequences of smoking.

All members of his Legion post who were present at a recent meeting signed the petition.

Keep up the good work, Ray!

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## Frats Score More

Last winter, University of Vermont student Connor Gage froze to death in a parking lot after becoming acutely intoxicated at a fraternity party. He appeared in a security camera image at 0100, wandering into the enclosed lot; his body was found in the lot at daybreak February 2nd, thinly clothed.

Three weeks earlier, January 12th, on the Irvine campus of the University of California/Los Angeles, ΣAE freshman Noah Domingo had been found dead in his bed after a bout of drinking.

## Just a Wee Deoch an' Doris

If you sidle up to a bar and assume that one drink per hour won't make you drunk, think again! A recent study has found that bartenders pack a lot more booze into common drinks than most people realize.

Researchers visited 80 bars and restaurants in northern California last year and found that glasses of wine and spirits often are half-again as large as the "standard size" used in calculating guidelines. This means that people who follow federal recommendations about avoiding more than one drink per hour may be getting more booze than they bargain for.

## In Defense of Intoxication

Max Rubis, writing in *American Heritage* magazine opined that "In the face of the Volstead Act and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to drink was to defend the values of modern civilization."

Upscale magazines and their addicted writers often advocate drug use as a sign of sophistication. There are equally prominent personal dries out there. Where are their words and their personal examples?

An interesting exhibition on attitudes toward drinking:

[www.librarycompany.org/Ardent%20Spirits/temperance-index.html](http://www.librarycompany.org/Ardent%20Spirits/temperance-index.html)

In fatal collisions between pedestrians and automobiles, only 15% of drivers are legally intoxicated, but 34% of pedestrians are drunk. — *Harpers Index*

*Legalizing something harmful never removes the harm. It just changes the legal consequences — usually benefitting those who promote, produce, or in other ways profit financially from the "legalized" substance or activity with little to no regard for the negative impact on individuals or society-at-large.*

— Dianne Berlin

## A Great Oration

*Disciples of Christ minister R.E. Dunlap, Prohibition Candidate for Governor of Washington in 1896 and 1900, was a gifted evangelist. This is an excerpt from his 1909 sermon "Apathy of the Church toward the Liquor Traffic:"*

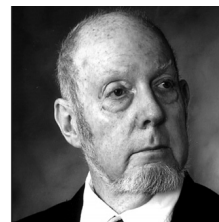
Some siren voice sings us to sleep, and we justify the wicked for a reward and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him. The situation seems to be described in a parody on the twenty-third Psalm. It reads about this way: 'The politician is my shepherd, I shall not want for anything during the campaign. He leadeth me into the saloon for my vote's sake, he filleth my pockets with bad cigars, my beer runneth over. He maketh me great, swelling promises, he leadeth me in green pastures of tariff reform and beside the still waters of prosperity, for his own sake. He restoreth my confidence, he inquireth after my family, even to the third and fourth generation. Yea, though I walk through the rain and the mud to vote for him, and shout myself hoarse, when he is elected straightway he forgetteth me and he forgetteth his promises also. Though I meet him in his own house, he knoweth me not. Surely the wool hath been pulled over my eyes all the days of my life, and yet I dwell in the ranks of the old party forever.'

My idea of an honest man is a fellow who pays income tax on the money he sold his vote for.

— Will Rogers

## Saint Jude

Christian, especially Roman Catholic, tradition holds that one of the Disciples, Jude, is the "Saint of Lost Causes," or at least patron of those in dire circumstances. Jude might be our Protector, because the Prohibition Party certainly is in dire circumstances, but let's don't be too quick to invoke him as the Saint of Lost Causes.



## Editor's Musings

Preaching by  
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I have an axe to grind. I've brought this up at other times, also, but the axe becomes dull from use, and I have to sharpen it often: People concerned with social evils should set personal examples of righteousness in their own conduct. Too often, we find that opponents of marijuana use tobacco, that governmental agencies working against drug abuse sponsor cocktail parties, that churches opposed to gambling hold bingo games.

"In order to be heard and believed — in order to believe yourself — the [advocate] must achieve a heightened personal authenticity. It is never enough to bear the message; you must enact the message." (Richard Todd, writing in *Civilization*, Jun/Jul 99, p.52)

Prohibitionists do set examples in their personal lives. Too often, nominal reformers elsewhere are hypocrites.

## We need to Catch This Boat

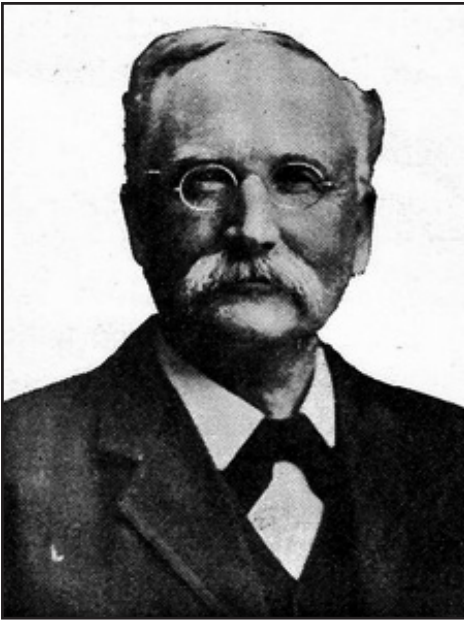
Susan Wojcicki, the CEO of "YouTube," has some important things to say about getting publicity. Writing in *The Economist* (The World in 2017, p.145), she asserts that videos on YouTube are taking the place of television, especially for youngsters.

Granted that she is promoting her own company, it is still important to pay attention. The television audience is shrinking fast. In 2016, the average person spent over 6 hours each day watching videos — both amateur and professional. Video-watching is people's third-largest daily activity, after sleeping and working.

Internet video is available, for free, world-wide, whereas television advertising has to be paid for and is restricted to small geographic areas.

Collins, and Parker, are active putting personal messages on social media. That's OK as far as it goes, but it's "old hat." We need some campaign videos.

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[www.facebook.com/groups/ProhibitionPartyUSA/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ProhibitionPartyUSA/)



from candidacy circular, 1910

## Simeon P(ease) Meads

Simeon Meads was a teacher and school principal in Oakland, California. Born in Limington, Maine on 11 January 1849, he earned an AB degree from Bowdoin College in 1872. He removed to California in 1876, working first as a real-estate agent before becoming principal of several schools.

Meads wrote a chemistry textbook for high schools. He received a patent for an electric alarm clock system in schools. He organized a Baptist church. He was a temperance lecturer.

Meads also was active in politics. He ran for Vice-Governor on the Prohibition ticket in 1902 and for Governor in 1910. His autobiography, *In My Own Lot and Place*, was published in 1923.

Simeon Meads died 1 October 1940.

- Data from LocalWiki/Oakland
- Located by Adam Seaman

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## The Green Wave

The January, 2019 issue of *Imprimis* (an outreach of Hillsdale College) contains a long analysis of marijuana use. If you are not on their mailing list, you should obtain a copy of this issue and study it closely.

Marijuana use strongly increases the likelihood that people with schizophrenia and psychotic individuals will engage in violent crimes. States which have legalized the recreational use of cannabis products are reporting much higher rates of violent crime, largely because of cannabis-enhanced psychoses such as paranoia.

Like the businessmen who promote use of alcohol and tobacco, the marijuana pushers deploy shrewd and expensive lobbying campaigns, using half-truths and outright lies to make drug use socially acceptable.

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## The Booze Business

The *Economist* magazine summarized some alcohol data (October 19, p.85) and came to the same conclusions that we have: Alcohol firms depend financially on the addicts they create. If everyone drank within government health guidelines, the retail price of alcohol would have to be nearly doubled in order to yield the same profits to the industry.

(British) National Health Service figures show that while only a quarter of British drink “to excess,” that quarter drinks three-quarters of all alcoholic beverages sold and provides more than 2/3 of booze industry revenue. Their “drink responsibly” public relations campaign is mere window dressing, because “if [moderation] campaigns were successful, they would ruin their sponsors’ finances.”

The side-effects of alcohol indulgence cause much greater harm to society than do those of other recreational drugs. To counter-act the adverse public image this creates, the booze industry has sharply increased the amount of money it spends on lobbying – in America, from 10 million dollars per year in 1999 to 30 million dollars in 2018.

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## Booze More

In line with the British data referred to above, Michigan data reported by the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* shows that in 2010 drunkenness caused a loss of more than 8 billion dollars, of which 82% resulted from healthcare costs and lost productivity. The per-capita loss from drunkenness was estimated to be \$826 per person. Michigan has one alcohol license for each 150 residents. Michigan also has a, so-called, “Liquor Control Commission.”

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## And Still More

Another *Economist* article notes that high-tax Nordic countries have relatively low alcohol consumption. Next door to them, Finland also levies a high tax on alcohol.

Next door to Finland, though, is Estonia, a low-tax country. Estonia began raising alcohol taxes in 2016, hoping to improve public health, reduce the social costs

of drinking (and incidentally to raise some money via the sin tax). These things began to happen, but Latvia is next door to Estonia, and Latvia did not increase its tax on alcohol. Estonians began going to Latvia to stock up.

In 2019, a right-wing party (the *Economist* refers to it disparagingly as “populist”) managed to win a place in the Estonian government and right away cut the alcohol tax by 25%. The point we should take away from this is that Prohibition is never a conservative policy. It is a radical reform proposal aimed at improving society, not at increasing profits.

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## Keeping Dry Along the Etowah

Vice-Presidential Candidate Billy Joe Parker, he of the flowing pen, reports that the push for a wet “entertainment area” in Canton, Georgia is a town council member who owns a beer store. The retiring city mayor was a personal dry who had been preventing passage of this bill. The new mayor may allow it to pass.

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## Drinking to Excess

India, a country in which relatively few people drink at all, has seen its boozers triple their gallonage in just 15 years. Russians have more than doubled their volume. In China and Brazil, total consumption has risen only slightly.

Germany, Japan, the United States, and Great Britain all have seen their booze levels decline since the year 2000.

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## Free Trade Harm

Among the fine print of international trade agreements often are clauses prohibiting the signers from discriminating against specific industries. These provisions are used to defeat alcohol-control measures desired by some of the countries.

Prime targets of the alcohol trade are laws restricting alcohol advertising. The World Health Organization identifies restrictions on advertising as one of the most effective ways to reduce alcohol-related harms.

Exposure to alcohol marketing increases the probability and quantity of drinking by young people. It normalizes alcohol consumption and encourages the loss of abstinence in growing economies and in societies where drinking prevalence has historically been low.