



Prohibitionist Runs Strong in California

-- C.L. Gammon

Jim Hedges, Prohibition Party presidential nominee, ran a strong race in the American Independent Party primary in California on June 7. The American Independent Party holds the largest third party primary in California and in a very competitive contest, Hedges collected 3,223 votes (10.8% of the total). In addition, Hedges carried Lake County and finished second in Glenn, Modoc and Napa counties. Perhaps ironically, Hedges ran strongest in California's 'Wine Country.'

Some important things we can take away from California:

(1) The Hedges vote in this primary was greater than the total Prohibition vote in any National Election since 1988. This is true even though the party was on multiple state ballots in most of those elections. The best showing in three decades is nothing to sneeze at.

(2) Hedges ran a competitive race. The vote was tight and Hedges was in the thick of it. This is true even though most of the other candidates had campaigned in California in previous election cycles or currently live in the state.

(3) Jim carried a county. It has been several years since a Prohibitionist has carried a county in a statewide contest.

(4) Jim did not finish last. Prohibitionist candidates have grown used to bringing up the rear. In this instance, we beat somebody. It is proof positive that Prohibitionists can compete if they can gain ballot access.

(5) The showing in California will undoubtedly provide Hedges and the Prohibition Party a boost as the campaign winds through the summer and into the fall. From a publicity standpoint, we can use this to do a little crowing. It should boost morale among our beleaguered party activists.

Party activist Don Webb spoke the feelings of all Prohibitionists when he said that they are, 'Very proud of Jim.'

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Campaign Report

Already on the ballot:

Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi

Filed but challenged: New Jersey

Filed: Iowa

Preparing to file: Louisiana

Working in: Florida, Tennessee

"Declared Write-In" papers, ensuring that our write-in votes will be counted and reported, have been filed in: Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, and Utah.

Pennsylvania has no write-in procedure but guarantees to count write-in votes.

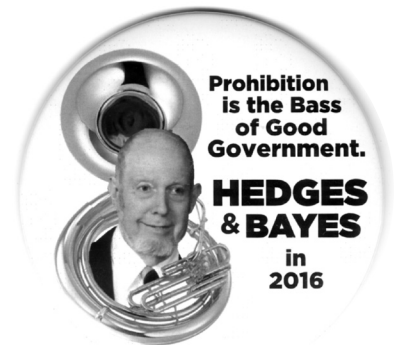
Volunteer staff are maintaining a Prohibition Party presence on Facebook and on Twitter.

Radio: Hedges and Bayes both have done several short broadcasts, at the invitation of the stations.

Internet: There is a good article on the internet magazine *Mississippi Today*. Another one is on *Philly.com* - "Meet the Guy who is Running on the Prohibition".

Newspapers: There is an excellent piece by Adam Gabbatt in the (Manchester) *Guardian*.

The most precious resource in a noisy, crowded marketplace is peoples' attention. Chairman Knox is doing his best to draw attention to the Prohibition Party "brand." After we get the voters' attention, we must then remember that the voters are seeking not just utility; they also are searching for meaning. Our platform's emphasis on the rights and welfare of American families and communities gives their votes meaning.



News vs Propaganda

Florida state chairman Bill Bledsoe has a list of national television figures who have close ties to the government, either by marriage or by employment. He wonders if this incestuous relationship between the internationalist Beltway Cabal and the news media has biased news reporting in America.

For news which is professional and reliable, yet not beholden to the Washington Establishment, try looking at internet news (Yahoo or msn) sourced from AFP (Agence France Presse), Al-Jazeera, and the Huffington Post. Trustworthy print news magazines include *The Economist* and *The Nation* - *The Economist* has a libertarian editorial bias and *The Nation* gives it a lefty spin, but their facts and figures are sound.

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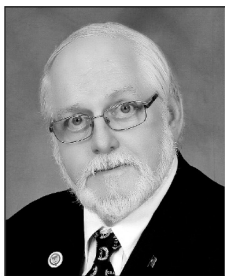
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**From the
Chairman's
Corner**
Rick Knox

The Prohibition Party, as well as the USA, has lost a patriot with the death of Don Webb. I had the pleasure of knowing Don for 11 years. He was a wonderful person, and we shall miss him. God bless our friend Don Webb!

We have great news to report from West Virginia: Michael Hess, a young spark plug, is now Chairman of our Party in West Virginia. Welcome aboard, Mickey. We need young people.

Bill Bayes is going to spread the word in Mississippi and make a serious bid to gain votes for our ticket. Jim is going to wage a write-in campaign in his part of Pennsylvania and adjacent areas. He has been very successful in the past with local elections.

What are you doing for this election? We are a team, and a team works together. You cannot have a successful baseball team with only 3 players, and you cannot have a political party with only a few members doing all the work. Please do your part. We need your help to keep this Party alive. Please make a donation to the Party and its candidates. We need money for the fall campaign, to buy media, posters, etc. We must make sure the Hedges & Bayes ticket gets a good vote. Remember: “If it’s going to be, it’s up to me.”

A lot of people in both major parties will

not support their flawed nominees. Nor will many Christian conservatives vote for the Constitution Party candidate Gary Johnson, because the Constitution Party takes no position on gambling, smoking, or booze.

In politics, one must seize the moment, and now is the time, our golden opportunity. We stand at the crossroads. The step we take this year will determine our future!

Boozers on the Payroll

The trade journal *Printing News* last March ran a full-page article on alcoholics in the workforce. Author David C. Claerbaut says that precious few companies are free from alcoholics. Owners and managers often protect them out of pity and because they know that addicts have a poor chance of finding other work.

Alcoholics on the payroll handicap entire companies: Their work is not up to par, forcing other employees to work harder to cover for them. Their retention in spite of obvious incompetence causes disrespect for management.

Protecting alcoholics and other drug abusers delays the day when they will have to confront their failure and reform their behavior. Tough love – making the offender choose between treatment and dismissal – is the most humane way to deal with the individual employee and the cheapest way for the company to protect its investment in training and experience.

What evil of yours have you cured today? — *Seneca*

Small Breweries Multiply

The United States now has over 4000 “craft” breweries, small operations catering to local clientele. Their number is more than 200% larger than it was just 10 years ago.

The proliferation of small breweries parallels the recent rapid increase in small vineyards. Both trends are driven, partly, by the growing anti-big-business attitude of young people.

America truly is on a binge!

Cruelty to Animals People

In a letter written to a newspaper by an unhappy woman, she complained that her husband thought it funny to make her pet cat drunk by putting gin in its milk. The woman said that the cat would dance like mad, stagger around in circles, then finally fall into a heap in the corner and sleep it off. Besides this, the cat was losing hair because of its drinking.

Readers denounced the husband and suggested various degrees of punishment for a man who would be so cruel to animals.

Give an animal liquor, and you are cruel, but give a man liquor, and you are considered mature. Let an animal get drunk, act foolish, and fall over in a stupor, and people scream their heads off. Let a man get in the same condition, and we ignore it. Because ... It's inhumane to give intoxicants to animals, but it's respectable to give “social lubricants” to sons, daughters, business associates, and friends.

— *Progress magazine*

Pets vs Smoking

Second-hand smoke has been associated with a variety of problems in pets, including lymphomas in cats and nasal and lung cancers in dogs. Pet birds also suffer ill effects from living in smokers' households.

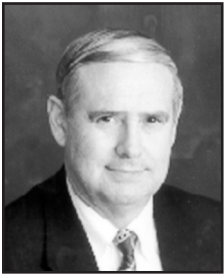
A recent informal survey of pet owners in Michigan found that 27% of visitors to pet stores and humane societies had at least one smoker at home. Among those who smoked, 28% said that knowing they were putting their pets at risk would make them try to quit.

This finding suggests that anti-smoking messages posted in such places as veterinarian offices and pet stores would find a receptive audience.

— *Monday Morning Report*

The Prohibition Party
— *addressing America's
challenges from the
viewpoint of home and family*

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Don Webb Passes

Don was alternately hospitalized and in rehab for much of the spring and early summer. On July 4th, he lost the battle and succumbed to blood clots in his lungs.

Donald Wayne Webb was born on 29 June 1944, at Lee, Florida. His parents were Samuel Tilden Webb and Lizzie Lee Lyons.

For much of his life, Don was a funeral director in Dothan, Alabama. He later earned a BA in Criminal Justice from Troy University (1987) and an MA in Continuing Education from the University of West Alabama (1997), then was an adjunct professor of Funeral Service and of American History at East Mississippi Community College.

Don married Cynthia Joan Barnes on 21 July 1967. They had two sons, Kevin and Daniel. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren – Stanton, Russell, Katie, and Bo.

Don was Chairman of the Prohibition National Committee from 2003 until 2005. He guided the 2003 Prohibition Convention at Fairfield Glade, Tennessee which deposed long-serving chairman Earl Dodge and set our Party on its present course of renewal and growth. He was a constant advisor and motivator to the other Party leaders.

Prior to becoming a Party Prohibitionist, Don had been active in the Florida American Party, being a presidential elector there in 1972 and a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture in 1974.

At the time of his death, Don was working in Florida to get the Hedges & Bayes ticket on the Florida ballot this year.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Tinnitus Association.

Tim San Soucie contributed to this article.



Be humble, gentle, and patient; show your love by being tolerant of one another.
--Ephesians 4:2

Candidate's Musings

All Marine Band members are given housing allowances and told to live off the post. My first two years in Washington were spent at Mrs. Jenkins' boarding house, on Capitol Hill. It was a good place from which to view the old-Washington community – the street cars, the hawkers, the neighborhood stores, and the local characters.

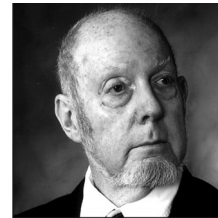
One of those colorful persons was Louie, Mrs. Jenkins crazy son. Louie spent his days warming park benches near the Capitol. He didn't live at home, but he would appear there irregularly when he needed money. After Louie died, Mrs. Jenkins gave me a pot of greenery from the funeral. My window sills held descendants of those plants for decades afterward, reminders of a kind old widow and her hospitality.

The boarding house had its own cast of characters: the alcoholic former newspaper reporter who destroyed living room furniture by dropping himself into chairs instead of sitting down gently, the daft former WAC who wore ruts into the carpet sitting in a rocking chair before her TV, the senile old lawyer who went to argue his case before the Supreme Court with his trousers on backwards, the stained picture of Mrs. Jenkins' late husband – he was so stingy, she said, that he would make a meal of a slice of bread and some molasses. And the cockroaches: When I would flip on a light in the kitchen at night, after the cook had left, the floor would get up and run away.

There was also Olson, a driver-training instructor who did not own a car. Conversation at dinner one evening turned on chimney sweeps, and that got the gears grinding in Olson's head. The next morning, Olson got Mrs. Jenkins' clothesline rope and her dust mop, climbed up onto the roof, tied the mop to the end of the rope, and lowered the mop down the chimney. When he tried to pull it back up, the mop lodged against the flue thimble and the rope broke, plugging the chimney. Furnace smoke soon poured from the basement windows. Neighbors called the fire company, who retrieved the mop from the chimney and Olson from the roof.



Politicians and diapers need to be changed often, and for the same reason.



The Candidate Speaks

Pain Killers

More than 14,800 Americans died from the use of opioid-based pain-killers in 2014, four times as many as in 1999. The increase has been especially noteworthy among the elderly. The *AARP Bulletin* (June) and *The Economist* (May 28th) both recently have run feature articles on the subject.

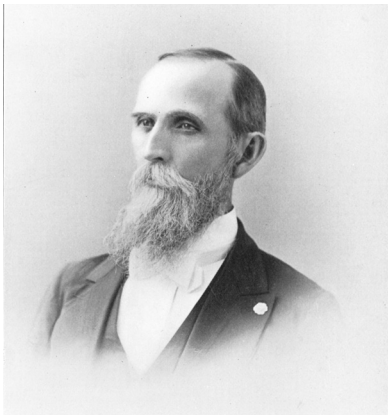
Doctors have responded to demands for better control of chronic pain by freely prescribing opioids. It appeared at first that time that addiction to opioids was infrequent. During the past 15 years, lawful use of prescription pain-killers has doubled; during the same time, addiction to pain-killers has quadrupled.

Opioids are highly addictive; even brief use can be followed by withdrawal symptoms. Until recently, their use was restricted to acute pain following serious injuries or major surgery and to pain associated with terminal illnesses. Today, by 2012, American doctors were writing enough opioid prescriptions to provide a bottle to every adult each year. We are consuming six times more, per person, than we were 20 years ago. Many people who die from opiate poisoning have legitimate prescriptions for them. Opiates kill by slowing breathing, and the difference between an effective dose for pain relief and a lethal dose is small and unpredictable.

The typical overdose fatality is White, poor, and single, although wealthy, successful people such as Prince and Michael Jackson have also killed themselves by opiate addiction.

Countries such as The United States and Canada, which have fee-for-service medical systems, have larger problems with opiate abuse than do countries with national health services, such as Great Britain. America needs to adopt pragmatic, rational methods of minimizing the availability of recreational drugs; methods which attack the traffic in drugs — their manufacture, distribution, and sale — not methods which punish victims of the traffic.





Martin van Buren Bennett

M.V.B. Bennett was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio on a farm, on 1 January 1830. His education was begun in a log school-house in which he advanced as far as the "rule of three." His father left him an orphan at 10 years of age. When he was 18, he began teaching school in the village of Wiltshire, in his native state, continuing this for 5 or 6 years. In 1854, he went west with his brother and an uncle to Iowa and located in Knoxville in that State. He taught school for 2 years at Knoxville, read law, and published a paper, *The Democratic Standard*. In 1857, he was elected to the legislature and 2 years later re-elected, serving during 2 regular sessions and 1 extra session of the legislature. He was elector from the First Congressional District of Iowa on the Douglas ticket in 1860. During all this time, he was building up a large practice as a criminal lawyer.

In August, 1862, although a staunch Democrat, he raised 4 companies for service in the War. He was made captain of Company A, 40th Iowa Infantry and remained in active service until 1864, when on account of ill health and loss of hearing he resigned.

In 1868, he was elector-at-large on the Seymour and Blair ticket. Two years later, in 1870, he moved to southern Kansas, finally settling in Cherokee County, at Columbus, where he now resides, engaged in his law practice.

Mr. Bennett took part in the fight for Constitutional Prohibition as what was then called a "Democratic Prohibitionist." He went back to Iowa in the great fight made for the Prohibition law and made 37 speeches, closing his canvass at Cedar Rapids the night before the 1883 election. He changed enough Democratic votes

to the candidate of the Republican Party for representative to give him a majority, which gave the Republicans a majority of one in the lower house and enabled the Republican Party of Iowa to pass the prohibitory law in 1884.

In 1883, he established *The Kansas Prohibitionist* and edited it until the Prohibition law was thoroughly enforced in that State. He called the Prohibition convention which met in Topeka in 1884 and sent a delegation to the national convention at Pittsburgh, in which he was a delegate-at-large, that nominated Gov. John P. St. John. Bennett got Miss Willard to second the the nomination of St. John, she being the first woman ever to second the nomination of a candidate for the presidency.

Bennett was a delegate-at-large to the Indianapolis convention that nominated Clinton B. Fisk, also a delegate to the Cincinnati convention that nominated General Bidwell. He has been constantly on the platform for Prohibition since 1887. He is a member from Kansas of the National Committee of the Prohibition Party.

Bennett ran for Congress, from Kansas, in 1892. He ran for Attorney General of Kansas in 1894 and again in 1900.

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



Abortions are Down (Again)

The Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion organization, reports that the rate of abortions in The United States is now lower than at any other time since 1973. Declines occurred in all but six states: Alaska, Maryland, Montana, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Those states saw either no decline during the period 2008-2011 or an increase.

The "increase" states are adjacent to states which have criminalized abortion, and it seems likely that the increase was caused by women crossing state lines to obtain abortions away from home.

The most obvious explanations for the nationwide decrease are easier access to contraceptive materials and education and that the economic down-turn has made abortions less affordable.

Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it Begin it now. — Goethe

Liberty vs War

Of all the enemies of public liberty war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded because it comprises and envelops the germ of every other. War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes. And armies, and debts, and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. In war, too, the discretionary power of the Executive is extended. Its influence in dealing out offices, honors, and emoluments is multiplied; and all the means of seducing the minds, are added to those of subduing the force of the people. The same malignant aspect in republicanism may be traced in the inequality of fortunes, and the opportunities of fraud, growing out of a state of war and in the degeneracy of manners and morals, engendered by both. No nation could preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.

— James Madison (20 April 1795)

We go not abroad, in search of monsters to destroy. We are the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. We are the champion and vindicator only of our own.

— John Quincy Adams



Conundrum

Now, let me get this straight:

If you cross the North Korean border illegally, you get 12 years' hard labor.

If you cross the Afghan border illegally, you get shot.

Two Americans just got 8 years for crossing the Iranian border illegally.

But if you cross the American border illegally, you get free clothes, free health care, free education, a place to live, a driver's license, child benefits, food stamps, a job, help in starting a business, and citizenship.

No wonder we're a nation in debt!

-- Found on the internet