



A.G. Wolfenbarger

Andrew G. Wolfenbarger was born in Virginia on 24 March 1856. His father, William W. Wolfenbarger, was a merchant and Whig politician who held the office of Sheriff of Pocahontas County for 8 years.

Just before the War Between the States, the family came north and settled in Iowa, where Andrew received a good common-school education and taught 5 years in the public schools.

Wolfenbarger then became a political journalist and moved to Nebraska. At the first Prohibition Party convention held in Nebraska, he was chosen Secretary.

He served 5 terms as Secretary of the Nebraska State Committee, declining the offer of a sixth. In 1887, upon the death of John B. Finch, he was named to the Prohibition National Committee. He served 4 terms there on the Executive Committee and was also a member of the Platform Committee. In 1892, he was Temporary Secretary of the national convention.

Wolfenbarger was a well-known platform speaker for Prohibition beginning in 1888. By 1895, he had visited 25 states and Canada, giving 2000 speeches on Prohibition.

He ran for office on the Prohibition ticket as a candidate for Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court in 1895 and for Nebraska Attorney General in 1898.

Wolfenbarger was, professionally, a lawyer with a practice in Lincoln. He was admitted to the bar of the Nebraska Supreme Court. He adhered to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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From the Chairman's Corner

Rick Knox

If it's going to be up to me, then yes, this campaign is going to be a success. We must all do our part. The Hedges & Bayes Campaign is marching forward. Are you in step?

Write letters, make 'phone calls, help us find electors. Call your local talk radio station and mention the Hedges & Bayes ticket. Put a bumper sticker on your car and a campaign button on your lapel. Last but not least, make a financial contribution. Any amount will be appreciated. In a few days, I will do a massive mailing about our candidates to the news media, including TV and radio stations. We must spread the word.

I know we have a strong ticket. We are making this a real campaign. Soon, we will have available a CD with our candidates on it. Jim Hedges is a long-time Party activist. He will be the only candidate in the general election talking about booze and gambling. While some other parties talk family values, we live them. The Prohibition Party is the real Party of justice and morality.

We will be on a record number of state ballots, possibly the most since 1960, and we will have declared write-in status in many others. Remember: In politics, the only bad publicity is no publicity. Do your duty for your Party and start today. We have a great ticket, but do we have your support? Think: "If it's going to be, it's up to me."

OK troops, let's roll. An army is always moving. Politics is a 24-7 job.



The candidate speaks on

Health Care

One hundred fifty years ago, medical care was cheap, because there was little doctors could do. Today, doctors can do quite a lot -- and medical care is correspondingly expensive. Rec-

ognizing this, every wealthy country on Earth, except America, provides subsidized health care to its citizens. This year's Prohibition platform calls for single-payer health care to replace the insurance-based system we now have.

Single-payer is not a national health service on the British style. It does not hire medical care directly. Instead, it pays the bills of doctors whom we select. We individual citizens, not the insurance companies and not the government, decide what medical care we need, and then our chosen doctors, not the insurance companies and not the government, decide which medications and which treatments best suit our needs.

A national single-payer system is estimated to cost no more than does the present system, because: It (1) would have a 3% overhead instead of the 33% overhead of private insurance, and (2) it would negotiate lower drug prices with drug manufacturers (it is well-known that the same medicines are [usually much] cheaper in other countries).

Good citizenship means avoiding both sins of commission and sins of omission. *The Book of Common Prayer* puts it this way: "We have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done." In some situations, a person can make a false move by standing still!

The writer of James (4:17) explains: "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins" (NIV).

Galatians 5:14 puts it this way: "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (KJV). I, personally, have had excellent, virtually free medical care all my adult life, because I made a career of the armed forces. Therefore, I as a candidate for President believe it to be a moral imperative that I advocate universal single-payer health care in America — "Medicare for All."

My friend, Rev. Dr. John Killian has supplied some additional pertinent Biblical references (both KJV):

Proverbs 14:31 — "He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him."

I John 3:17 — "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

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Campaign Strategy

Major party national election campaigns have often been marred by mud-slinging and personal invective, epitomized this year by the speeches of (Republican) candidate Donald Trump.

Prohibition candidates have avoided criticizing individuals, preferring statesmanship to demagoguery. Earl Dodge titled his Party newsletter *The National Statesman* and, at one point, even used "National Statesman Party" in an election campaign. We take to heart advice such as that in Proverbs 12:18, which says "Thoughtless speech is like the stabs of a sword, but the tongue of the wise is healing;" and that in Ephesians 4:31, which is "Put away from yourselves every kind of malicious bitterness, anger, wrath, screaming, and abusive speech, as well as everything injurious."

The Hedges campaign strives to conduct evidence-based debate of issues, heeding the advice of Paul when he wrote to the Philippians: "Let your reasonableness become known" (4:5)

Campaign Report

- Already on: Arkansas
- Probably on: Mississippi, Colorado
- Filed but delayed: New Jersey
- Working in: Florida, Iowa
- Waiting for window to open: Louisiana
- Planned: Tennessee

"Declared Write-in" papers filed in: Arizona, California, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, and Utah.

Radio: Hedges has done one taped broadcast, and he has recorded his generic "stump speech" for campaign manager Rick Knox to use as needed.

He also did an interview for a fellow who is posting interviews with all of the announced presidential candidates. The interview may be heard at: <http://wp.me/p4Wuot-9V>. It's impromptu and not a good job.

The radio tape was strictly alcohol. The speech, however, is wide-ranging, and the interview covered a lot of ground.

Our written statement is included on the website www.OnTheIssues.org.

Bill Bayes has done an interview on www.freedomizerradio.com. Listen to it at any time by going to that site. After half an

hour of rambling introduction, the program moderator asks him several questions about current national issues.

Bayes has also recorded a speech.

The most precious resource in a noisy, crowded marketplace is people's attention. 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 not just seeking utility, they are also searching for meaning. Our platform's emphasis on the rights and welfare of American families and American communities gives their votes meaning.

Public Morality

Order in civil society depends to a large extent on the willingness of citizens voluntarily to follow social norms of behavior — personal honesty, integrity, respect for law, tolerance of individual differences, and so on. The English jurist John Fletcher Moulton said it well: "The probability that democracy and free markets will flourish in a nation is proportional to the extent there of obedience to the unenforceable." This is why civics and history, the teaching of what society expects of us and why, are essential elements of schooling.

Campaign Finance

We are on the ballot in Arkansas. The cost was \$4600, for a professional field worker.

Without a large membership base to furnish volunteers, we have to rely on hired help. These people are found by our Chairman, Rick Knox, who is a professional political operative. (Before he was elected Chairman,) Knox was given a \$5000 retainer to manage the 2016 campaign. Available funds can get us on the ballot in about 5 more states with easy ballot access rules. This will be our largest electoral presence since the Bubar campaigns of 1976 (9 states) and 1980 (8 states).

We will also file "declared write-in" papers in the states which allow that — about half of them. This will get us additional publicity and a scattering of additional votes. The list of write-in states will be published, and we hope all of our readers in those states will vote for the Hedges and Bayes ticket.

There is now a Florida Prohibition Party website: www.floridaprohibition.org. We thank C.L. "Connie" Gammon, a long-time Party supporter, for setting this up. It is required by Florida regulations on ballot access for "recognized parties." The National Committee shared the cost with Mr. Gammon. Editing will be done by Alabama Prohibitionist Don Webb.

Europe Sobers Up

A recent report in *The Economist* magazine says that the use of alcohol and "ecstasy" by young people has declined, and that the number of discotheque night clubs catering to users of recreational drugs consequently has also shrunk. Part of the reason is opposition to the noise and delinquent behavior associated with clubs by middle-class people returning to live in cities. Higher property costs associated with gentrification have also played a part, as has the trend toward large music festivals in place of neighborhood clubs.

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News Flash: Hedges included in California presidential primary of American Independent Party, along with representatives of several other small parties, unaffiliated independents, and Donald Trump. Election to be held June 7th.

COFOE

The Prohibition National Committee is now a member of “COFOE,” the Coalition on Free and Open Elections. COFOE is directed by Richard Winger, the nation’s leading authority on third parties. It lobbies for easier ballot access for all third parties.

The Prohibition Party will benefit from increased public exposure and increased influence stemming from its membership in COFOE. At only \$20/year, it is good investment in political action.

A “Third Party” Now?

Before every national election, the chattering class takes polls, finds that many voters are disgusted with the two dominant political parties, and predicts that “the time is ripe for a third major party to materialize.” Sometimes, this produces “independent” governors, but it has never yet resulted in a large new national party.

A third of the national electorate refuses to identify either as Republican or Democrat. Large majorities think that the major-party nominating process takes too long, is controlled by big money and by special interests, and that the discussion avoids important but controversial issues. And yet, as Election Day approaches, inertia wins again. Complicated and expensive election rules,

and media preference for Democrats and Republicans, all combine to prevent the achievement of reform.

Alcohol Education

There is a trend among colleges to sell alcoholic drinks at athletic events. The motive is profit: West Virginia University estimates it earns \$500,000 a year from beer sales at football games.

College football, and to a lesser extent basketball, is big business. My own school, the University of Iowa, a “Big 10” school, estimates that home football games are worth \$100,000,000/ year to the local economy.

The athletes who perform in these spectacles do sometimes graduate and go on to other careers, but essentially they are show biz actors who donate their “amateur” labor to the colleges which employ them. When their sports eligibility ends, they are pushed aside. Alcohol sales are an inducement for alumni and others to attend games. Ticket sales have been falling for more than 10 years. Turning games into party occasions is a strategy to keep up attendance. And indeed, “tail-gating” before games has become part of the football experience.

Alcohol-fueled rioting at soccer games has led European countries to restrict alcohol sales at soccer matches. Disturbances at American college football games have not been a major concern thus far, but we can safely predict they will become so as more and more colleges encourage drinking at sporting events.

As always, alcohol sellers will get the profits, while the taxpayers will get the bill for cleaning up afterward.

Smoking In China

Harpers Index® reports that while only 3% of Chinese women smoke, 68% of Chinese men do (or did). It is thought good manners in China to offer visitors a cigarette, just as we in America offer something to drink. Government officials are becoming concerned about the looming health care cost of smoking, but because the government earns money from tobacco sales, little has yet been done to discourage smoking in China.

Wisdom belongs to those who seek advice.
– Proverbs 13:10

Lotteria Italia

The Italian government’s response to the latest financial panic has been to lay the burden on its most vulnerable citizens: gambling addicts. Italians are Europe’s most active gamblers, losing some 17 billion Euros last year. About half of that is claimed by the national government. A million Italians are thought to be compulsive gamblers.

Medical Freedom

The ‘zine *Living Free* says that the Goldwater Institute, in Arizona, is seeking nationwide adoption of its “Right to Try” model legislation. “Right to Try” says that doctors may prescribe, without penalty, experimental medical treatments which have cleared preliminary safety tests. If the patient has an otherwise terminal disease, the new treatment can be used without waiting for final FDA approval.

Twenty-four states have already adopted “Right to Try.” This is a commendable example of returning decision-making to individual citizens and regulatory authority to the states.

(A “zine” is a personal magazine, the print-media analogue of an internet blog.)

Personal Morality

Religion – the fear of God – has been a major source of this personal discipline, as have authoritarian civil governments. But personal discipline cannot be allowed to degenerate into stultifying conformity. Behavior, both individual and societal, must be allowed to evolve to deal with changing world circumstances. Democracies adapt to changing circumstances by vigorous public debate of alternatives.

Dissent

It is a sound rule of politics, says *The Economist* magazine, that the winners from any reform are less delighted than the losers are angry. Because the Prohibition Party advocates several reforms, we should not be surprised if we receive a lot of criticism.

History will treat us more kindly than do our contemporaries. Our cause it is just, and persevere we must!

If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation. – Pope Benedict XVI

Addiction, a Personal Memoir

Robert Hastings

I waken in a cold sweat inside my cell at a federal prison. As I look, there is a dark creature staring at me with white, hollow eyes and skinny K-9s. I wipe my eyes, thinking there is another inmate in my cell with me, but as my eyes clear, I can see that there is no other inmate. The creature looks as though it had been sent here from the Underworld. My heart begins to pound in my chest, and I think to myself, “This must be a dream, and it will pass.” I close my eyes and drift back to sleep.

Two or three hours must have gone by, when I eyes fly open again. As I look around, the creature is still there, its eyes staring right at me. There is nowhere to run, no way to escape this beast.

I gather courage and ask, “What is your name, and where did you come from?”

Its breathing grows heavy. The creature lets out a low growl, the sound of a hundred wolves, but it does not speak. I slide my shank from my pillow, thinking to defend myself, then realizing that it is unlikely I could hurt it if it decides to attack. So, I lie there, waiting for whatever, watching the beast watching me.

The creature lifts its head and laughs. Wickedly. My skin crawls, but I reveal no fear.

It turns its head, then, and speaks in a voice so low I have to ask: “What did you say?”

“You’re lucky,” it said. Then, letting out a low laugh, it went on: “Your friend who was with you the night of your arrest, he was not so lucky. He was killed by police during your traffic stop. You see, I have that effect on people.

“Some people get lucky, like you my friend. You got only a 15-year prison sentence. Like the way I helped you out?”

“You friend, however...” The beast paused and laughed again. “I took his life.”

I feel my skin crawl. Sweat runs down my face as anger, sadness, and depression flood my body all at once. I want to yell, to cry, to punch this creature. I am becoming overwhelmed with emotion.

The beast smiles, lets out a demented laugh, and continues: “You and your friend were actually doing good in life, but I could not allow that to continue.”

Still confused, I ask again, “Who are you?”

The creature stands, looks down on me with those hollow, white eyes and replies:

“My friend, I would have thought you knew me well by now, since I have been responsible for the destruction in your life. However, since you still do not recognize me, I will tell you: I am the Master of Deception. I am also the Master of Destruction.” Another laugh. “I seek, find, and destroy. I have many faces. I seek to destroy the world.

“Now my friend, I would love to sit here and talk longer with you, but I must move on to my next victim.” The creature approaches me before walking out of my cell and whispers, “Don’t worry! I will be back for you.”

It turns, and I get up to watch it leave, still wondering what it is.

I look out of my cell and see an old man. Then, I see my friend who was killed during the traffic stop, then I see an old woman. The changing beast assumed the shapes and faces of every race. At the end of the hall, it became a young boy. The boy, without turning around, asked, “Now do you want to know my name?”

“Yes,” I replied.

The boy stopped, turned, head down, and appeared to be crying. Then, lifting his head to show the tears streaming down, he said, “My name is Addiction. Nice to meet you!”

The little boy was me, at age 13. I try to respond, but he fades and disappears.

I look back into my cell, at the place where the beast had been sitting, and see a line of meth on my desk. I hasten over to snort the line, but it, too, fades away. I hear another laugh from the beast, Addiction.

In writing this story, I was thinking about youth. However, addiction does not pick and choose whom it seizes. Drug and other addictions destroy individual lives, whole families, and entire communities.

The events described above are true. The passenger in my car was high on meth. He came at the policeman with a knife, so the officer was forced to shoot him in self-defense. My friend died at the scene – his addiction cost him his life.

Me, I am serving a 15-year federal sentence because of my addiction to meth and the lifestyle which goes with that: I was a felon, I had a loaded gun in the car, and I was (also) high on meth.

My message for young people: If you think it is cool to do drugs, well, it’s not, and the end result is never good. If someone tells you differently, he’s lying to you. Don’t let drug addiction get hold of you, too. Keep your-

self, your family, and your community free from recreational drugs. You owe it to yourself!

Candidate’s Musings

My parents’ Iowa farm, when I was an early teen, included several acres of hilly pasture land with scattered trees and some rotten stumps. Many of the stumps had hollow centers. Scraping away some dirt at the base of the stump would create an air inlet, turning the stump into a chimney.

On lazy summer days with nothing much to do, I would take a few sheets of newspaper and a book of matches and light a stump. The honeycombed, punky interior would soon become a roaring inferno. The blaze would last for an hour or so, until the remnants of the stump fell in upon themselves and the bonfire had consumed all of the pieces. Pushing and poking with a green stick controlled the fire.

Dry tree roots spread outward from the stump in all directions, just below the soil surface. Invisible fires followed the roots after the stump itself had been consumed. In the absence of rain, these subterranean hot spots could smoulder and smoke for several days, leaving tiny trenches of collapsed soil where the roots had been.

I value highly my experience of growing up on the farm, a privilege hardly any children have these days. General farming was a mentally exacting, physically exhausting way of life, but it taught resourcefulness and responsibility, and it produced strong families and strong communities.

Living in the country but working in town isn’t the same, nor is living on an industrial-scale agri-business operation. Thomas Jefferson believed the yeoman farmer to be the backbone of America. Our giving up farming as a way of life in exchange for “Progress” has come at a very high price.

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Platforms

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