

## Green Clay Smith

The second Prohibition presidential nominee

Green Clay Smith was a broadly experienced political figure. Born at Richmond, Kentucky on 4 July 1826, he was elected to the Kentucky legislature and to Congress, was appointed Territorial Governor of Montana, and was a major general in the Union Army during the Civil War. He graduated from Transylvania University, became a lawyer, served in the Mexican War, and toward the end of his life became a Baptist minister.

Smith belonged to the Unionist Party before the Civil War. While Territorial Governor of Montana, he was noted for seeking peace between the European settlers and the Indian tribes. He became active in temperance work after entering the ministry. He served several congregations in Kentucky, then was called to pastor the Metropolitan Baptist (now Capitol Hill Baptist) Church in Washington, DC. He died in Washington on 29 June 1895. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, the only Prohibition presidential candidate to be so honored.

Green was tapped by the Prohibition Party to be its presidential candidate in 1876. He and running mate Gideon Stewart ran in 10 states and received 9737 votes.

## Recruiting

A recent *Economist* magazine article about the leader of the (British) Labor Party, Jeremy Corbyn, notes that Corbyn is a teetotaler.

The author, also observes that Corbyn heads a group “mostly male, white, and aged ... for whom no dog-eared old cause is too sentimental...” Eh, wot?! This sounds like the Prohibition Party.

Our crying need in recruitment is to bring

in young, female, non-white, idealistic people to continue the work in future years. We used to have many such. We must have them again, or surely we will perish. Our traditional issues are still important, of course, but added to those in this year’s platform are planks addressing contemporary issues. The Hedges&Bayes campaign will address contemporary issues from the viewpoint of family and community as part of our recruiting strategy.

## Disingenuous Advertizing

The good people at Alcohol Justice/Marin Institute have called out the alcohol industry for “pinkwashing” their products by associating them with the “pink ribbon” campaign against breast cancer. The list of specific offenders includes brewers, vintners, and distillers.

Booze industry strategy involves public support for charities which conduct anti-cancer research and/or assist cancer victims, while selling a product which is well-known to cause cancer. Some advertizers add insult to injury by slyly increasing the amount of charitable support in parallel with the amount of alcohol purchased, which encourages consumption (and increases the risk of cancer). Hypocritical public relations has a long history in the intoxication business.

Thanks to the American Council on Addiction and Alcohol Problems for calling this research to our attention.

## Sex Discrimination

Being under the influence increases straight men’s homophobia toward homosexuals but does not increase their hostility toward lesbians.

## Candidate’s Musings

Education was a major concern of the American pioneers. In the Midwestern flatlands, after they had driven off the Amerindians and seized their land, the settlers surveyed their new territory into “sections” of one square mile each according to an elaborate system of ranges and meridians. A cube of thirty-six sections made one township. One acre in the middle of each block of 4 sections was reserved for a public school. Schools were arranged 8 around the sides of the township plus a “center school” in the middle of the township, so

that no child would have to walk more than 2 miles to get to a school.

My parents’ first farm was in East Lucas Township, Johnson County, Iowa, just east of Iowa City. I started my schooling at East Lucas # 3. It was a mile from home - half a mile along the main highway, then half a mile along a side road. Mother walked with me for the first week, to be sure I learned the way. After that, I was on my own.

East Lucas # 3 had no electricity or running water. On cloudy days, we sat near the windows in order to see our work. There was a hand-dug well at the back of the school yard. Each fall, my father, a school board member, would pump the well dry, then remove one of the planks covering it and pour in a jug of Clorox to purify it. Inside the school was a covered crock with a spigot. Each student had a personal drinking cup, hung on a nail beside the crock. The older boys were responsible for taking a pail to the well and keeping the crock full.

A hot lunch meant having the teacher set your lunch box on top of the stove jacket. Audio-visual instruction was a wind-up Victrola and a handful of records chosen from Victor’s school catalog of speeches, dramatic readings, and ethnic music.

Restrooms were two wooden shacks, his and hers, behind the school. They were firmly secured to posts on either side, to prevent their falling victim to the teen-age Halloween ritual of upsetting outhouses.

Opposite the school, across the road, were the neatly manicured athletic fields of the new Iowa City High School. Teacher would sometimes take us over there for phys-ed, instead of using our own rough, weedy school yard. The school yard was a good place to build grass forts by stuffing handfuls of dry grass into the branches of shrubs and then playing hide-and-seek at recess.

I may be the last presidential candidate of any party to have attended a one-room country school. Rural schools, free universal education, contributed mightily to America’s greatness. They prevented the formation of a rural underclass, eased the transition from farm to city for economic migrants, instilled Americanism, and were community centers. High schools required larger student bodies in order to support specialized course offerings, but country schools were a good place to spend one’s primary years.

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## Racking ‘em Up

The Hedges/Bayes ticket is now confirmed to be on the ballot in Colorado. This makes a total of three states certain.

We have filed in New Jersey, but there is still an unresolved problem there with electors.

Our field workers are busy in Tennessee and in Iowa.

We will file in Louisiana and in Tennessee as soon as their laws permit us to do so.

Receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the Prohibition Trust Fund Association will enable us to get on the ballot in two more states, possibly Washington and Minnesota.

Hedges is one of the seven candidates to be included in the American Independent Party of California “preference primary” to be held June 7th.

## Alcohol Geography

There is a village in central Pennsylvania, Port Matilda, which owes its name to alcoholism. Why there should be a “port” at this location, where the little stream trickling through the village could not even float a canoe, perplexes outsiders.

According to local lore, the village of Port Matilda was founded by a pioneer who wished to name it in honor of his daughter, Matilda. Matilda, it seems, was a notorious drunkard whose favorite beverage was port wine – a fortified (added alcohol) wine made in Portugal. She was generally referred to as “Port Matilda” on account of that and as soon as her father named his village “Matilda,” his neighbors made clear which “Matilda” by expanding the village name to “Port Matilda.”



## On-Line Therapy

A message board called “StopDrinking” is receiving rave reviews from its users. It is run by volunteers and lacks both a formal administrative hierarchy and formal philosophical basis, but it works.

Addiction specialists say that the forum includes the essential parts of other rescue programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, which are daily check-ins, round-the-clock support, and activities which offer alternatives to social drinking.

## Illegal Drug Use

National Prohibition was effective because it focused on the alcohol traffic instead of on drinkers. Today’s “War on Drugs” is failing because it targets users -- eighty-eight percent of people jailed for marijuana violations were charged with possession. This has worked wonders for the private-prison industry while making no dent at all in use.

Drug advocates claim that legalization and taxation would yield \$45 billion dollars for the government. That might be, but the same argument applied to beverage alcohol has resulted in a clean-up cost to the community fifteen times as large as the tax gain.

America should get control of its bor-

ders and go after the traffic in recreational drugs, not punish users for having been victimized.

## Mothers on High

The latest sales tactic by the drugs industry is to push food items adulterated with marijuana. Taking their cue from businesses which sell alcohol-laced candy and pastries, pot pushers are promoting bonbons and hor d’ouvres “enhanced” with cannabis.

Advertizing for these products is aimed at women, because women typically do most of the purchasing for home products. An added benefit of selling to women is that recreational marijuana products will be available to children at home, thus creating addicts at young, impressionable ages.

Hey: Children might even learn to like spinach, if it were served with marijuana!

Drink does not drown care, but waters it and makes it grow faster. – Ben Franklin

## Pickled Babies

A surprising, but most welcome, press release from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says: “Women of child-bearing age should avoid alcohol unless they’re using contraception.... Alcohol use in pregnancy costs the USA \$5.5 billion a year.”

“There is no known safe level of alcohol at any stage of pregnancy .... half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, and even if planned, most women won’t know they are pregnant for the first month or so...”

Alcohol use during pregnancy can cause lasting physical, behavioral, and intellectual disabilities. This “fetal alcohol syndrome” affects about 5% of all children.

We commend the government for speaking out in favor of abstinence!



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## Avoidance and Evasion

Todd Landau, writing in  
*The Economist*

Tax ‘avoidance’ was always an historically salutary term to distinguish illegal tax evasion from tax planning associated with proper legal behavior. The best quote on the subject remains the opinion of Judge Learned Hand in *Helvering vs Gregory* (1934) before the Court of Appeals: “Any-one may so arrange his affairs that his taxes shall be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose that pattern which will best pay the Treasury; there is not even a patriotic duty to increase one’s taxes.”

## Guidepost Questions for a Righteous Life

Learning to ask the right questions will provide your intellectual compass. Basic to that are these three: What is the purpose, the goal, of my life? Does my behavior reflect the instincts of honesty, integrity, and consideration for others that must be my contributions to our nation? How can I do for others the things that bring me enduring happiness?

*Progress magazine*

## Who’s in Charge?

Florida state chairman Bill Bledsoe says he wants a federal “government small enough to fit inside the Constitution.”

Disagreements over the size and rôle of national government began with the Articles of Confederation. Prohibitionists generally favor stronger states and weaker national diktats.

## Coffee with Jesus

A Republican, in a wheelchair, entered a restaurant one afternoon and asked the waitress for a cup of coffee. The Republican looked across the restaurant and asked, “is that Jesus sitting over there?”

The waitress nodded, “yes!”

So, the Republican requested that she give Jesus a cup of coffee, on him.

The next patron to come in was a Libertarian, with a hunched back. He shuffled over to a booth, painfully sat down, and asked the waitress for a cup of hot tea. He also glanced across the restaurant and asked, “Is that Jesus, over there?”

The waitress nodded, so the Libertarian asked her to give Jesus a cup of hot tea, “My treat.”

The third patron to come into the restaurant, was a Democrat on crutches. He hobbled over to a booth, sat down and hollered, “Hey there honey! How's about getting me a cold mug of Miller Light!”

He, too, looked across the restaurant and asked, “Isn't that God's boy over there?”

The waitress nodded, so the Democrat directed her to give Jesus a cold beer.

“On my bill,” he said loudly so everyone in the restaurant could hear.

As Jesus got up to leave, he passed by the Republican, touched him and said, “For your kindness, you are healed.”

The Republican felt the strength come back into his legs, got up and began to praise the Lord.

Jesus passed by the Libertarian, touched him and said, “For your kindness, you are healed.”

The Libertarian felt his back straightening up, he raised his hands and he, too, began to praise the Lord.

Then, Jesus walked, with a huge smile on his face, towards the Democrat.

The Democrat jumped up and yelled, “Don't touch me..... I'm on disability!”

## Internet Publicity

The Prohibition Party is the subject of an accurate and very nicely written new background article, published on the internet at: <http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/the-prohibition-party-still-exists-and-is-on-the-ballot-in-at-least-3-states>

Six Americans die every day from alcohol poisoning; ¾ of them are in their most productive years, aged 35 to 65. — *Harpers*

## Meet the National Committee:

### Gordon Hallock (New York)

Long-serving National Committeeman Gordon Hallock was born on 2 March 1948. He has lived in Washingtonville all his life except for a brief stint in Denver (1972-73) while working for the Environmental Protection Agency.

He joined the Prohibition Party in 1964. While living in Denver, he met late Party Chairman Earl Dodge. Hallock has been on the board of the Prohibition Trust Fund Association for many years.

Most of his working career was spent at the U.S. Military Academy, where he was employed in the Water and Sewer Department.

Now retired from West Point, Hallock fills his time with community volunteer work. He is also a railroad buff -- his current “big interest,” he says.

## Nicotiana tobacum

ASH, “Action on Smoking and Health,” is working to get tobacco controls included in the forth-coming United Nations declaration on Sustainable Development Goals. Tobacco is the world’s Number One preventable cause of disease and death. It is the common risk factor among cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease. In the United States, alone, it is the primary cause of more than 480,000 deaths each year.

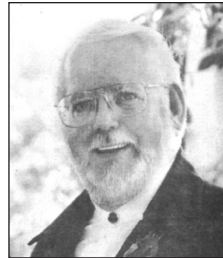
Like alcohol, tobacco is addictive, and its purchase deprives families, especially poor families, of money needed to obtain life’s necessities.

The Prohibition platform did not take specific notice of tobacco until 1972. Since then, the evidence has become abundantly clear that tobacco is a threat to family welfare, to public health, to economic development, and to public finances. Opposition to tobacco is a moral and a practical necessity. We firmly support ASH and its work to reduce the influence of tobacco on American society.



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Lives  
Families  
Communities**

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## From the Chairman’s Corner

*Rick Knox*

We are making steady progress on our ballot access. We are now on the ballot in Arkansas, Colorado, and Mississippi; probably also in New Jersey. Work is on-going in several other states.

Jim Hedges has made the ballot for the California American Independent Party primary in June. This is a great step forward, because other people are now beginning to recognize Jim as a viable candidate. We have chance of winning this primary, so if you have any friends in California, please ask them to spread the word.

We have a CD available with Jim Hedges and Bill Bayes speaking. If you would like a copy, please email me at [knoxand-knox@aol.com](mailto:knoxand-knox@aol.com). This CD is an excellent way of spreading the message about our Party and our candidates.

Please make a donation today! Money is the mother’s milk of politics. We need money for ballot access work as well as for the fall campaign. Give us your time a few hours a week of making ‘phone calls. Writing letters would also be a great help. In addition, we need electors in Tennessee, New Jersey, Iowa, and other states.

Don Webb needs help with membership in Florida. If you know someone in Florida willing to help, contact Don Webb at [alabamaaindependent@charter.net](mailto:alabamaaindependent@charter.net)

This will be the greatest campaign put forth by the Party in 56 years. We need doers, not talkers.

OK troops, let’s roll. Straight ahead!

## Storing Our Records

The Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan has been keeping an electronic file copy of our historical website, [prohibitionists.org](http://prohibitionists.org). since 2010. At the moment, there is no easy way to access their copy.

If you need to see it, this is the routine to follow: go to <http://bentley.umich.edu/dhome/webarchives/index.php>. Then, click on “politics and government.” Then, click on “Prohibition Party.” Then, click on “website.”

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## Prohibition Trust Fund Spring Meeting

The Prohibition Trust Fund Association held its Spring meeting via conference call on February 25th. It authorized paying the final installments of grants approved last fall.

The Trust Fund also approved an election-year grant of \$10,000 to the Prohibition National Committee, for ballot-access work. This money will enable us to get on the ballot in two more “easy” states, for a potential total of eight. The National Committee appreciates very much this support from the Prohibition Trust Fund!

## Abortions are Down

An Associated Press survey, reported by the *Christian Science Monitor*, has found that rates of abortion in most states have fallen during the past five years. The trend is thought to be due to increased availability of contraceptives and increased emphasis on sex education in schools. Five of the six states with the highest declines are states which have not increased the difficulty of obtaining abortions (Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Connecticut).

Increased affordability of contraceptives due to “Obamacare” has also played a role, by reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies.

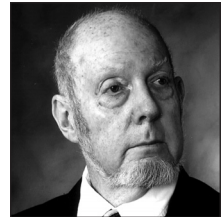
Some states adjoining other states which have erected higher barriers to abortion report an increase in abortions. This suggests that passing stricter laws just diverts customers elsewhere, without much affecting the total number of abortions.

## PCAP

The Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee has approved a grant of \$5000 to the Pennsylvania Council on Alcohol Problems, to support its work in the schools.

Pennsylvania schools are required to include classroom instruction on recreational drugs as part of their curricula. The Pennsylvania Council hires licensed teachers to provide this, at no cost to the school districts. There are always more schools applying for these teachers than PCAP has money to send.

The Prohibition Party does not benefit from the schools program directly, but it does gain from the enhanced awareness and family discussions which result.



The candidate speaks

## Taxes

A national, graduated income tax was a Prohibition Party initiative, first proposed in our 1908 platform. It is safe to assert, however, that our well-meaning ancestors did not foresee that their simple levy on wealth creation would evolve into the thousands of pages of rules and exceptions which burden and confuse today’s Americans.

The personal income tax should be repealed, entirely, and replaced by a national sales tax. The sales tax would apply to all retail transactions except those involving medical care and fresh foods.

Income taxes on businesses should be replaced by a value-added tax (if you buy an ingot of aluminum, for example, and turn it into cooking pots, the difference between what you paid for the ingot and what you received for the pots is the “value added”).

Doing these two things would greatly reduce the paperwork burden on citizens and would eliminate the unproductive jobs of legions of bureaucratic bean counters and pencil pushers.

We would repeal property taxes on primary residences, believing that government should not have the ability to tax us out of our homes.

We would consider a “wealth tax,” as is imposed by some foreign nations. A wealth tax applies to your net worth. Scripture teaches that of they to whom much is given, much is expected. That principle stated in contemporary terms is, if America has been good to you, you have an obligation to be good to America. We note that the combined wealth of the 40 richest American individuals equals the combined wealth of the poorer 50% of the entire American population. A wealth tax would to some extent re-distribute this imbalance.

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