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Future Direction

Carl Moore

I have found, through the surveys and analytical data I've gathered from ad campaigns, etc, that the most helpful thing to our party is maintaining our historical approach but staying separate from the hate and division of the "Big Two."

One of the principal replies from our survey responders ages 18-26 was that they would be inclined to join if we were to make politics more "Fun and Approachable." That REALLY struck me quite hard.

Responders aged 27-34 seem more stagnated; not being able to make any discernable responses on how we could appeal more to their age range.

Responders 35-55 seemed to hint that they are attracted to the historical aspect.

Responders aged 56 onward either had had some prior exposure or saw us as having had a legitimate concern some decades ago.

The solution: Balancing the historical angle, the issues, and our candidates' personas with a "fun, invigorating, and approachable" delivery. Our historical broad, progressive platform is the key to our being seen as a legitimate political party and a successful competitor against our "BIG TWO" opponents.

I do not want us to ever be viewed as a political parody or separate from our past. For us to move forward, we will have to embrace our past, stay away from the current polarization taking place, and replace the hatred seen in other parties for the happy and smiling faces in our own.

This will not be an easy balance. But it is one we can, *and will*, achieve if we maintain our clear and logical path forward.

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

-- John Quincy Adams

The Toyota Way

The Prohibition Party might well take a lesson in management from Japanese businesses, especially from the auto-maker, Toyota. Toyota inculcates a "corporate culture" into its employees which helps the company achieve its goals.

First of all, employees are expected to be self-motivating and self-directing: Don't wait for someone else to identify problems and instruct you on how to solve them: When you see a problem, analyze it carefully, then fix it – just keep your supervisor informed of what you are doing. This is the process of continuous improvement.

In dealing with a problem, go to the source: Find the facts for yourself, don't act on the basis of what someone else has said. His information may be incomplete or completely wrong.

Don't react to problems as though they were obstacles, welcome problems as opportunities.

Political campaigns, like manufacturing cars, are a team effort. Remember that by lifting others, we lift ourselves. Strive for personal excellence within the context of enhancing the work of the organization.

Respect your associates' skills and experience. They complement your own. Two people working together achieve more than do three people working alone.

Expressing differences of opinion is good for the organization, but do it in a respectful way. Toyota says, if two people always agree, one of them is superfluous.

Think of the Prohibition Party as a racing scull: fragile and barely above water. If anyone stands up, the boat will founder, but if we all listen to the coxswain and bend to the oar, we can win the race.

Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain cool and unruffled under all circumstances. *-- Thomas Jefferson*

Pennsylvania Commits to Website

Pennsylvania State Committee members met at Bedford on 3 September to firm up plans for a state website. Five thousand dollars were set aside for that purpose, and a local web designer was hired.

The contract includes an additional recurring fee for monthly updates.

To the extent possible, the Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee will work with other organizations in seeking our common political, civic, and community goals.

The Committee also agreed to hold quarterly "ZOOM" meetings for members, to be held the first Thursdays of March, June, October, and December.

Ante up to the Bankers

The United States paid more than \$562,000,000,000 on interest for the national debt in 2021. If our country had a cash-and-carry, balanced budget, then \$562 billion could have been invested in infrastructure, education, and environmental protection – among many needed improvements.

The Prohibition Party advocates a balanced budget amendment.

A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money. *-- Sen. Everett Dirksen*

Back in Bible days, "taking interest on money" and "usury" were synonymous and were forbidden.

Never give up!

Inspiring thoughts are sometimes to be found in the most unexpected places. Here is rallying advice from Roger Stone, who was an accessory-in-crime to presidents Nixon and Trump:

A man is not finished when he is defeated, he is only finished when he quits.

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“Rebecca”

Who am I? My name is Rebecca, I am 16 and transgender. I believe that I am not someone people would believe to be a member of the Prohibition Party, but I am now, because despite not being a drinker myself, and the fact I've never been one, I have been able to see how alcohol destroys people's lives in many ways.

Why did I join the Prohibition Party? Well first, there's the obvious reason. Because I am sick of the major two parties. They serve to do nothing other than divide our nation as much as they can, and to maximize profits for their corporate donors. We need to end the political polarization and end the status quo of the two party system.

People may say that voting for a third party is a waste of a vote, this is what I would say to any such person: If I have 100 perfectly good bananas, and I throw 97 of them in the dumpster, and eat the other 3, which group of bananas would you say went to waste? We, as a nation, need to hope for a change instead of just letting the status quo remain because we're afraid we can't do anything. At my age, I am not old enough to vote, but I will be during the next presidential election. I want my vote to go towards something of value, instead of the lesser of two evils.

The second reason I joined is more personal. I've experienced first-hand how alcohol can get out of control. When someone in your family is an alcoholic, everyone in the family is affected by it.

One of my closest relatives started drinking at a fairly young age. This relative is 13 years older than me, so I guess I

don't know if it was always this bad, but in 2019, my dad got a call to rush to this person's house as this relative appeared to be in distress.

I accompanied my father on this particular occasion, and we walked into a frightening scene. The house was in total disarray, paramedics and police were there -- I thought we might find this person dead. Instead, this relative was just dead drunk.

This scenario continued to get worse, the relative would binge drink to the point of passing out for weeks on end. This relative couldn't hold down a job, and it was affecting this relative's marriage and (our) family life. It's continued to cycle back and forth all these years later.

Alcohol addiction should be looked at as with any other drug addiction. Addicts will promise to stop, will go through some horrible effects of detox, only to be reeled back into the lures of alcohol repeatedly.

Currently, we are in a sober phase and are hoping that continues.

How can this “drug” called alcohol be so passively allowed? Our family rarely goes a day without worrying if today is the day this person starts drinking again. So far this person has been lucky and has suffered no known permanent injury; thankfully, this person is alive and well. But, that isn't the case for almost 88,000 Americans per year.

It is hard to see this person getting help, because alcohol is advertised everywhere. It's hard to escape it, and now you can even just get it delivered to your house. The relative may also simply be embarrassed to ask for help, because one of the many unhelpful things we have done about addiction is to stigmatize addicts.

America for the People

Mario Cuomo (père) must have been taking his cue from the Prohibition Party platform when he said at the 1984 Democrat convention: America needs a liberal philosophy built on a foundation of “family, mutuality, the sharing of benefits and burdens for the good of all, feeling one another's pain, sharing one another's blessing.”

The US Constitution was designed to promote “the general welfare,” not the advantage of any specific group or class.

Dry October

There's a new date on the calendars of our “moderation” friends: Dry October, and it's just around the corner. “Dry January” is also popular with them, or, in fact, dry anytime. But next month is October, so we'll go with that....

Us Prohibitionists know that there is a lot of collateral damage associated with drinking, in addition to its (alleged) benefits. People who drink regularly have become so well-adjusted to feeling bad that they think poor health, poor social relationships, and poor job performance are “normal.” The purpose of going dry for a month is to bring the disadvantages of alcohol consumption front and center in their consciousness.

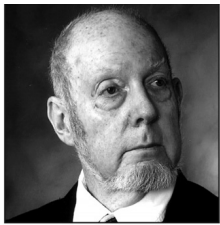
Now, there is a textbook for riding on the water wagon, whether it be during October or January (or any other time period): Hilary Sheinbaum's *The Dry Challenge*. Sheinbaum is a New York City life-style and food columnist. Her writing style is conversational and easy to read. The book is mostly “how to” and is thin on facts, but what few data she does include are correct.

Sheinbaum speaks favorably of returning to drink at the conclusion of the one-month challenge period – now, have a drink to celebrate your success. It's pretty obvious, though, that if one feels better after drying out for only a month, then staying permanently dry would be super!

None of us need to read *The Dry Challenge*, but any of us who have a friend or a relative (preferably one-and-the-same person, of course) who displays symptoms of drinking might well recommend Sheinbaum's book to him.

Neanderthals

The booze industry and its shills work hard to portray people advocating restrictions on beverage alcohol as a horde of Bible-brandishing cave men – zealots seeking to impose their own morality on everyone else. The Prohibition Party has had its share of those, but most of our activists have been progressive reformers, community leaders motivated by their personal religious convictions to adapt Christian principles to the changing needs of American society.



Editor's Musings

"Home"

Economists, those practitioners of "the dismal science," tend to believe that money and government can explain all that needs to be known about human society. A few of them, though, are coming to understand that community attachment is an essential part of well-ordered societies.

Lack of bonding to a local community results in homelessness, random shootings and other violent behavior, casual vandalism, and mental depression.

Trumpism in the United States, Brexit in England, the Rassemblement National in France, the Alternativ für Deutschland in Germany, and other nationalist movements – all of these are pro-democratic rebellions by local communities against economic and governmental consolidations which are producing a new feudalism of rich over poor.

Demands that workers leave their communities and move to where jobs are offered, instead of government helping bring jobs to where people are, disrupts communities and causes personal insecurity.

State controls over local government, then national controls over state governments, then global controls over nations – all deprive people of the ability to control their own lives and increase cynicism toward "remote" government.

Here in America, the Electoral College was designed to prevent the domination of small states by large states. Current liberal demands that the College be abolished, if successful, would further alienate ordinary citizens from government.

The Prohibition Party has always defended families. It needs now to defend communities, groups of families working together for the common good. Rural communities and small towns, and stable neighborhoods in urban areas, are the foundations of America.

Ray Perkins, Prohibition National Committeeman for the State of Maine, still has copies available of his book of reminiscences, *A Taste for Salt Water*. To order, call him at 207-832-4068. It's a good read!

Restraint of Trade

In the 1950s, only 1 in 50 occupations were reserved for people holding a government license. Today, 1 in 3 occupations are restricted by licensing.

A few licensing restrictions, especially those involving medical treatments or engineering, have a connection to public safety. Most are designed to protect people already employed from competition by newcomers.

It is illegal, for example, to give ghost tours in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania unless one holds the specific license to do so.

There will always be a few crooks and incompetents in every occupation, but the market can more efficiently eliminate them than can strangling governmental bureaucracies.



Psalm 10

Corrupt rulers are nothing new. Here is what a Bible writer observed (Psalm 10:2-5 & 7):

In his arrogance, the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.

He boasts about the cravings of his heart, he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.

His ways are always prosperous; your laws are rejected by him; he sneers at all of his enemies. His mouth is full of lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue.



A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. -- Saint Basil.



An American's Creed

William Tyler Page

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established on those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and their fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

Peanut Butter

Bob Kettering

The other week jars of Jiff chunky peanut butter were recalled all across the nation because there was evidence 14 people experienced some salmonella food poisoning in its product. Fourteen people sickened nation-wide but no deaths or long-lasting effects and yet a whole nation is concerned about Jiff chunky peanut butter. All this concern over 14 people mildly sickened due to peanut butter and yet alcohol consumption goes unchecked.

An article in the Lancaster Newspaper last month identified May as National Alcohol Awareness Month by the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol. In their report they stated: 'An estimated 95,000 people die from alcohol-related causes annually, making alcohol the third-leading preventable cause of death in the United States.'

A few years ago it was reported that of the estimated 50,000 people who died in highway accidents in the United States during that year, 25,000-30,000 of those deaths were alcohol related. Some will say 'if I drink, that's my business', but when alcohol causes such destruction and in addition the number of domestic abuse and violent crimes that are alcohol related... drinking does not just affect the individual...it is everybody's concern. A whole nation upset over 14 people sick due to peanut butter and alcohol use and abuse gets little or no attention. What is wrong with this picture? Do you see why I call alcohol the 'elephant in the room'? Impaired judgement, unsteady balance, slurred speech, vomiting and headaches from hangovers, unbridled inhibitions, violent reactions... what fun!!!

Do you know, if spinach brought only a fraction of the symptoms, the hurt and destruction and loss of life that alcohol brings, we would have demanded that spinach be removed from the supermarkets years ago. In your heart, you know what I am saying is true.



**Alcohol Destroys...
Lives
Families
Communities**



Willard Wylie

Willard Otis Wylie, was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts in 1862. He ran for Massachusetts Secretary of State in 1895, 1896, and 1915, for Treasurer in 1904, and for Governor in 1908.

Wylie was elected as a Republican to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1925-26 and again in 1927-28.

He was a philatelist, a publisher of magazines about postage stamps for collectors. In 1898 Wylie joined the *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* company and, in 1903, was named editor of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, which was, by that time, owned and merged by Mekeel's.

In 1913 the newly formed Severn-Wylie-Jewett Company, a partnership formed by Charles Esterly Severn, W. W. Jewett, and Wylie, purchased *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* and named Charles Severn its president and editor. Willard Wylie was assigned as vice president and managing editor. As part of his duties, Wylie was managing editor of *Mekeel's Handbooks*, each of which contained articles and monographs on important philatelic subjects.

During his administration he was able to solicit and select material from important philatelic writers and published approximately fifty handbooks, the handbook series ending in 1930.

When *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* was moved from Boston, Massachusetts, to Portland, Maine, in 1940, Eveleen Mary Weldon Severn took over as editor and Wylie was named Editor Emeritus.

Wylie also had a strong hobby interest in writing and printing. His devotion to amateur journalism soon brought him into political prominence there, and he was elected president of the Massachusetts Amateur Press Association in 1882, president of the New England Amateur Press Association the year following, then president of the National Amateur Press Association.

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No campaign in the annals of amateur journalism was ever so systematically conducted as that of Wylie's, under the management of Charles K. Watkyns, editor of *La Critique* of Brooklyn. The entire country was divided into sections, and these subdivided, each division with a chairman who made regular reports to Watkyns on the progress of the canvass in his district.

His paper, *Golden Moments*, published from Beverly, Massachusetts, held a leading place among the amateur journals from 1879-1883. It was attractive typographically as well as notable for its editorial excellence. In 1883 to 1884 he was associated with Howard K. Sanderson on *Our Compliments*.

Information from Wikipedia and from an article in nb: The National Amateur Press Association is a hobby writers' club founded by teen-agers at the Philadelphia World's Fair in 1876. In Wylie's time, it was populated largely by earnest young idealists, although today it consists mostly of nostalgic elderly people. (Your Editor, a nostalgic idealist, is himself a member of The NAPA.)



George Ormsby

George Ormsby, our 1988 and 1992 vice-presidential candidate, died on 20 May 2013. Publication of the National Prohibitionist had been temporarily suspended at that time, because of the then-ongoing Earl Dodge lawsuit, and Ormsby's death was not properly memorialized. George was also active in the International Organization of Good Templars. The following biographical sketch was provided by IOGT office manager Vickie Bakken:

George D. Ormsby of Aston, Pennsylvania was the husband of the late Miriam Ginter. They had two sons and a daughter.

At age 15, he worked at a textile mill as a mechanic. By age 20, he was superintendent of the second shift. At age 23, he was in charge of the Mt. Joy Plant #2.

In 1943, George left the Plant and became a member of the "Seabee" Naval Construction Battalion.

After the war, he returned to Delaware County and started Ormsby-Pierce Plumbing and Heating company with his cousin Ralph Pierce. He was secretary of the Philadelphia Suburban Association of Plumbing Contractors for 18 years. He was on the Delaware County Plumbing Council and belonged to the Philadelphia Suburban Association of Plumbers.

Ormsby was Chester Heights plumbing inspector for 35 years. He was also plumbing inspector of Aston Township for four years.

He belonged to the Lenni Heights Fire Company for 65 years; he and Pierce helped in purchasing their first new fire truck.

He was a long-time member of Covenant (now Meadowcroft) Presbyterian Church.

He was a member of the Prohibition Party and of the International Organization of Good Templars-USA. He served four terms as president of the IOGT-USA and was on its board for 30 years.

He was a long-time member of the Covenant (now Meadowcroft) Presbyterian Church.

He was an avid train lover and a generous Christian man.

Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery at Aston, Pennsylvania.



Anti-Abortion

The over-arching cause of human poverty and of environmental degradation is population growth, unsustainable growth. Fifty years ago, only four of the world's nations had succeeded in reducing their growth rates to zero – statistically, 2.1 children per woman. Today, nearly 100 nations have achieved that goal.

This reduction has been obtained by making contraceptives and contraceptive education more easily available, not by encouraging abortions. Indeed, greater access to contraception has reduced the demand for abortion, fulfilling the Prohibition platform plank against abortion.

Republican emphasis on the Mexico City Policy (the "global gag rule") and on opposing sex education indirectly promotes abortion – states with anti-abortion laws have more abortions.

Prohibitionists are getting it right, folks. Let's stay the course!

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