



Introducing...

A New Contributor

This issue features an opinion piece by new member Zack Kusnir. Kusnir is a financial advisor and nutrition and fitness consultant living in New York City. He has been a registered Prohibition Party voter for much of his life, but he has only recently decided to become an active member.

He has created a short, attractive website complementary to our "official" site: <https://prohibition.carrd.co/>

Kusnir's facebook page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/ZackKusnir/>

We think he is an excellent writer, and we look forward to his help in spreading our message.

Colin Powell

America's Best Soldier

The late Colin Powell served our country in many capacities, always modestly and entirely without scandal. Like General Jim Mattis, another top soldier, Powell had good advice for everyone:

- Keep a cool, clear head.
- Get mad, then get over it.
- Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

We in the Prohibition Party are perpetually optimistic, against great odds. We could not have lasted 153 years without optimism.

A Step Towards Fixing the Federal Student Loan Problem

Federal student loans were first issued to Americans to help not only benefit the individual, but to benefit the nation as a whole through a more educated public. The first federal student loans were provided by the National Defense Education Act of 1958, incentivized by the USSR's launch of Sputnik. Lyndon Johnson pushed for the program as he believed it was crucial for the next generation of Americans to be educated on the subject of science and technology to compete against the Soviets. Seven years later, federal student loans were extended further by the Higher Education Act of 1965. Similar to the National Defense Education Act, President Johnson believed that there was a need to provide resources to allow lower- and middle-income families the opportunity to obtain a college education.

Although federal student loans have achieved the goal of providing a large portion of Americans the resources needed to pay for college tuition, they have also left many graduates with daunting student loan debt balances. Over the years, access to federal loans has eased, which incentivized universities to raise their tuitions. Now, many students who obtained a college degree in order to be better off financially are burdened by debt with interest that is growing faster than their payments, meaning the amount owed is growing. Thankfully for those with federal student loans, they are eligible for income-driven repayment programs, which enable the borrower to pay either 10 or 15 percent (dependent on the parameters of the loan) of their discretionary income per year. Then after 20 or 25 years (dependent upon when the loan was taken, and/or if loan was for undergraduate or graduate costs) the balance is forgiven. The problem: under current rules, the forgiven balance counts as taxable income, which will leave many in an unfathomable financial situation when the time comes.

Please note that this article does not address those eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, who only need to make repayments for 10 years and will

not be subject to taxes on the forgiven balance.

Example: Let's say a borrower has a federal student loan balance of \$75,000 with an interest rate of 6%. The borrower's current income is \$50,000 per year (assume it remains constant for simplicity). Under one of the income-driven repayment programs known as "Income Based Repayment" (IBR), the borrower will owe \$397 per month as opposed to the standard repayment of \$821 per month. After 25 years of making these payments, the balance will have grown to \$104,467. This amount will be forgiven, but will count as \$104,467 in taxable income in the year it is forgiven. If we assume the borrower has an effective tax rate of 18.2%, the borrower will owe \$19,013 in taxes on the forgiven amount, meaning the total tax liability for the year will be \$28,081 on \$50,000 of income. Additionally, as the borrower was making payments of \$397 per month for 25 years, the borrower will have paid back \$119,100 on the \$75,000 loan.

An effective step towards fixing the federal student loan problem will be to dissolve the "tax bomb" that comes with forgiveness. Although this step would benefit some more than others, and many may find this to be unfair, there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Many individuals will have paid back more than they borrowed, such as in the example above, and dissolving the tax bomb will be a lifesaver.

Not only will this benefit the individual, but will benefit the nation as a whole, as student loans were intended to do. A nation with a large portion of individuals under insurmountable debt will hold us all back. The political left has constantly stated that they want to provide assistance to those struggling under the burden of student debt, and the political right has constantly stated that they believe in slashing taxes. The Prohibition Party advocates for free tertiary education for all qualified citizens. Dissolving the tax bomb will be a win for everybody.

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From the Chairman's Corner

Phil Collins

I thought that, since the PNC had vacancies, we should try to fill them. I emailed some members and asked if they wanted to join the PNC. James Clifton (of IN), James Dotson (of VA), and Scott Baier (of NJ) wanted to be on the PNC, for their states. John Pietrowski wanted to be on the PNC, at large. Our secretary, Jonathan Makeley, typed bios, about all four candidates. He emailed them to all of the current PNC members and mailed them to the members who don't use email. After the votes were received, Jonathan reported that all four of them received enough votes to be added to the PNC. I requested that the website be updated so that it will include the names of all PNC members.

Utah Knows the Way

Utah lowered its “drunk driving” BAC in 2018, from 0.08 to 0.05. A before-and-after comparison (2019 vs 2016) shows definitively that prohibition works.

Nationwide, the death rate from drinking and driving has increased 17% during the “Covid era,” but in Utah, the lower tolerance of drinking and driving reduced the death rate by 18.3%. The incidence

of alcohol-related accidents was reduced even more – down 19.8%.

Contrary to the panicked predictions of businessmen, revenues of the tourism and entertainment industries in Utah increased following the reduction in legal blood-alcohol content (BAC). Fear-mongering about potential loss of jobs because of stricter control over alcohol is a self-serving lie. Prohibition is good for business.

Hear! Hear!

Be sure to read Prof. Mark Schrad's recent article in *The Atlantic*, “The Truth about Prohibition.” Schrad points out that Prohibition was a worldwide reform. It was a campaign against capitalist exploitation and European colonialism in Russia, China, The Congo, Scandinavia, and aboriginal North America. It walked hand-in-hand in the United States with the suffragist and emancipation movements.

“This broader global context makes clear that prohibitionism was not conservative; it was progressive. It was not a culture clash of the propertied classes trying to ‘discipline’ the have-nots. Just the opposite: Temperance was a weapon of the weak against imperialism, against predatory capitalism, and against an autocratic state that promoted and profited from ordinary people's subordination to an addictive substance.”

Fraternities

An alcohol-caused death in the Pi Alpha Pi fraternity house at Michigan State University brings this year's toll to four. Phat Nguyen was killed on November 27th. He joins Stone Folz at Bowling Green State University (Pi Kappa Alpha), Thomas Hazlewood at the University of Kentucky (Farmhouse), and Andrew Oakes at Virginia Commonwealth University (Delta Chi) – and they are only the ones whose deaths made national news.

Although schools penalize fraternities for their most egregious offenses, and others don't allow fraternities on their campuses at all, membership in a fraternity is often seen by college students as a prestige “thing.”

Fraternity initiation rites commonly

include binge drinking. While only a few students pledge each year, their death rate per 100,000 is high. Joining a fraternity is one of the most dangerous things a young man can do.

Second Amendment Opinions

The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government

-- Thomas Jefferson

Are we at last brought to such humiliating and debasing degradation, that we cannot be trusted with arms for our defense? Where is the difference between having our arms in possession and under our direction and having them under the management of Congress? If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands?

-- Patrick Henry

Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. From the hour the Pilgrims landed to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to insure peace, security, and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable ... the very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference. They deserve a place of honor with all that is good.

-- George Washington

Gambling on Reservations

The proliferation of casinos on Indian reservations began in 1988, when President Reagan signed the “Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.” This Act surrendered American authority over gambling on reservations to the tribes themselves, and tribes on the east and west coasts were quick to exploit gambling by non-members to enrich themselves.

As often happens, businessmen (in this example, the tribes) take the profits from vice while leaving the clean-up costs to the general public. But in the case of Amerindian casinos, it's only karma getting revenge – after all, the European colonists gave the tribes firewater.

Pennsylvania Voters

Third-parties in Pennsylvania co-operate as the “Pennsylvania Ballot Access Coalition” to seek improvements in Pennsylvania candidacy rules. For the coming legislative session, our vehicle will be the “Political Party Equality Act.”

It’s a tough row to hoe! The major party duopoly may not agree on much else, but they both oppose competition at election time. Pennsylvania places more obstacles than do most other states in the way of people wanting to run as third-party or independent candidates.

The PPE Act would make all “Qualified Parties” (those with at least 0.05% voter registration) subject to the same rules for nominating candidates. Currently “qualified” parties are the Green, Libertarian, Democratic, and Republican.

Other candidates would have to obtain only the number of signatures as are required for major-party candidates at primary elections.

Clearly, voters need more choices. In 2016, only 11% of voters actually liked Trump, and only 12% really liked Clinton. “Neither of the Above” was the true winner – voters are tired of having to choose the lesser of two evils.

In the 2020 election, 65 Pennsylvania House races had just one name on the fall ballot; local races sometimes had no named candidates at all (and were determined by write-ins). Lacking meaningful competition for many decades, government quality has suffered badly, while its cost (for primary and general elections) has skyrocketed.

The PPE Act would increase competition on election day and give Pennsylvanians choices of policy instead of personality.

Your Editor represents the Pennsylvania Prohibition Committee at PBAC meetings.

New Approach

Let’s make drinking drivers who kill parents pay child support for the orphans!

A Missouri grandmother, Cecilia Williams, is lobbying for a law to do just that. The loss of young children’s parents lays an unanticipated financial burden on relatives who then have to raise the orphaned children.

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Can the Prohibition Party get behind this? It’s an issue with heart-string appeal which could get us a lot of beneficial publicity.

Inebriated Literature

The Rye in the Catcher
Ale to the Chief
Gunga Gin
Cannery Rosé
Romeo and Julip
The Handmaid’s Ale
Cognac the Barbarian
My Liver’s Travails
Gone with the Wine
From Beer to Eternity
Decanterbury Tales
Olive or Twist
Wine Kampf
Atlas Chugged
Tequila Mockingbird
Little Souse on the Prairie
Vintner of our Discontent

[Government is] “a contrivance of human wisdom to provide for human wants. Men have a right that these wants be provided for by this wisdom.” --- Edmund Burke

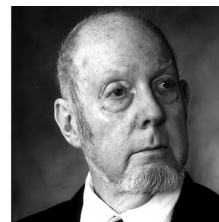
Has a Light Dawned?

The mental-health establishment has long been a captive of the booze industry: Its narrative has always been that drinking is good (just don’t drink “too much”) – *eg*, that we should use alcohol but not “abuse” it. The clinical description has been “alcohol *abuse* disorder.”

Now, maybe that’s changing. A recent major article by Chuck Ingoglia, President of the National Council for Mental Well-being, bravely calls it what it is: alcohol “use” disorder. The full text is reprinted in the Nov-Dec *National Good Templar*, citing the 24 September issue of the newspaper *USA Today*.

Ingoglia points out that drinking alcohol is the third-largest preventable cause of death in the United States, after smoking and obesity. The drug alcohol kills more people than do all illegal drugs, combined. And while large amounts of money and effort are devoted to reducing the consumption of illegal drugs, we allowed alcohol consumption to increase by 40% last year.

The drug alcohol is no less dangerous than are “illegal” drugs, says Ingoglia, and “too many Americans are drinking themselves to death. It’s time to sober up, America.”



Editor’s
Musings

Women’s
Rights

“This view that women are somehow inferior to men is not restricted to one religion or belief. Women are prevented from playing a full and equal role in many faiths. Nor, tragically, does its influence stop at the walls of the church, mosque, synagogue, or temple. This discrimination, unjustifiably attributed to Higher Authority, has provided a reason or excuse for the deprivation of women’s equal rights across the world for centuries. At its most repugnant, the belief that women must be subjugated to the wishes of men excuses slavery, violence, forced prostitution, genital mutilation, and national laws the omit rape as a crime. But it also costs many millions of girls and women control over their own bodies and lives, and continues to deny them fair access to education, health, employment and influence within their own communities.... The truth is that male religious leaders have had – and still have – an option to interpret holy teachings either to exalt or subjugate women. They have, for their own selfish ends, overwhelmingly chosen the latter.”
-- Jimmly Carter

The Prohibition Party has always treated women as equals. Our recent platform planks against abortion dishonor our history of equality. The issue is not “When does new life acquire its own individual rights?” The issue is: “Should old men (still) have the right to tell young women how to choose their own futures.”

Cigars

Cigars rarely are mentioned in anti-smoking publicity, but they’re also dangerous. The American Lung Association says that smoking two premium cigars in one day is equal in risk to smoking a pack of cigarettes.

Cigar smoke is more alkaline than is cigarette smoke, and its chemicals are more easily absorbed into the blood stream. Just because cigar smoke is not usually inhaled doesn’t mean that it is harmless.

Cigar smokers are up to 10 times more likely to die from cancers of the mouth, larynx, and esophagus than are non-smokers.

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One of Many
Thor Mauritzen
 Researched by Ken Faig

Thorwald (“Thor”) Mauritzen (11 June 1882 – 19 September 1952) was an influential Prohibition writer and editor in Illinois in the nineteen-oughties. He was born in Norway and emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1885, settling in Chicago. The eldest of 10 children, he dropped out of school after the eighth grade; however, he was a voracious reader and became self-educated on his own initiative.

Thor dabbled in many occupations and lived in many places, but he was most strongly attracted to journalism: He participated in hobby, for fun, writing clubs. He worked for several small newspapers and magazines. He wrote and self-published an autobiography.

Of most note here, he attended a lecture by our 1900 presidential candidate, John G. Wooley, and was immediately captured. He became business manager for the Chicago-based *Home Defender* in December of 1900, assigned to drum up subscriptions and donations. Independent temperance agitator Carrie Nation was a financial sponsor of this paper. The *Home Defender* had an amateur journalism department and pitched an appeal to young people.

Mauritzen left the *Home Defender* in 1905 and revived an earlier, quasi-amateur paper, the *Welcome News*. For several years, he was also associated with *The Boy Magazine* – a reformist paper sponsored by the Anti-Cigarette League.

And then he disappears from the Prohibition record, becoming at various times a Republican, a Democrat, and a Socialist, settling finally on the Socialist Party. But even that was not a good fit. Thor was a strict Lutheran (one of only few Lutherans who have been active Prohibitionists), and secular socialism grated on him.

Thor lived in Seattle, Washington for several years, becoming associated there with the anti-war movement and with the IWW labor movement. Finally, he settled in Los Angeles, California, living always in rented accommodations and working at journalism-related jobs.

Thorwald Mauritzen is not known ever to have been a Prohibition Party candidate, but he was typical of the many youthful idealists who travel through our Party while searching for a political home.

Don't nag; reply and move on –
Prov. 19:13, 21:9, 25:24, 27:15
 -- Progress Magazine

Fruit of Repeal

In Maine, the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment but also the first state to endorse the 21st Amendment, the payback from legalizing alcohol was swift and decisive:

In the 6 months prior to Repeal (July-September 1932), There were 903 arrests for public intoxication. In the same 6 months after Repeal (July-September 1933), there were 1214 arrests. The then-Direction of the Maine Christian Civic League had it right when he said “The days of the drunkard are returning to the Pine Tree State.”

We have a stock of Ben Bubar's book, *The Devil Let Loose in Maine*, a free copy of which will be sent on request. (This is Ben Bubar, Senior – the father of 1976-1980 presidential candidate Ben Bubar.)

Greed

One of the arguments used to promote the “Brexit” fiasco in Great Britain was that, by leaving the Common Market, Brits would avoid paying the higher Continental taxes on beer. Lowering taxes would promote drinking, boosting the British economy.

Appeals to greed cause many social harms.

Biblical Guidelines which We Follow Here

Think before you speak –

Prov. 15:28 and 29:11 & 20

Speak truth in love –

Eph. 4:15 and 25, Col. 3:9

Don't exaggerate or dissemble --

Psalms 34:13, Titus 2:8

Be a ready listener, and don't

interrupt the speaker –

James 1:19, Prov. 18:13

Don't quarrel; disagree amicably –

Prov. 17:14 and 20:3, Eph. 4:31

Don't lose your cool, reply calmly –

Prov. 14:29, 15:1, 25:15

When verbally attacked, criticized, or blamed, do not reply in kind –

Rom. 12:17, Peter 3:9

When wrong, admit it and ask forgiveness, don't shift blame –

Genesis 3:11-14, James 5:16

Novel Publicity

Effective advertising depends first of all on finding or creating a way to attract people's attention to your message. Ben Bubar, our 1976/80 presidential candidate did that by handing out cans of “moose milk” (re-labelled cans of condensed cow's milk). Our 1904 presidential slate, Silas Swallow and George Carroll, had a lead-in, “When the Swallows come Carrolling home.”

Today's Prohibition Man-in-Massachusetts, Adam Seaman, uses a space-related theme. Before you dismiss his idea as utopian science fiction, realize that it is based on contemporary technology and can display all of our platform planks in real-life applications.

Seaman is pushing the boundaries of elected office and running for Mayor Springfield, Massachusetts. Only thing is, he is running to be Mayor of Springfield within the Space Nation of Asgardia.

Asgardia is a micronation formed by a group of people who have launched a satellite into Earth orbit. They have declared sovereignty over the space occupied by and contained within “Asgardia 1,” a satellite launched from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport in 2017. The Asgardians have adopted a constitution, and they intend to access outer space free of the control of existing nations.

Mr. Seaman is running to be Mayor of Springfield, Mass. within the framework of this government and he is promoting the Prohibition Party while doing so. “In a time where the private sector is pushing the boundaries of where humanity can exist I thought this would be a fun experiment and in running I get to promote the party, its values and at the same time show people the Prohibition Party is a modern, forward thinking party dedicated to a better future for all.”

You can vote for Mr. Seaman at the following website address and by becoming an Asgardian: <https://asgardia.space/en/mayoral-elections/United%20States/Springfield/>

If you wish to know more about what Asgardia is, visit it's Wikipedia entry here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asgardia>.”