



Best Since 1988

Hedges & Bayes Ticket Gets 5500 Votes in Three States

The Prohibition Party vote this year was 4576 in Arkansas (7th out of 8 presidential candidates), 683 in Mississippi (7th out of 7), and 150 in Colorado (11th out of 22). There will be a scattering of write-in votes, also; those numbers are not yet available. The total for Hedges & Bayes should be around 5550.

These are not enough votes to make a difference in the election, but they are a witness that the Prohibition Party is still alive and well. They keep us in the history books as America's oldest active "third party," and they keep our signature issue (beverage alcohol) in front of the public.

Hedges & Bayes repackaged the Prohibition platform to make it sound more family- and community-friendly and less doctrinaire. More emphasis was placed on contemporary issues.

We had an active presence on social media, for the first time ever. We were on Facebook and on Twitter, thanks to new members David Hammer, Andrew Oliver, and Michael Hess; Connie Gammon and Raymond Edwards also were active in Facebook on our behalf.

Several dozen people, mostly young, contacted us as a result of seeing our "Hedges&Bayes" and "ProhibitionParty" websites.

Newspaper and internet publicity was good – respectful, even sympathetic. We were included in several pre- and post-election surveys.



*The Prohibition Party -
conservatism with a conscience*

There Should Have Been Seven

Campaign staff attempted to file our ticket in Iowa, Louisiana, New Jersey, and Tennessee, also. Paperwork problems defeated us in all of those states.

In a uniquely unforeseeable turn of events, the Post Office refused to deliver our Iowa petitions to the Secretary of State's office. The PO claimed, falsely, that our parcel lacked a complete address and returned it to Hedges on the last day for filing – too late to get it to Des Moines by 5:00 pm.

Two of our Tennessee electors were poached by other third parties on the morning of the last day for filing – too late for corrections to be made.

Our field worker in New Jersey was flim-flammed by several of the people he signed up as electors, being given false names and/or addresses. New Jersey rules specify that electors must be signed up before any petition signatures are gathered; we had some spare electors, but not enough, and we couldn't afford to begin the process all over again.

In Louisiana, a terrific storm a few days before the filing deadline took down telephone and internet communication with our electors, and we were unable to complete the paperwork in time.

The Iowa and Louisiana problems were unforeseeable, but they could have been avoided had we filed our papers early in the "window" instead of waiting until near the end.

The New Jersey and Tennessee problems arose because we did not insist on using our own members as electors. We

recruited strangers off the street, because that involved less time and travel (less expense) than requiring the field worker to arrange personal visits with members all around those states; in retrospect, that was penny-wise and pound-foolish.

The fundamental problem was that we don't have enough boots on the ground, not enough members to help with the work. We need to develop local organizations in all of those states, so that, four years from now, we can get our ballot work done quickly and reliably.



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

Magna Carta Prayer

(Book of Common Prayer)

Most gracious God, we give you most hearty thanks for all such liberties and rights as are held well and peacefully, freely and quietly, fully and completely by ourselves and all in our land.

We pray for all who serve in the maintenance of our laws; that they shall serve faithfully to your glory and to the present and future welfare of our nation, shall truly and indifferently minister justice, and so order all things brought to their care that peace and happiness, truth and justice shall be established among us for ourselves and for generations yet to come. Amen.

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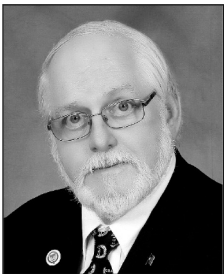
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From the Chairman's Corner

Rick Knox

We made a great comeback in the November general election! We received 5500-plus votes and had an amazing showing in the state of Arkansas, out-running the Constitution Party there. We had ballot status in only three states, Colorado, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Through a twist of bad luck and numerous other terrible events, we were not able to make the ballot in Louisiana, Tennessee, New Jersey Iowa, and Florida; even in the state of Mississippi after we obtained ballot status as a recognized political party, the State then attached a fee of \$2500 to be on the ballot.

We owe a great deal of thanks to our candidates, Jim Hedges and Bill Bayes. It was a shame, however, that the load of the entire campaign was on the shoulders of a few. Many decided to sit the election out. This was a failure on the part of some of our members to help keep this historic Party alive.

In 2012, we had a pitiful showing, finishing last in the national popular vote. However, we increased our vote 10-fold in 2016, and we did 9 times better than in 2008.

Another great story about the election of 2016 was the strong showing of Jim Hedges in the California American Independent Party primary in June.

As we reflect on this year, we must ask

ourselves a few questions: (1) What are we going to do to build a Party for the future? (2) Should we get more involved on the local level? (3) What goals do we wish to seek in the future, and how do we achieve these goals? (4) Since politics is an on-going battle, we must start the search ASAP for state, county, and federal candidates in 2018. Many offices will be up for grabs, and many will have only one major-party candidate. I say, let's target Mississippi, Tennessee, and West Virginia with candidates, or any state where someone is willing to stand up. Organization is the key to victory, and it's never too early to start.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Come January, let's get to work. Build, build, build, that should be our motto. Ever forward!

Editor's second: Yes, best wishes, everyone, for the coming year. And now, pile in! *Ad Astra Per Ardua*



Gambling

Florida National Committeeman Bill Bledsoe recommends reading up on James Iredell, one of the Founding Fathers and later an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1770-1799). Iredell says, in a letter to his brother Francis Iredell, Jr.:

“But there are two very dangerous vices, against which I must particularly caution you – gaming and drinking. The incitement to the first is the hope of gain. What incitement the other has, God knows – I know not. How, how many men have made fortunes by gaming? Or have any? And how many have been ruined by it? Millions? God forbid any friend of mine should add to that number. Between two persons of equal skill the chance is equal, and one must infallibly lose. And when we again consider the innumerable harpies to be met with in all disguises, I would point at a gaming house as a place of utter destruction.”

— *Papers of James Iredell (1776), Raleigh, North Carolina, Division of Archives and History, v. 1, p. 68.*

See also: *Willis P. Whichard (2000) – Justice James Iredell: Academic Press, 382pp.*

Another Loss in Boxing

Prohibitionists often view boxing as an uncivilized hold-over from the days when brute strength was the foundation of social order – a “sport” where the goal is to injure one's opponent so severely that he loses consciousness. The roster of countries where professional boxing is illegal has recently grown shorter.

Cuba, Sweden, and now Norway, all have recently repealed their bans on boxing.

The World Medical Association has long called for boxing to be banned everywhere. Norway's ban was based on health concerns, for example.

Cuba's ban on boxing, imposed when Castro came to power there, was based on the philosophical conflict between Marxism and exploitation for profit.

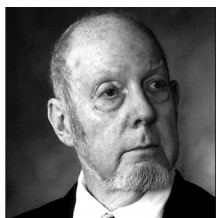
Everywhere, it seems, the libertarian principle of “let each person pick his own poison” is trumping social concern for the weak. The Prohibition Party, justly seen as the “home protection party,” is one of the few voices still defending human values.



Sea-Level Rise

The usually rational Union of Concerned Scientists, of which candidate Hedges is a member, is foolishly advocating a “Zuider Zee” strategy in regard to sea-level rise: Leave everything just as it is, but build the dike higher. This approach must ultimately fail, and in the meantime it pours taxpayer money into a politically soothing panacea. The most recent estimate of sea-level rise is that melting of the Greenland ice sheet would raise sea-level by 20 feet; melting of the Antarctic ice sheet would raise sea-level by 200 feet. As this happens, most of Florida, the Delmarva Peninsula, the lower Mississippi valley, and coastal plains generally are going to be lost to the sea. This may occur within the 100-year design lifespan of most infrastructure and human habitations. We need to be helping the residents of those areas relocate to higher ground, instead of permitting new construction anywhere near today's mean high tide.

We also need to be adjusting our population size downward to compensate for the loss of living area caused by encroaching seas. Our descendants are going to have to squeeze into a much smaller dry-land America and world.



Editor's Musings

Road Racing

I don't enjoy touring – living out of a suitcase, eating at greasy spoons, checking for peepholes in the doors of shared hotel bathrooms. Half of the Marine Band spent two months each fall on tour: two concerts a day, every day in a different town. I rarely went, preferring to remain in Washington on "home guard," doing the routine ceremonial details which were our typical duty.

The tour band travelled in chartered inter-city coaches, one for smokers and the other for non-smokers. During the few hours between matinée and evening performances, the men would pursue their various inclinations – doing laundry, drinking, whoring, collecting. One of them was a rail fan, and he filled his allotted space on the bus with toy trains. I frequented second-hand stores, looking for old records.

The bus drivers were a jovial pair, always ready to have a good time. One year, Col. Schoepper encouraged them to "beat the clock," to get from town to town faster and faster, so that he could sleep later and later. The drivers made it from downtown hotel in Pocatello to downtown hotel in Idaho Falls, 70 miles, in 60 minutes. The men were uncomfortable, but none was willing to complain.

Another day, the drivers raced each other up hill on a two-lane road, forcing oncoming traffic into the ditch. Again, no one was brave enough to complain. The local sheriff stopped the busses and demanded to know what was going on. Schoepper told him: "This is a military convoy, you have no jurisdiction, get off my bus."

At Wayne, Nebraska, the quickest way out of town was a gravel road paralleling the railroad tracks. Seeing a train, the drivers raced it – until the road made a sudden sharp turn and crossed the tracks. The first bus made it across ahead of the train; the second skidded to a stop amid a shower of loose stones. The train went between them.

When we got back to our Sioux City hotel

after the matinée, I went to the local ICC office and made a complaint to the agent. He had spent the day catching truckers, and he thought two bus drivers would make a fine sauce on his pudding.

Getting on the bus after supper, for the trip back to Wayne for the evening performance, I looked along the street: There as a gray GSA car parked behind the busses. The agent followed us to Wayne, then blocked the exit from the parking lot with his car. One driver as written up for 15 violations, the other for 13: speeding, failure to stop at railway tracks, not having log books current, and so on.

The colonel's take on this? "If we have to obey speed limits, we'll just have to get up earlier!"



The Nadir of American Government

A perspicacious political overview is an article in the 2-15 May 2016 issue of *New York magazine*. Andrew Sullivan writes in "Democracies End:" "An American elite that has presided over massive and increasing public debt, that failed to prevent 9/11, that chose a disastrous war in the Middle East, that allowed financial markets to nearly destroy the global economy, and that is now so bitterly divided the Congress is effectively moot..." has created an opening for a vulgar fool to capture one of the dominant political parties.

Not that the presumptive Democrat nominee is much more desirable herself – a devious, unprincipled beltway insider.

Surely now is the time for a third-party candidate to defenestrate these self-serving hustlers. If you live in a state where the Prohibition Party will be on the ballot, please call for a change by voting for Hedges and Bayes.

If we are not on your ballot, then vote for the candidates of another third party – any third party – to show your displeasure with the status quo.



A man is often better known by the enemies he makes than by the company he keeps, though a politician is best known by the company that keeps him.

— Ira Landrith

The Venango Plan

Pennsylvania Prohibitionists in years past had many ballot successes by using the "Venango Plan" – a tactic which obtained pledges from voters to vote for our local candidate if the said candidate obtained enough pledges to win. It is a way to counter the "you're too small to win" criticism. The name comes from Venango County in northwestern Pennsylvania.

This year, a libertarian colony has been successfully established in New Hampshire, using the Venango Plan. Activists obtained promises from 20,000 people to move to New Hampshire if the goal of 20,000 promises could be reached. The "Free State" project required 10 years to complete. Some 2000 people, anticipating success, already have moved to New Hampshire and are winning posts in local and in state government.

The Venango Plan, like so many other reforms, was a Prohibition Party initiative.



Cancer Sticks

As sub-Saharan Africa becomes (somewhat) wealthier, smoking rates are increasing dramatically. The World Health Organization reports that 17 of the 27 countries where the incidence of cigarette smoking is still increasing are in Africa. Nearly half of Congolese men now smoke. Tobacco companies are zero-ing in on Africa, because regulations are lax, taxes are low, and there is a high percentage of young people in the population.

China is the other hot spot for tobacco problems. One-third of all the world's smokers live in China. The government produces cigarettes and does not regulate them closely – even small children are able to purchase cigs, a situation analogous to that of alcohol here in Pennsylvania, where the government ("State Stores") both sells alcoholic beverages and pretends to regulate them.

Until governments divorce themselves from the traffic in recreational drugs, it will be difficult to campaign against any.

All the days of the afflicted one are bad, but the one with a cheerful heart has a continual feast. – Proverbs 15:15 (NWT)



William Daniel
1884
Vice President

William Daniel

William Daniel, the Prohibition Party vice-presidential candidate in 1884, was born on Deal Island, Maryland on 24 January 1826. Daniel attended Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1848. He then studied law and was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1851. He was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1853 and to the Maryland Senate in 1858. He was an Abolitionist and followed the evolution of political reformers from Whig to Republican to Prohibition. He was a Methodist, holding many positions within that denomination. He began agitating for prohibition in 1857, urging the passage of county local option laws. Eventually, 13 of Maryland's 23 counties became dry. Daniel was the first President of the Maryland Temperance Alliance, organized in 1872 and continued in that office for 12 years. He then served 3 years as Chairman of the Maryland Prohibition Party. He was Chairman of the 1884 Prohibition Party national convention. In 1889, he was mainly instrumental in organizing a Prohibition camp-meeting association which subsequently purchased very desirable grounds, about 20 miles from Baltimore, erecting upon them a tabernacle, where an annual Prohibition camp is held, which has become a great educational Prohibition center. It is known as the Glyndon Park Camp-Grounds. He was a Trustee of his alma mater. William Daniel died in Baltimore, Maryland on 13 October 1897.

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

Campaign Expenses

We spent a heap of money on the 2016 presidential election. Most of it was provided by Pennock Fund income; partly current income and partly an escrow windfall resulting from the final resolution of the Earl Dodge lawsuit. There was also a \$10,000 special grant from the Prohibition Trust Fund, for which we are grateful. Dues and donations from individuals amounted to perhaps \$1500.

The catalog below does not include small amounts of personal money spent by the candidates, and it does not itemize small "petty cash" expenditures for, e.g., postage, notary fees, xeroxing.

Ballot-access expenditures are counted as "organizational" expenses, not "campaign" expenses. Subtracting those, we did not reach the \$5000 trigger for making financial reports to the Federal Election Commission, and no FEC reports were filed.

Campaign manager	
Retainer	\$5000
Miscellaneous expenses	1239
Ballot access in the states	
Arkansas	1400
Colorado	1000
Florida	100
Iowa	8000
Louisiana	2500
Mississippi	2500
New Jersey	6000
Tennessee	4095
Advertising	
Facebook page	75
National website	446
Florida website	156
California newspaper	250
California Amer. Ind. Party	3500
<i>(Primary election expenses)</i>	
Maryland newspaper	207
Pennsylvania newspapers	622
<i>("co-ordinated expenditures" by Penna. State Committee)</i>	
Radio spots (Mississippi)	2250
Hardware	
Lapel pins (Hedges)	274
<i>(Knox pins and bumper Stickers not itemized)</i>	
Platforms	83
Misc. petty cash	64

Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. – Washington Irving

Plural, not Secular, America

Part of today's "Politically Correct" fad is to make religious celebrations generic, so that everyone can feel included. But, doing so sucks the life out of rituals which many of us consider essential witnesses to our faith. We're not going to begin calling a Menorah "holiday candles," are we, or a Ramadan supper "holiday feast?" So why are some of us intent on converting a decorated evergreen tree into a "holiday tree?" True, decorated evergreen trees as religious symbols long pre-date Christianity, but for most Americans they are specifically "Christmas trees." Let's respect our American heritage and, if you choose to celebrate the birth of Jesus by decorating a tree in your home this winter, call it by its proper name: Christmas tree.



Radio Spot CD Available

We did radio advertising in Mississippi. A CD containing an introduction by campaign manager Rick Knox and short statements on various issues by the candidates is available for \$10, postpaid. Order from Prohibition National Committee, Box 11, McConnellsburg, Pa. 17233.



A Prohibition Party Office

Chairman Knox has appointed a committee to study the possibility of acquiring an (other) headquarters building. The committee chairman is Rev. Davis; members are Bill Bledsoe, Bill Bayes, and Jim Hedges. The committee is to report at next year's Mid-Term Conference.

