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A Vision for the Future

In these trying times, the Prohibition Party of New York continues its work to advocate for positive policies and advance social reform. We offer a vision for a better future for New York. A vision for a new approach to governance focused on moral principle, public service, and advancing the public wellbeing. A vision of a state filled with healthy, prospering communities, and greater opportunity for all New Yorkers. If you are interested in helping to make a positive impact on your state and your community, consider joining the Prohibition Party of New York.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"
Addie Philko

National Prohibition Party News

Here is some of the latest news for the Prohibition Party Nationally. On April 25th, the party's national committee held a conference call. Mr. James Coleman was selected to become the party's new national treasurer. With a new treasurer selected, the party hopes to move forward with plans to create a system for people to be able to donate money to the party and pay membership dues online. Committeeman Ryan Jenkins was selected to fill a vacancy on the party's executive committee. Mr. Jenkins was also appointed to be the new manager for the party's online merchandise store.

The national committee voted to make some updates to the party's convention rules. Most of these changes involved minor procedural changes or clarifications. Notable details included formalizing the requirement that voting convention delegates are required to be dues-paying members of the party, and that the date of the convention should be announced by March 31st of the year of the convention.

The Prohibition Party continues to move forward with its efforts with the

2020 presidential election. We are working to get our presidential candidate Phil Collins on ballot in as many states as possible. Ballot access efforts in Arkansas, Colorado, and Mississippi appear to be progressing well, and there is fair confidence that we will be on the ballot in those states.

Ballot access efforts in Tennessee have not yet formally started. The legal period for petitioning to get on the presidential ballot in Tennessee doesn't start until May 22nd. Though we are working on efforts to recruit electors and campaign volunteers in preparation for when the petitioning period starts.

There is bad news for Louisiana. Due to problems regarding the Novel Coronavirus and how it impairs our ability to meet certain requirements for petitioning to get on the ballot, our chances of getting on the ballot in Louisiana for 2020 have been impaired. As a result, it was decided that we would suspend our efforts in Louisiana and focus our resources on trying to ensure that we could get on the ballot in other states.

There is some good news for the state of Vermont. Vermont had greatly reduced its presidential ballot access requirements for 2020 due to the Novel Coronavirus; making it so that it only required finding three people in the state to act as presidential electors and filling out some paperwork. We are working on finding electors for Vermont.

In March, Phil Collins had won the California AIP primary. Though the primary is non-binding and we'll have to wait to see whether they will decide to honor the primary results and place Phil Collins on the ballot, or decide to nominate someone else. While there may be some hope, their past actions indicate that there is a great likelihood that they will nominate someone else.

The party may also work to gain write-in certification for the ticket and conduct write-in campaigns in various other states.



State Prohibition Party News

We in the Prohibition Party of New York continue to move forward in our efforts. Recently, we have seen some success in the legislative front. The state legislature has passed some bills increasing restrictions on tobacco sales in the state. This includes banning the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies, banning the sale of any flavored e-cigarette or flavored vaping product which has not received FDA approval, restricting the delivery of e-liquids to licensed shops, requiring the manufacturers of e-cigarette products to disclose all materials and ingredients in their products, restricting the advertisement of tobacco products near schools, and increasing penalties for those who illegally sell tobacco products to minors. We are continuing our legislative efforts, and hopefully, we will be able to get some more positive legislation passed before the end of this year's legislative session.

As we move forward in the year, we move closer to the 2020 presidential election. While we unfortunately won't be able to get our presidential ticket on ballot in New York this year, we are working to gain write-in certification, and hope to conduct a strong write-in campaign in the coming months.

In the coming months, we hope to ramp up our messaging efforts, to engage more New Yorkers, and further build up our party in New York.

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“Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world” Dolores Huerta

Statewide Messaging: Promoting a Vision for the Future

We are currently facing trying times, as we deal with the outbreak across the world. Many aspects of our lives and our society have been disrupted, and we shall face many challenges as we move forward. But once this crisis has passed, the people of New York will face a new future, and the people of New York will have opportunities to work to shape this future. We have the chance to not merely return to normal, but to build a better future: to enact positive social reforms. The Prohibition Party of New York can work to present a vision for the future, and engage people in the work of creating it.

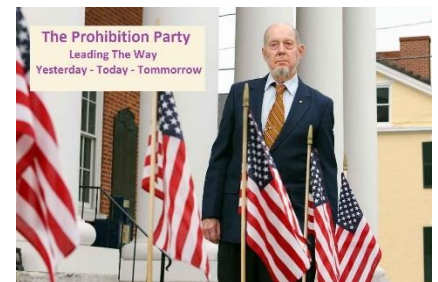
The Prohibition Party of New York can offer a vision for building a better future in New York. We offer a vision for creating a new political environment. Of advancing an approach to politics and good governance centered on moral principle, ethical public service, and advancing policies to protect and advance the lives and wellbeing of the people. Of state and local governments that effectively work to serve the people, driven by the civic participation of informed citizens, working to advance the public good. We stand for protecting the lives and wellbeing of people, for elevating the condition of people, for reason, for moral responsibility, for community and family, and progress. We reject greed and hedonism, and oppose their corrupting effect on our social systems and public institutions. We stand in opposition to practices and systems which exploit and harm people for the sake of greed and selfish gratification, and recognize the need for social reform to combat such social ills. In this we offer a philosophic basis for approaching politics and reforming our state and local governments. To advance this, we must work to educate and promote these principles among people, and to encourage those who support such principles to get involved. For that, we must develop and expand our messaging. The more people that we can get to embrace these principles, and the more that people who embrace these principles

are actively engaged, the more can work to change the political environment in the state. And as more people come to embrace these principles and become engaged, we must work to develop activism and organization. Through community projects, legislative activism, and electoral efforts, we can work to change our political environment and advance positive reform.

We offer a vision for advancing the prosperity of the people and communities of New York. We embrace an understanding of prosperity based not merely in money or materials, but the wellbeing of people and the opportunities that people have to achieve their potential. We seek to protect and advance public health. To confront the serious public health problems by alcohol, tobacco, and other harmful substances. We seek to improve our state’s education systems, so that we can better help people develop knowledge, reason, character, skills, and good citizenship. We seek to advance a better approach to economic development that is responsible, sustainable, and designed in a holistic manner. We aim to reform our states economic development efforts to make them more effective, to root out the corruption that has plagued past efforts, and to get rid of practices which give unfair advantages to the politically connected or which promote businesses that cause greater damage to the rest of the economy and society. We recognize that industries that profit harming and exploiting people, such as the alcohol and tobacco industries, are damaging not only the health, safety, and lives of New Yorkers, but that they cause vast social, medical, and economic damages, which weaken our economy. We recognize that by working to reduce and eventually eliminate such cancerous industries, we can improve the economic conditions of our state in the long-run. We recognize that many local communities in our state have long struggled, and that we must work to develop the infrastructure, services, and sustainable business needed to help these communities thrive. We aim to improve the general conditions of life for people and communities, and help give people greater opportunity. To this end, we must work to spread our message, to educate and engage people on important issues, and to foster efforts at reform ranging from individual efforts,

to community projects, to legislative activism and electoral participation.

Now is the time to lay the groundwork. We can work to develop and expand our messaging: to share our vision and encourage them to join in our efforts to build a better future for New York. We can work to expand our messaging by sharing our message through internet platforms, by writing letters to the editor to various newspapers, by talking with people we know, by reaching out to activists and groups who share common ground with us, and various other efforts. With enough effort, we can have an impact on the public discourse and help shape how the state moves forward.



“We need an economy that better meets the needs of the people. Both history and present conditions show that mere laissez-faire approaches fail to protect the public against the harm caused by abusive actions of the greedy, and are insufficient for the provision of the public services needed for the welfare and prosperity of the public. Free-enterprise needs to be ordered by regulation, complemented by communal action, and situated with an environment with sufficient public services, to realize its greatest potential for contributing to the prosperity of a society.” Jonathan Makeley





Yet Another Attack on Our Election System

Yet another anti-democratic attack has been made on our state's election system. Last year, a group of political elites hijacked a state commission on public financing of elections to illegally rewrite state election laws for ballot access. They sought to massively increase the requirements for independent and minor party candidates to get on ballot, and for minor parties to acquire and maintain statewide ballot access. They aim of this change was to suppress political competition and remove most options for voters on the ballot. In March, a judge ruled that their changes violated the state constitution and struck them down. These same anti-democratic elements have now attempted the same thing through the state budget. They took advantage of special procedures during the budget process to rewrite state ballot access laws and impose the same electoral suppression measures. In making these changes, they have continued their trend of anti-democratic and unconstitutional actions. Their actions go against the Supreme Court's ruling in *Hudler v. Austin*. Hopefully, the state will be taken to court again and their anti-democratic attack on electoral freedom and voter choice will once again be struck down. So far, the New York SAM (Serve America Movement) Party has amended an existing ongoing lawsuit against the last attempt to rewrite the state's election laws to also challenge this latest attempt. We will have to wait to see how this lawsuit turns out and whether additional groups will launch their own lawsuits as well.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Can Increase Coronavirus Risks

Alcohol and Tobacco are harmful and deadly substances under normal circumstances. But under current circumstances, they may serve to increase people's risk of contracting and potentially dying from the Novel Coronavirus.

Scientific research has shown that alcohol consumption can weaken a person's immune system. In April, the World Health Organization's regional office in Europe released a statement that the negative impacts of alcohol on the immune system can make people more susceptible to contracting the Novel Coronavirus, and make conditions worse if someone does contract the virus. They also pointed out that alcohol use can exacerbate mental health problems, contribute to negative risk-taking behavior, and serve as a catalyst for violent incidents. The World Health Organization has also pointed out the problem of a dangerous myth that has been spreading, which claims that drinking alcohol can be used to prevent or treat the Novel Coronavirus (alcohol consumption in no way prevents or treats the virus). This myth serves to perpetuate harmful drinking behaviors, which contribute to illness, injury, and death from alcohol on its own, and work to weaken the immune systems of people in the face of the Novel Coronavirus (and likely contributing to increased illness and death from the virus). The World Health Organization's European regional office has recommended that people avoid or at least minimize alcohol consumption, and that governments should work to implement policies to restrict alcohol sales.

Similar to alcohol, scientific research has shown that tobacco use can weaken the immune system. In addition, tobacco use causes damage to lungs and makes people more susceptible to a variety of respiratory illnesses. The CDC analyzed data from people across the U.S. hospitalized with the Novel Coronavirus from mid-February to late March. The CDC concluded that smoking and vaping increased the risk of people becoming susceptible to the Novel Coronavirus. Other research has indicated that smokers face a higher risk of serious severe illness or death from the Novel Coronavirus. This

information gives even further reason why alcohol and tobacco should be discouraged, greater efforts are needed to promote abstinence from them, and greater efforts should be taken to restrict and reduce the sale of alcohol and tobacco.

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Gallup, New Mexico Bans Sale of Alcohol at Convenience Stores

On April 12th, the city council of Gallup, New Mexico voted to ban the sale of alcohol at convenience stores. City council members decided to ban the sale of alcohol convenience stores based on the belief that such alcohol sales fostered an environment of people drinking out of shared bottled, and risked potentially spreading the Novel Coronavirus. The city still allows the sale of alcohol at grocery stores, with some residents worrying that allowing the sale of alcohol could present similar risks for fostering the spread of the coronavirus. The ban on selling alcohol at convenience stores is scheduled to remain as long as New Mexico's health crisis order is in effect.

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Progress in Whiteclay, Nebraska

Whiteclay is a small community in Sheridan County, Nebraska, near the Pine Ridge Reservation (which comprises Oglala Lakota County, South Dakota). Previously the community had been infested by a group of alcohol sellers, who used the community as a base to sell large amounts of alcohol to people in the county and from the reservation. Four stores sold roughly 11,000 cans of beer a day. This served to fuel a variety of problems including alcohol induced illness, injury, addiction, and crime. It served to fuel alcoholism among part of the reservation's population. Eventually, a group of activists and Sioux leaders from the reservation sought to get the state to take action against the alcohol sales. The state of Nebraska eventually took action. In 2017, the state revoked the licenses of

the places selling alcohol, and banned the sale of beer in Whiteclay. On April 30th, 2017, alcohol sales in Whiteclay came to an end.

In the three years since beer sales in Whiteclay, the area has seen progress in improving conditions for people. Professor John Maisch analyzed how things had changed since Whiteclay had stopped selling alcohol. He found that the country has seen decreases in drunk driving and felony charges. Sheridan County Sheriff Jeff Brewer reports that the violence that alcohol had fueled in Whiteclay has tried up. That they no longer see drunks passed out in the streets of Whiteclay, or people dying in drunken fights. The Sheriff also reports that reducing alcohol fueled crime in Whiteclay has freed up more sheriff's deputies to more aggressively combat methamphetamine in the county.

In the years since alcohol sales ended in Whiteclay, the community and county have grown more prosperous than they were when alcohol was sold. State sales tax revenues in Whiteclay have increased by 11.5% and state sales tax revenues in Sheridan County have increased by 3.2%. This indicates that economic activity has increased over the past 3 years. Over the past 3 years, Whiteclay has seen new businesses arrive and new community spaces created. A Dollar Tree was opened, a former beer store was transformed into a makerspace for local artists and craftspeople, and a facility was opened for treating people affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The community's grocery store and restaurant report seeing more customers. Bryan Brewer, former president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, stated that "People feel comfortable going up there now".

The Pine Ridge Reservation has started to make some progress towards trying to repair the damage caused by over 100 years of alcohol sales in Whiteclay. Favian Kennedy, the executive director of the Oglala Sioux's comprehensive alcohol and substance abuse treatment program, has reported that in recent years they have seen fewer people addicted to one substance. While a large portion of the reservation's population doesn't drink, there is a significant portion of its population affected by alcoholism, which had been fueled by Whiteclay's alcohol sales. "Individuals affected most by

Whiteclay have the most severe alcohol-abuse disorders... The norms are changing in a positive direction, but that's slow." Favian Kennedy. The end of alcohol sales was an important step towards addressing the problem, though it will take time and effort to heal the damages caused: for treatment efforts to help people recover from alcohol addiction, for prevention efforts to help establish greater sobriety in younger generations, to develop the medical infrastructure to help improve the life expectancy of the population, and take advantage of the opportunities presented by the removal of alcohol sales to help build greater prosperity.

In the years following the end of alcohol sales in Whiteclay, various community members in Whiteclay, Sheridan County, and the Pine Ridge Reservation have taken to activism and organizing efforts to help build a better future for the area. They have worked to develop projects, such as the makerspace and FASD treatment. Leadership conferences have been held by activists advocating for further efforts to address problems faced by Native Americans in the area. And there are various activists standing vigilant to make sure that alcohol sales will not return to Whiteclay in the future.

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"I do not think there is any other quality so essential to success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost everything, even nature." John D. Rockefeller

Boston Globe Editorial Calls for Shutting Down Liquor Stores During Coronavirus Pandemic to Reduce Domestic Violence

In early April, The Boston Globe published an editorial by Dr. Peter. B. Bach bringing attention to the problems of alcohol and domestic violence during the coronavirus outbreak. During this outbreak, the country has a general increase in both alcohol sales and domestic violence. Dr. Bach points out that alcohol is a significant factor in fueling many instances of domestic violence.

"Millions are beaten and injured annually in the United States by drunken domestic partners and parents, and that is when times are good. With the economy tanking and families locked together because of stay-at-home orders to combat the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, domestic violence rates appear to be soaring. This requires an urgent response: states should immediately order the closure of liquor stores."

Bach point some examples of how past actions against alcohol sales and drunkenness have helped to reduce domestic violence. This includes how the nation of Sweden restricted alcohol sales in the 1980's and saw decreased domestic violence, and when the state of South Dakota enacted strict breathalyzer requirements for those convicted of drunk driving, and saw a roughly 10% reduction in both drunk driving and domestic violence calls. He also correctly points out the historical connection between drinking and domestic violence was one of the significant motivations which encouraged people to support the temperance movement.

Bach acknowledges that having states close liquor stores for the pandemic would require some economic sacrifice on the part of liquor stores and require some who enjoy drinking to take a bit of a break from it. He acknowledges that some with alcohol addiction may spend some days experiencing withdrawal and, in some cases, some may need some help from doctors. But he also states that "the treatments for withdrawal are well known, widely available, and effective". He concludes by contending that "Even with these possible downsides, the benefits to domestic violence victims and potential victims whom we have few other ways of helping through this crisis should be our priority".

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"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him in so far as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country." Theodore Roosevelt

Mismanagement Meets Pandemic: How the Cuomo Administration's Mismanagement has Exacerbated and been Exacerbated by the Novel Coronavirus

Before the arrival of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak in New York, our state had faced various issues regarding the Cuomo administration's mismanagement of important matters. This includes his administration's efforts to grow the alcohol industry, despite the fact that alcohol is a toxic substance that kills thousands of New Yorkers, causes a wide variety of illness and injuries (including brain damage, organ failure, and several forms of cancer), and costs our state over 16 billion dollars in social, medical, and economic damages. It includes the poor management of state economic development programs, which tended to produce mediocre results for job growth, enriched many of Cuomo's donors, and were riddled with corruption. It includes Cuomo's tendency to give special tax breaks to favored companies, at the expense of the public. It includes his tendency to overlook various issues in the state's education system. It includes the administration's history of forcing localities to pay for an ever-greater amount of the state government's expenses (effectively forcing many localities to raise property taxes), while gutting local government services and scapegoating local officials. It includes Cuomo's tendency to push for questionable cuts to major programs, such as Medicaid. And it includes his complicity in efforts to attack the state's electoral system. But in the months since the arrival of the Novel Coronavirus in New York, we have seen instances of how the Cuomo administration's mismanagement has served to make the

situation worse and how the outbreak has served to worsen existing problems.

For years, Governor Cuomo misused his position to promote the growth of the alcohol industry, despite the immense damage it causes to the health and wellbeing of New Yorkers. The illnesses and injuries caused by alcohol use constitute a significant burden on the nation's healthcare systems. Under normal circumstances, 25-40% of general hospital beds are filled by people with alcohol induced illnesses and injuries. By failing to address alcohol as a public health problem, and instead promoting of the alcohol industry, the Cuomo administration contributed to the regular strain placed on hospital systems, and as a result, further limited the amount of potential space available for patients when the Novel Coronavirus outbreak occurred. In addition, alcohol use can weaken the immune system, making users more susceptible to the coronavirus. Since the outbreak has occurred the nation has seen increased drinking among portions of the population. When enacting social distancing policies, the Cuomo administration allowed many places that sold alcohol to remain open in a regular or modified form, thus allowing these stores to facilitate increased drinking in the state. This increased drinking will serve to produce increased instances of alcohol fueled illness, injury, and death, increased domestic violence, and increased rates of alcohol fueled violence and crime. It will also serve to produce an increased burden on the state's health system during the outbreak.

Prior to the outbreak, the state was facing fiscal problems. The state was facing a projected 6-billion-dollar deficit for the coming fiscal year. While there were various factors involved in creating the situation, Cuomo's tendency giving tax-payer money and special tax breaks to companies and industries that he favored did play a part in depleting the state's finances. In addition, his failure to sufficiently heed warnings from state comptroller DiNapoli about the state's deteriorating fiscal situation didn't help the matter. Even as the state was facing a projected 6-billion-dollar deficit, and officials were looking to make cuts to things such as Medicaid and veteran's services, Cuomo and members of the state legislature continued to sign off on even more special tax breaks. Such as

giving yet another special tax break for the alcohol industry. The arrival to the Novel Coronavirus has produced significant economic disruption in the state. State and local government are projected to lose billions of dollars in revenue. It is estimated that the state's budget deficit for the coming fiscal year could exceed 10 billion dollars a year. Thus, the Novel Coronavirus has served to make the state's existing fiscal problems worse.

Prior to the outbreak, Governor Cuomo was looking to cut billions of dollars in state funding for Medicaid; with such changes likely to result in reduced services and/or shifting increased Medicaid costs to local governments. Even after the arrival of the Novel Coronavirus, Governor Cuomo has continued to push for cuts to Medicaid. Now the idea of cutting funding to a program that helps many New Yorkers receive health care in the middle of a viral pandemic seems on its face to be rather questionable. It is made even more questionable considering that some of the kind of cuts that Cuomo is pushing forward would go against requirements established by Congress for states to be eligible for receiving certain funding to aid in dealing with the Novel Coronavirus. Cuomo has been willing to risk jeopardizing billions of dollars in aid to help the state fight the coronavirus, while New York has had to deal with the largest number of confirmed cases and deaths in the country.

Prior to the outbreak, the state faced of issues with its public education system. Such as how the state's funding system left many schools (especially schools in upstate New York and parts of New York City) systemically underfunded. Our state's schools and colleges have been disrupted by Novel Coronavirus, with many of them having to shut down regular operations and use online distance learning methods as a stopgap measure. More recently Governor Cuomo decided to make an abrupt announcement that he would be partnering with the Bill Gates Foundation to try to "reimagine" the state's education system. This was quickly met with concern and criticism from a wide variety of people and groups; including teachers' associations, parents' groups, teachers' unions, college faculty, student groups, and various education-focused activist groups. Major concerns raised include the possibility that this

effort to “reimagine” the state’s education system could end up being a top-down change, with little input from educators, students, parents, or local communities, that it could be used as a pretext to make significant cuts to funding for schools and colleges, that it could result in an overzealous push towards online education, which could neglect the social needs of children and disadvantage children with less access to technology, and that might lead to the adoption of new policies that lack sufficient evidence of their effectiveness. Now it remains to be seen exactly how the Cuomo administration will try to “reimagine” the state’s education system, though it will be important that people remain vigilant, to make sure that students, parents, educators, and communities are able to have a say in the matter, and to make sure that potential changes are well designed, effective, and won’t produce significant impacts.

While this year’s state budget process was occurring, the budget was hijacked to launch an anti-democratic attack on the state’s election process. It rewrote-state election laws in order to make it vastly harder, if not practically impossible, for minor parties and independent candidates to get and maintain ballot access, and to rob voters of most of their existing options on the ballot. You can read more about the details in the article, “Yet Another Attack on Our Election System”, in this issue. Governor Cuomo and his allies have complicit in this effort to engage in electoral suppression, and took advantage of the situation with the budget to push forward this anti-democratic agenda.

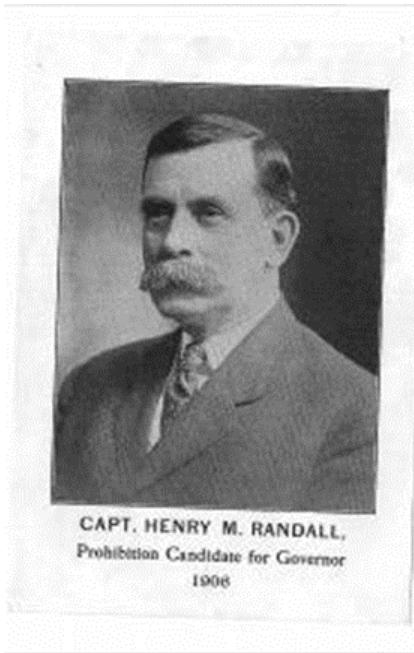
Governor Cuomo also took advantage of the situation to grant himself unprecedented new powers over the state’s finances. He was in part able to do this by threatening to shut down state’s Department of Health, if they didn’t agree to his demands. As part of the budget, he was granted the power to order cuts to the state budget throughout the fiscal year, without needing the approval of the state legislature. The state legislature could vote to overrule cuts ordered by the governor. But the regular legislative session for the state legislature ends in June and the next regular legislative session starts next January. So, unless the state legislature decides to hold a special legislative session, the governor is

basically free to order cuts to the state budget throughout the second half of the year. This lead some to raise concern that he may use this power to make major changes to the state budget, such as making significant cuts to education and Medicaid. We will have to wait to see what sort of changes he may attempt. Though it is concerning that a governor with a significant history of mismanaging various issues affecting the people of New York has been granted this kind of power over the state’s finances.

Now we are placed in a situation where the Cuomo administration’s mismanagement of various issues has made our state’s situation during the Novel Coronavirus outbreak worse and where the coronavirus is exacerbating problems which the state had failed to adequately address.

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New York Prohibition Party History



Capt. Henry M. Randall

Henry Martyn Randall Sr. was a sailor, businessman, prohibition party politician, and the 1906 prohibition party candidate for governor New York. Henry M. Randall was born in Middle Island, Suffolk County, in 1844. He was the son of Austin D. Randall and Mary E. (Ritch) Randall. As a child, he was educated at district schools and assisted his father with working at the family farm.

At the age of 17, Randall left home to become a sailor. This was the start of a decades-long career as a sailor, sea captain, and merchant. At the age of 25, he became captain of a schooner, named the "Edith". Throughout his career, he was the master of multiple ships, including the "Edith", the "Mabel Thomas", the "Hattie B. Kelsey", the "Florence Randall", and the "Lucy H. Randall". He commissioned the building of ships including a three-mast schooner, the "Mabel Thomas", and the "Mary A. Randall". In 1881, Randall had retired from directly captaining ships, and became a merchant and businessman. He continued to own ships and superintended their use in merchant ventures.

In 1869, Randall had married his first wife, Emily (Wines) Randall of Suffolk County. Emily died in January, 1872. In 1875, he married his second wife,

Florence (Avery) Randall, of Gales Ferry, Connecticut. She died in 1881. In 1883, he married his third wife, Marie Estella (Scanlon) Randall of Charleston, South Carolina. Randall was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He had also been a member of Independent Order of the Good Tempers (a fraternal temperance organization), the local masonic fraternity, and the Royal Arcanum (a fraternity that provided life insurance to members).

Henry Randall spent much of his life living in the village of Port Jefferson, in the town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York. The village was a local port-town and a center for shipbuilding. In addition to his involvement with the villages shipping and shipbuilding businesses, Randall had been involved in a variety of other business ventures. At various points he had been involved coal, lumber, hardware, lime, and cement businesses in the Port Jefferson area. In 1889, Randall was part of a group of six sea captains that founded the Bank of Port Jefferson, served as the bank's first chairman, and had spent some time serving as the bank's president. By 1906, Randall at one point in time or another had been a director of the Bank of Northport, a director of first national bank of Huntington, a director of First National Bank of Woodridge, a director of Port Jefferson Electric Light Company, a director of the Suwasset Oyster Company, a director of the Suffolk and Queens Insurance Company, and a director of the Brown and Fleming Contracting Company of New York. President of Montauk Oyster Company, and first vice-president of N.E. Oysterman's Protective Association. In 1907-1911, he was president of Montauk Bank.

Henry Randall had joined the Prohibition Party in 1881. In 1890, he ran as a Prohibition Party candidate to be one of the excise commissioners for the Town of Brookhaven. In 1892, he ran again for excise commissioner. He received 757 votes to 739 votes for Democratic candidate William S. Swezey, and was elected as an excise commissioner. As a town excise commissioner, he sought to take action against alcohol sales in the town. He was somewhat limited by the fact that the other two excise commissioners were pro-license. But he did use his position to look for instances where alcohol sellers violated the law,

sought to take legal action against them, and where possible attempted to revoke their licenses.

In 1893, Randall was nominated to be the Prohibition Party candidate for president of the Town of Brookhaven board of Trustees. The chairman of the town's Democratic Party decided that they would back Randall instead of nominating their own separate candidate. Randall received 1,194 votes and was elected as president of the Town of Brookhaven board of Trustees. In the same year, he served on county the committee of the Suffolk County Prohibition Party.

In 1896, Randall was one of the electors for Prohibition Party presidential candidate Joshua Levering in New York State. In 1898, Randall ran as the Prohibition Party candidate for Congress in New York's first congressional district. He received 557 votes and 1.21% of the total vote. In the same year, he was a delegate at the Prohibition Party state convention. In 1900, Randall was one of the electors for Prohibition Party presidential candidate John G. Wooley in New York State.

In 1906, the Prohibition Party nominated Henry Randall as its candidate for Governor of New York. He campaigned on a platform that included support for prohibition, support for having the state railroad system publicly owned, and support for municipal ownership of public utilities. He received 15,985 votes and 1.08% of the total vote.

It appears that at some point before 1915, Randall's third wife died. In 1915, he married his 4th wife Margaret (Hayes) Randall. In 1916, they had a son, Henry M. Randall Jr. In 1922, Randall was served as treasurer for the National Temperance Society and served on its board of managers. Henry M. Randall Sr. died on December 7th, 1924.

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