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Stepping Up

The Prohibition Party of New York continues to move forward in our cause. To make progress we must work to share our message, to bring in more people who share our desire to advance reform, and undertake greater activism in the public sphere. To do this, we must continue to step to the challenge and continue to strive to do more.

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"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."
Shirley Chisholm

Interested in Running For Local Office? Consider Running With The Prohibition Party of New York

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Local Candidates Effort

Want to make a difference in your local community and help enact positive change? Have you considered running for local office? The Prohibition Party of New York is looking for people to run for the party as candidates for various offices in the state. We are looking for people who share our key values of temperance, moral reform, ethical public service, and advancing the public wellbeing, and who are seeking to help advance positive change in their communities. Whether that be running for your local school board, town

council, village council, city council, supervisor, mayor, county legislator, or some other office.

The Prohibition Party of New York can help to support local Prohibition Party candidates in a number of ways, including providing campaign advice, information on how to seek to get on the ballot, help with designing campaign materials, and help with promoting your campaign on social media.

The Prohibition Party is working to increase its number of local candidates across the country. Recently, the Prohibition Trust Fund Association allocated some money that could be used to help fund local prohibition party candidates. Eligible candidates can apply for some of these funds.

Those interested in running can contact the Prohibition Party of New York at newyorkprohibition@aol.com

Prohibition Trust Fund Meeting

On February 21st, the Prohibition Trust Fund Association held its annual phone conference, to look over its finances, review its grants, and plan for future activities. The Prohibition Trust Fund is doing well financially and last year's budgeted grants are generally on track. The Association decided to allocate \$5,000 for helping to fund local prohibition party candidates. The association is also looking for more pro-total abstinence organizations for potential future grants.

Governor Cuomo Signs Child Victims Act

On February 14, Governor Cuomo signed the Child Victims Act, formally establishing it as law. The Child Victims Act is a step forward in confronting the problem of Child Sexual Abuse in our state. The law extends the statute of limitations for survivors of childhood sexual abuse to seek legal action against their abusers. It extends the statute of limitations for criminal cases from the victims 23rd birthday to third 28th for criminal cases, and 55 for civil cases. It also creates a one-year window in which previous victims of any age can seek legal action against their abusers.

We commend the activists who spent years working to get his bill passed. We also hope that that the state will soon take the next step and abolish the statute of limitations for sexual abuse.



Prohibition Party Condemns Senator Schumer's Call for Federal Support of the Alcohol Industry

Recently, Senator Charles Schumer gave a speech calling for the federal government to take actions to help the alcohol industry. Schumer called for federal agencies to take actions to expedite their regulatory actions to help alcohol companies who were inconvenienced by the government shutdown.

We condemn Senator Schumer's misguided call for the federal government to support the alcohol industry.

Mr. Schumer fails to recognize the vast damages that alcohol has on people and society. Alcohol is a toxic substance, that causes or contributes to over 200 forms of disease and injury. With some its more serious result including brain damage, organ failure, and several forms of cancer. Alcohol kills over 88,000 Americans a year. An estimated 1/7th of Americans suffer from alcohol addiction and alcohol use disorders. The alcohol crisis in this country kills more people and produces more addiction than the opioid crisis. In addition, alcohol contributes to a variety of social ills, including increased rates of poverty, domestic violence, child-abuse and neglect, sexual assault, and violent crime in general. The social, medical, and economic damages caused by alcohol cost our country over 258 billion dollars a year, and shrinks our nations GDP by 74 billion dollars a year. The money that the alcohol industry pays in taxes is only a fraction of the costs that the government has to pay to deal with the damages caused by the alcohol industry's products, and as a result most of the damages end up being paid by the rest of us. The alcohol industry makes our country sicker, poorer, and more highly taxed. It damages, the health, safety, and the wellbeing of the people of this country, for the profit of a few.

Mr. Schumer touts the importance of the alcohol industry to his home state, New York. He touts that the alcohol industry is a 4 billion dollar a year business in New York State. While leaving out the fact the state loses over 16 billion dollars a year from the social, medical, and economic damages caused by alcohol.

He touts the increase in breweries, distilleries, and other alcohol businesses in the state, while ignoring the human costs. The people who were sickened or killed by the alcohol industry's products. The people who suffer from alcohol problems and the pain of their loved ones. The people injured or killed by drunk driving, and their loved ones. The people who were victims of alcohol fueled violence and crime. The people who suffered deprivation due to the money that was wasted on alcohol. The businesses who suffered as a result of the reduced productivity and other economic damages caused by alcohol. The people who lost their jobs as a result of the negative impact that alcohol had on the economy. All the people in New York state and the United States as a whole whose lives have in some way been made worse due to the damaging effects of the alcohol industry's products.

Mr. Schumer claims that the alcohol industry in New York is a success story. Maybe to the alcohol industry and its lobbyists, but it's not for the people of New York State. For New York state, it is a story of misguidance, corruption, and the abandonment of the public welfare. The Cuomo administration and members of the state legislature misused their positions to weaken state restrictions on the alcohol industry, and used state agencies and tax-payer money to promote the growth of the alcohol industry. In doing so, they worked to make the problem of alcohol worse in New York state. They abandoned their responsibilities to protect and promote the lives and wellbeing of the people of the state, for the

profit of a few. They promoted the growth of the alcohol industry in the name of economic growth, but instead worked to make the economy worse. They took taxpayer dollars that were supposed to be used for services to benefit the public, and instead gave them to companies whose products hurt the public. The growth of the alcohol industry in New York is not a success story, it's a disgrace.

Mr. Schumer thinks that the federal government should expedite its regulatory processes, so that the alcohol industry can more quickly recover from the inconvenience caused by the partial government shutdown, and thus further improve its production and sales.

The alcohol industry does not deserve any special help from the federal government and it's not proper for the federal government to give the alcohol industry special help. We had

hundreds of thousands of hard-working people who went weeks without pay during the government shutdown. But senator Schumer wants to take advantage of the situation to give special support to corporations who profit off a product that harms people and damages society. To us, that seems like a slap in the face to those workers and their families.

If the federal government were to give special support to the alcohol industry, with the aim of supporting its growth, then they would be contributing to the harm that alcohol does to our people and society. It would go against the constitutionally written principle that government is supposed to promote the general welfare.

For these reasons, the Prohibition Party condemns Senator Schumer's proposal. We would ask that Senator Schumer reconsider and withdraw his proposal, and we invite all members of the federal legislature and administration to join in rejecting Senator Schumer's misguided proposal. We would further encourage all members of the government (whether federal, state, or local) to recognize alcohol as a social and public health problem, to end any and all government support for the alcohol industry, and to use your legitimate legislative and administrative powers to take stronger actions to address the problem of alcohol.

State Chairman Jonathan Makeley

"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them." Ida B. Wells

Discerning Investment

Say you had a business where for every dollar you make you lose four and a half. And any further investment is likely to produce losses as bad or worse. Is that good business or bad business? Bad business, right.

Now you have a state government supporting a growth of an industry where for every dollar it makes, the state loses roughly four and a half dollars from the social, medical, and economic damages that its products cause. And any further support of it is likely to produce losses as bad or worse. Is that good economic policy or bad economic policy. Bad economic policy, right.

This is the case with the New York state government's support of the alcohol industry. It's a bad economic policy. Don't buy the alcohol industry's lies that its growth helps the economy. The state loses far more than it gets from it, both in terms of financial losses and loss of the lives of New Yorkers. The good economic and social policy would be to end state support of the alcohol industry.

"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."
Langston Hughes

WE NEED YOUR HELP NEW YORK!

Oppose New York legislation to weaken the DWI law
Protect the rights of traffic crash victims in
Criminal Justice Reform

Click the link below to send an email to your
lawmakers today

Madd New York Effort To Maintain Strength of State Drunk Driving Laws

Earlier this month, the New York branch of MADD (Mother Against Drunk Driving), put out a message about an effort to help make sure that the state maintains strong anti-drunk driving measures as the legislature considers changes to the state's criminal justice system. The message reads as follows:

We need your help to stop an attempt to weaken New York's drunk driving law. Lawmakers working on criminal justice reform are considering legislation that would allow those who cause all vehicular homicides and assaults to walk free while awaiting a criminal court trial for their violent offense. These violent crimes would include drunk driving injuries.

By clicking the link below, you can email your lawmakers today in opposition of this proposal and help keep New York roadways safe from drunk and drugged drivers.

Here is a link to a feature from MADD that will allow you to quickly email the state legislature.

<http://cqrengage.com/madd/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementid=496413&lp=0&fbclid=IwAR28Hxx2CvtQ89yHgEelk9Y35kpj4TMQe-A4jg8NzWRpJHplXUavEzPcc3w>

State Economic Development

Recently, the Citizen Budget Commission put out a report on state economic development programs. The report points that overall state spending on economic development efforts had continued to increase in recent years. Though the state has also continued to fail to enact significant reforms to improve transparency and efficiency. The report called for the state to make reforms, including improving transparency in reporting on the spending and results of state economic development efforts, producing a unified economic development budget, producing a standard metric for analyzing the effectiveness of efforts, and creating a more standard system for deciding eligibility for state economic development programs.

The link to the report can be found here:
<https://cbcnv.org/research/10-billion-reasons-rethink-economic-development-new-york>



Pictured: Joseph Brown, Rev. John Hector, and Charles R. Jones.

A Look Back in Time: An Encounter For the Black Knight

Interesting things can be found when doing historical research. During our research into the history of the Prohibition Party in New York State, we came across an interesting article, written in the *Whitesville News* in 1904.

The article read as follows:

Color Line in Olean: Restaurant Keeper refused to Feed "The Black Knight" and His Party

Olean, May 1. Rev. John H. Hector, colored, known as the Black Knight, had an unpleasant experience here yesterday, when he went into a restaurant and was refused dinner by the keeper. In his party were his wife and Madame Abbie W. Lyons, the former Fisk Jubilee singer, and C.R. Jones, white, the manager and chairman of the Prohibition Party in Pennsylvania. The party were on their way to Bradford for a public meeting.

Mr. Benson, the owner of the restaurant, told the colored people that he did not feed colored people and asked them to leave. They did not go as fast as he thought they should and he pulled Jones from the table.

At this the Black Knight arose and advancing towards the keeper of the restaurant said: "Young man, I fought for your country before you were born and I will again." Just then, the other members of his party laid hands on him, or there likely would have been a mix up.

The Prohibitionist speaker afterwards said that it would do that young man a lot of good to have a colored man give him a thrashing. The party were on their way from Shingle House, Pa., where they were entertained at the home of the first people in town, to Bradford, where the conducted meetings Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. John Henry Hector was a minister, public speaker, and temperance activist. He was born in 1845, in Windsor, Canada and immigrated to the United States as a teenager. During the Civil War, 11th Regiment of the U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery Unit. After the war, he became a minister, and eventually made himself home in York, Pennsylvania. In the 1880's, he began touring the United States, giving speeches on his experiences in the Civil War, and delivered lectures promoting

temperance. He would eventually expand his speaking tours to include England and Ireland. He would spend his life preaching, lecturing, and promoting temperance, until his death in 1914.

Rev. Hector was one of many African Americans in 19th and early 20th centuries that supported and campaigned for temperance and prohibition. The Prohibition Party was founded by moral reform activists, many of whom had been former abolitionists, and the continued forward with advocating for the civil rights and legal equality of African Americans. For instance, the 1888 platform of the Prohibition Party declared, "That we hold that men are born free and equal, and should be made secure in all their civil and political rights." In 1895, the Prohibition Party nominated Anna Woodbey, the first African American Woman candidate for office in the United States, for the Nebraska University Board of Regents.

Given this context, it's unsurprising that Rev. Hector was C.R. Jones (the chairman of the Pennsylvania Prohibition Party at the time), were hanging out with each other before a temperance meeting. Given the proximity of Olean, N.Y. to Bradford, P.A., they had ended up stopping in Olean.

In this incident, we see that Rev. Hector and his associates were conducting lives and activism, when they were faced with discrimination and mistreatment due to racial prejudice. Rev. Hector, C.R. Jones, and their associates stood for temperance and equality. While Benson's actions demonstrated an instance of the racial prejudice and discrimination which plagued the United States at the time.

While our society has progressed in various ways since this time, there are problems to address and progress to be made. The alcohol industry profits off the systemic poisoning and killing of people. While racism doesn't hold the same institutional power it once had, elements of prejudice and inequality still interfere with the ability of all Americans to live as equals in a spirit of universal humanity. It will take the continued efforts of those who stand for progress to help move our society to a more moral, just, equal state.

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"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Harriet Tubman

Gandhi the Prohibitionist

Mahatma Gandhi was a leader of India's Independence Movement in the 20th century, who is remembered for a legacy of non-violent activism, civil rights, and national freedom. A less commonly known aspect of his life was that Gandhi was also a prohibitionist. Gandhi was involved with the temperance movement in India. He recognized both the harm that alcohol did to people in India, and how money from the alcohol industry helped to fund the British Imperial regime that ruled over India. Gandhi supported temperance and prohibitionist policies as a means of helping the people of India. When India gained its independence, Gandhi tried to get the newly independent government to establish prohibition. While there was significant support for this, there was enough opposition to prevent this. So instead a provision was placed in the national constitution to allow states in India to establish prohibition, as a step towards eventually achieving national prohibition. Today, over 160,000 million people India live in states or territories with prohibition laws, and activists throughout the country are working to try to establish prohibition in their states.

There is a good account of Gandhi's prohibition activism in the article, "Poverty and Purification: The Politics of Gandhi's Campaign for Prohibition", by David M. Fahey and Padma Manianin the fall 2005 issue of *The Historian*, which can be viewed by this link:
https://www.istor.org/stable/24453150?seq=2#metadata_info_tab_contents

Ethiopia moves to Increase Restrictions on Tobacco and Alcohol

The nation of Ethiopia is moving to increase restrictions on tobacco and alcohol advertising in the country. Earlier this month, the Ethiopian Parliament passed a new public health law. For tobacco, the new law bans smoking in public places and work places, bans tobacco advertising and promotions, raises the age to buy tobacco to 21, requires health warnings to be placed on the packaging of tobacco products, and bans the sale of heated tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and shisha tobacco. For alcohol, it bans the sale of alcohol to those under 21, bans the advertisement of alcoholic beverages with less than 10% alcohol in broadcast media and billboards, and requires remaining alcohol advertisements to include notice that it is illegal to sell alcohol to those under 21. This is a forward step for working to address the public health problems of alcohol and tobacco. And it's a positive example of some the advances that are being made in other countries in the world.

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<https://newbusinessethiopia.com/ethiopia-bans-alcohol-commercials/>

199th Birthday of Susan B. Anthony

February 15th, was the 199th anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony. Susan B. Anthony is commonly known as one of the most prominent early leaders of the American Women's Suffrage Movement. Anthony was also involved in other 19th century reform movements, including abolitionism and temperance. In the early 1850's she was involved with the effort to pass a statewide prohibition law in New York.

Study Shows That Drinking Wine Increases Risk of Death

A group of medical researchers recently released the results of a large study on the effects of light regular drinking on a person's health. The study analyzed the health of 400,000 people in the U.S. and found that light alcohol consumption on four or more days a week increased the risk of early death by 20%. The study counteracted the false claim that drinking wine is good for health. Such claims were based on exaggerating some studies that noticed a correlation between wine consumption and slight improved heart health in some people (and was likely caused by the ant-oxidants that from the grapes used to make it and not the alcohol in it). This study showed that the claimed heart health impact was erased when people drink daily, and even with those heart impacts, the negative impacts of alcohol consumption far outweigh them, and result in decreased life expectancy. The head of the study, Dr. Sarah Harts, stated that people "should no longer consider a glass of wine a day to somehow be healthy."

Source: <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/wine-risk-death-alcohol-cancer-heart-disease-safe-drinking-units-a8566716.html?fbclid=IwAR00Xhp39WC8gscLH9kmXZVGtXB-KXmVGP8zHIX3C-02zYLDky72ar800>

New York Anti-Tobacco Legislative Effort

On February 5th, Reality Check New York and various other anti-tobacco groups in New York state held their annual legislative education. During it, they sent groups of their youth advocates from throughout the state to meet with over 70 state policy makers in Albany, to promote anti-tobacco policies. They provide a positive example of youth activism and policy advocacy within the growing anti-tobacco movement.

The anti-tobacco movement has been growing in New York state, and has been making progress towards strengthening anti-tobacco policies. In recent years, various counties in the state have moved to increase restrictions on the sale of tobacco, and efforts are being made to increase restrictions on tobacco sales statewide.

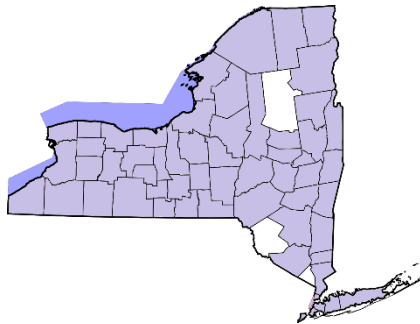
The state's anti-tobacco movement has a lot of potential for growth and for providing a base for advancing prohibitionism within the state.

State Police Unions Declare Opposition to Legalizing Recreational Marijuana

Earlier this month the New York State Police Union and its affiliated local police unions formally announced their opposition to legalizing recreational marijuana in the state. Spokespeople for the state police union and various sheriff contended that legalizing recreational marijuana would end negatively impacting public safety. This announcement adds to the growing list of groups in the state that have announced public opposition to legalizing the commercial traffic of recreational marijuana. Previously various medical and public health officials throughout the state voiced their opposition, due to the negative impact allowing the sale of recreational marijuana would have on public health.

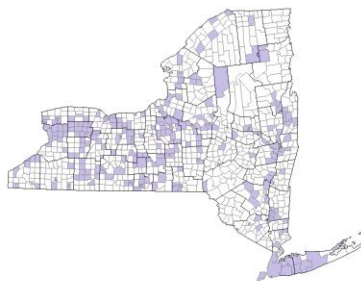
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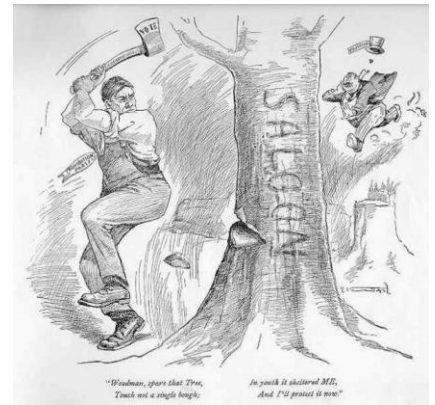
Expanding Outreach

Our public messaging efforts continue to reach an increasing number of people in New York State and beyond. We continue to reach more people over Facebook. Our most recent data shows that content from our Facebook page has been viewed by people in at least 267 communities across the state, in 59 out of 62 counties. We also reached people in 48 other states, and over 50 countries. The New York Prohibition Party twitter account has reached over 730,000 cumulative views.



"If we are going to be part of the solution, we have to engage the problems." Majora Carter

The Prohibition Axe



"You ought to get a good deal out of this cartoon, for it is more true than lots of the preaching you hear. It is the axe at the root of the tree that does the business. Nothing else counts.

Neither the politician nor the liquor traffic itself cares a copper about the gentle pruning processes which lots of good people are constantly employing towards the saloon and its allies.

The fact is that cutting off an occasional twig does not at all hurt the tree. In fact, it may strengthen some of its evil branches, and make them all the more vigorous, while the tree itself offers a more cooling shade to the politicians and hoodlums who gather under it.

The only thing that will chop down the tree, and cause it to forever cease from troubling, is a Prohibition axe. But the axe itself will not chop. It must therefore be wielded by an individual Prohibitionist at the ballot-box, and a Prohibition party in the Legislature, and the executive branch of Government.

Let the politician sing his little ditty about sparing the tree. Your business as a citizen is to 'put in the whacks,' and thus help to bring the tree to the ground."

(from Prohibition Cartoons by D.F. Stewart and H.W. Wilbur, Defender Publishing Company, 1904)

The Prohibition Party Anti- Alcohol Pro- Humanity



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