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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.

"We are advocates of Temperance- friends of total abstinence from all that intoxicates. The advancement of the holy movement of our age against alcohol in all forms" George W. Clinton, 12th Mayor of Buffalo, New York.

National and State Party News

The Prohibition Party continues to move forward on the national and state level. The National Secretary reports that the party's membership has continued to grow over the past month.

The Prohibition Trust Fund Association held its annual meeting in Binghamton, New York, on July 16th. The Association allocated money to the National Prohibition Party and several other prohibition and temperance related organizations.

In New York, we have continued our outreach efforts. In this month, we have worked to make updates to the state party website. Our first round of updates has included some changes to the homepage, renaming the page for the state party platform from "Issues" to "State Platform", changes to the news section of the website to try to make it easier to find party news, and moving the historical page to the top website menu. Further updates to the website are planned, including adding more content to the historical section and trying to make

improve the appearance of the website on mobile view.

Our social media outreach has continued to make progress. Our most recent data shows that content from our Facebook page has been viewed by people in at least 406 communities across the state, in 61 out of 62 counties.

We have continued our advocacy efforts in the state. This has included advocating against those attempting to push pro-alcohol policies in our state and encouraging local communities to investigate their options for enacting local laws against the sale of drugs.

More Communities Move to Enact Local Bans on Recreational Marijuana Sales

More communities in New York State are looking to establish local laws against the sale of recreational marijuana. As we reported in last month's issue, local communities have until the end of the year to decide to establish local bans on recreational marijuana sales. The village of Cazenovia has moved towards establishing their own ban. We now have reports that the city of Watertown and City of Middletown have moved to establish local bans on marijuana sales. The village officials of Cold Springs voted unanimously in favor of a local ban on sales, but also votes to hold a local vote on whether or not to adopt the ban in November. The Philipstown town board have also reportedly been considering the possibility of a local ban. In addition, the City of Hornell, has passed a local law banning the smoking of tobacco and marijuana products in City Parks. It remains to be seen whether Hornell will move to establish local restrictions on marijuana sales.

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Response to Schumer's Misguided Proposal

Senator Charles Schumer is attempting to move forward legislation that would legalize the sale of recreational marijuana nationwide. Senator Schumer's proposal to legalize the commercial sale of recreational marijuana is a dangerously misguided idea. He fails to recognize the harmful effects of marijuana on physical and mental health, and the social, medical, and economic damages that are inflicted on society as a result. He fails to recognize that allowing for the commercial sale of drugs makes drug problems worse, as greedy companies will promote increased drug use in order to expand their own profits, and will use their wealth and influence to undermine public efforts to try to address drug problems. The United States made a great mistake when alcohol was legalized, and it has inflicted needless suffering on every generation of Americans since then. The United States should not make the mistake of legalizing the commercial sale of another intoxicating drug, to please greedy and selfish elements. Intoxicating drugs need to be treated as a public health problem and their commercial traffic should be abolished. Members of the Senate and Congress should recognize the misguided nature of Schumer's proposal and vote against it.

State Chairman Makeley

“Our nation needs a revival of civil ethics in our political environment. We need more elected officials committed to serving the interests of the public, instead of serving the interests of themselves and wealthy donors.”
Prohibition Party, 2021

Boards Attempting to Push Pro-Alcohol Policies in New York City

Some unelected boards in New York City are using their position to attempt to push pro-alcohol policies in New York City. Officials in New York City’s Office of Nightlife have been trying to make it so that alcohol could be sold 24 hours a day as part of a misguided effort to promote the city’s nightlife. This group fails to take into consideration is that alcohol is a toxic substance and that allowing more alcohol sales will be detrimental to public health. It also fails to understand that it is possible to have a vibrant nightlife without alcohol and in that reducing the presence of alcohol could actually make nightlife more hospitable to people who would otherwise be deterred by the dangers brought about by people drinking. These officials would need the approval of both the city council and changes to state law in order to move forward with their misguided proposal. Hopefully, enough members of the city council and state legislature have the sense to reject their misguided proposal.

Officials in New York City’s Nightlife Advisory Board are attempting to get the city to legalize public drinking in New York City’s public parks. Currently, the city bans public drinking in city parks. Though city officials haven’t been proactive in enforcing this ban in the past year. This board has proposed this idea based on the misguided notion that allowing public drinking in parks would somehow benefit nightlife. Once again, they fail to recognize that such a policy would be detrimental to public health and would have a damaging effect on the social environment of the City’s parks. Expanding the areas where public drinking is allowed drives away those who wish to socialize in an alcohol-free environment, and contributes to instances of public urination, public nuisance, violence, sexual assault, and other crimes fueled by alcohol use. They would need the city council to change city law to achieve their aims. Hopefully, there are enough city officials who will realize their proposal is misguided and decide to reject it. New York City Mayor Bill De

Blasio has already stated that he opposed the proposal to allow public drinking in city parks.

In both these cases, city officials could potentially be swayed by public input and messages from concerned citizens could help them understand why those pro-alcohol proposals should be rejected. If you wish to contact members of the New York City Council, their contact information can be found on the New York City Council website:

<https://council.nyc.gov/districts/>

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State Money and University are Misused in Scheme to Help Brewers

State funding and one of the state’s leading universities are being misused in a scheme to help brewing companies. A program has been created at Cornell University, which seeks to develop new forms of hops to help beer producers in the state to create a wider variety of beers. The aim of this is to try to help these beer companies to sell more alcoholic beverages in the state, without regard for the negative impacts that those products will have on the health, safety, and wellbeing of New Yorkers. To add further insult to injury, this program is being funded by money from the state government.

This program is a perversion of both Cornell University and the New York State Government. Universities are supposed to advance knowledge for the benefit of humanity, not advance greed to the detriment of humanity. Our state government is supposed to use the powers granted to it by the people to advance the public interest and use the money granted to it through taxation to perform its proper functions. Using taxpayer money to promote businesses that poison people on an industrial scale is the opposite of what the state should be doing. Shame on the state officials who granted this funding and shame on the officials at Cornell University who agreed to have their university participate in this project.

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Image of Jamestown Rally from WRFA.

People Rally in Jamestown Against Hate Following Racist Vandalism

Earlier this month, around 100 held a rally at Dow Park in Jamestown, New York, to protest hate. This was done after an incident where someone vandalized the city’s monument to the Underground Railroad. Statues that were part of the monument were defaced with racist graffiti, including a swastika and the words “white power”. The demonstrators put forth a message that hate has no home in Jamestown. Pastor Chloe Smith started the rally by stating:

“We today are saying we want freedom and equality for all people. We have gathered here today to make a declaration over our city, over our county, over our nation that every, every person is able to make a difference.”

During the rally, local historian Paul Leone spoke of the significance of the statues. The statues honor Silas Sherman and Catherine Harris, who were local leaders of the underground railroad in Jamestown.

City Police Chief Timothy Jackson stated that “The hateful, racist, anti-Semitic act of vandalism on the Underground Railroad tableau is detestable, and morally reprehensible.” The Jamestown Police Department has been working with the FBI to investigate this crime. This act of hateful vandalism should be condemned and has been condemned by people in the Jamestown community. Racism and antisemitism should not be tolerated in our society and decent people should do what they can to stand for the principle of equality and equitable treatment for all. Hopefully, those who perpetrated this crime will be found and held accountable for their actions.

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"If you wish to draw off the people from a bad or wicked custom, you must beat up for a march; you must make an excitement, do something that everybody will notice." Lewis Tappan

Drug Overdoses Rise Significantly in 2020

The rate of drug overdoses increased significantly during the pandemic. The Federal Government has released data indicating that over 93,000 Americans died of drug overdose deaths in 2020. This is a 29% increase in drug overdose deaths compared to the previous year. Overdose deaths increased in every state except for New Hampshire and South Dakota.

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New York Bans Child Marriage in State

The State Government has finally taken the step to completely ban child marriage in New York state. Previously New York State had generally banned marriage to those who had not reached adulthood, but there was a loophole that allowed marriage to underage adolescents if the parents of those adolescents agreed to the marriage occurring. In 2017, the state government made changes which greatly reduced this loophole. Earlier this month, the governor signed a bill that eliminated the loophole and established that is illegal to marry those under the age of 18.

Governor Cuomo had made the following public statement in regards to passing the law: "This administration fought hard to successfully end child marriage in New York and I'm proud to sign this legislation to strengthen our laws and further protect vulnerable children from exploitation... Children should be allowed to live their childhood and I thank the many legislators and advocates who worked diligently to advance this measure and further prevent forced marriages in this state."

The passage of this law will help to protect children from sexual exploitation and forced marriages. The state legislators, officials, and activists should be commended for taking a step to help better protect the children in our state.

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Juul Engages in Academic Disinformation Campaign

The e-cigarette company Juul has taken its academic disinformation campaign and academic corruption to a new level, by financial the creation of entire issue in an academic journal dedicated to showing articles favoring their products. Now the tobacco industry has a history of engaging in academic disinformation campaigns to try to mislead the public about the dangers of their products. Tobacco companies have funded third party researchers to create studies designed to make their products seem safer or to cast doubt on studies showing the harmful effects of their products, while trying to hide their association with them, to create the illusion of independent research supporting the companies' denial of the harms their products cause. Juul has taken this academic corruption to a greater level by purchasing an entire edition of the *American Journal of Health Behaviors*, which they filled with articles on 11 studies that Juul paid to have created.

This academic disinformation effort comes at a time when Juul is trying to preserve its business operations in the U.S. Juul has faced increasing challenges to its operations in recent years. In 2019, over 1,000 people were affected by vaping-related illnesses linked to Juul's products. In the same year, federal and state authorities began investigating the company's blatant attempts to market their products to teenagers. In recent years, federal and state governments have been increasing restrictions on the sale of e-cigarettes. The FDA has been considering whether or not it will allow Juul to continue selling its products in the U.S. In response, Juul has been spending millions in lobbying and public relations efforts to try to convince the federal government to allow them to keep selling their products. They purchased an entire issue of an academic journal as part of their propaganda efforts. They sought to spread a message that their products were less harmful than regular tobacco products, that people using their products helped reduce the use of regular tobacco products, and that their products therefore provide some sort of harm reduction. The paid researchers that

produced the articles parroted this message, while failing to recognize that their claims of reducing regular tobacco product use are dubious and that the company increases health damages by actively encouraging people who weren't using tobacco previously to use their products.

Following the revelations, both Juul and the *American Journal of Health Behaviors* have faced some scrutiny over their actions. It remains to be seen what decision the FDA will make as to whether or not Juul will be able to continue to sell e-cigarettes in the U.S.

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Cases of Marijuana Poisoning in Children on the rise in Areas That Legalized Recreational Marijuana Sales

New reports have come out showing that cases of children being poisoned from marijuana ingestion are on the rise in areas that have made the mistake of legalizing the recreational sale of marijuana. Researchers from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada, studied cases of cannabis poisoning in children in Canada. They found that since Canada legalized sales of recreational marijuana, that cases of unintentional poisonings in children under the age of 12 have become five times more common. Hospital admissions for severe poisoning had become 4 times more common.

The researchers note that,

"cannabis intoxication can have significant negative impacts on young children including behavioural changes, seizures, respiratory depression, problems with coordination and balance, and even coma."

The study found that the most common means of accidental poisonings of children was from the presence of marijuana edibles, which contain high levels of THC and whose candy or food-like appearances tend to be visually attractive to young children.

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Investigations into Governor's Misconduct

As we have previously reported, Governor Andrew Cuomo has been facing investigations by state legislature, state Attorney General, and federal investigators of over various allegations of misconduct. These include allegations regarding the governor's role in underreporting the number of coronavirus deaths tied to nursing homes, multiple women accusing the governor of sexual harassment, allegations of the governor using his position to profit off his actions during the coronavirus outbreak, and various other acts of alleged misconduct. There has been some recent news in regards to the various investigations into the governor.

Earlier this month, Gov. Cuomo was questioned by investigators in the New York Attorney General's office as part of their investigation into sexual harassment allegations against him.

It has been reported that Judith Mogul, one of Gov. Cuomo's top lawyers, will resign from her position. Mogul had faced scrutiny in the investigation regarding how she had handled initial reports of alleged sexual harassment by Gov. Cuomo towards Charlotte Bennett. It has been claimed that Ms. Mogul, along with then chief of staff Jill DesRosiers, had sought to discourage Bennett from formally reporting the governor for sexual harassment and had failed to forward reports to the government office responsible for handling sexual harassment claims. Lindsey Boylan, a former aide of Cuomo and one of the women accusing him of sexual harassment, has publicly stated that she thinks that Mogul should be disbarred.

Reports have indicated that the New York Attorney General's office may be nearing completion of its investigation in the sexual harassment claims against Gov. Cuomo. The deposition of Gov. Cuomo, combined with other factors, indicates that the investigation is nearing completion and the report for the investigation may be produced in the coming weeks or months.

On the federal level, the U.S. Justice Department had been looking into the possibility of investigating New York state and other states which had created mandates requiring nursing homes to take in coronavirus patients as to whether they had violated civil rights of nursing home residents in relation to the Institutionalized person's act. The Justice Department had decided not to pursue an investigation into the matter. Governor Cuomo still remains

under federal investigation by the FBI and the US Attorney's Office in regards to how the Cuomo administration's handling of nursing homes and coronavirus deaths in nursing homes during the pandemic.

There has been some news about the State Assembly's impeachment investigation of Gov. Cuomo. Assemblymen Steck, who is on the Assembly Judiciary committee investigating Gov. Cuomo, reported in early July that the Committee was ramping up its work to question witnesses as part of the investigation.

More recently, news of the state Attorney General's office making progress its investigation of the governor's sexual harassment case led key agents of Governor Cuomo, notably communication director Rich Azzopardi, to make public comments attacking the Attorney General's investigation and accusing Attorney General Leticia James of carrying out the investigation based on political motivations. In response, State Assembly Judiciary Chair Charles Lavine (who heads the impeachment investigation) condemned Azzopardi's statement as an attempt to undermine investigations against Governor Cuomo. Lavine sent a letter to Andrew Cuomo reminding the governor of his previous warnings that the governor and those acting on his behalf should not attempt to intimidate or retaliate witnesses, that Azzopardi's statements were inappropriate, that statements made by agents of the governor on his behalf could be regarded by the committee as an attempt to suppress or intimidate witnesses, and that the governor could face repercussions. Governor Cuomo has denied responsibility for Azzopardi's statements and has denied that his statements were an attempt to undermine the investigation or intimidate witnesses.

Speaker of the State Assembly Carl Heastie has stated that the Attorney General's future report on its investigation into sexual harassment allegation may be taken into consideration by the State Assembly as part of their impeachment investigation. This statement indicates that the impeachment investigation will likely not be completed until after the Attorney General's investigation is completed.

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"Greatness lies, not in being strong, but in the right using of strength; and strength is not used rightly when it serves only to carry a man above his fellows for his own solitary glory. He is the greatest whose strength carries up the most hearts by the attraction of his own." Henry Ward Beecher

New York Prohibition Party History

Silas W. Mason



Silas W. Mason and Amanda F. (Persons) Mason.
From *Westfield Republican*, July 28, 1926.

Silas Wright Mason was a lawyer, politician, and Prohibition Party activist. He was born on November 17, 1841, in Ellery, Chautauqua County, New York. He was the son of Luther Martin Mason and Amanda F. (Persons) Mason and was one of twelve children they had. He was of Scottish Irish and English descent. His father was a farmer and Millwright. He grew up in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua County, New York.

Silas Mason was educated in public schools until he was 14. He spent a year working as an insurance salesman, then went on to study at Westfield Academy. During his second year, he spent one term teaching schools. He graduated from Westfield Academy in 1859. He spent some time in 1860 working as a professional musician. He studied at Bryant and Stratton Business College in Ohio and graduated from there in 1861. He then went to Venango County, Pennsylvania, and spend some time being involved in the real estate and oil businesses, before returning to Chautauqua County and coming to live in Westfield, New York by 1863.

Silas Mason married Amanda F. (Persons) Mason on March 5, 1863. They had three children (one of whom died in infancy): George P. Mason (b.1863-d.1928), Louie Mason (b.1865-d.1865), and Clara M. (Mason) Sears.

By 1865, Silas Mason had a farm in Westfield. He also was working as a clerk and continued to have some involvement in the oil business. Around 1870, he began to read law with attorney Austin Smith. He went to Albany Law School, graduated, and was admitted to

the bar in 1872. He then began his career as a lawyer. He was a general practice lawyer and became one of the most prominent lawyers in Westfield. He argued a variety of cases, including ones in the New York State Supreme Court. In 1875, he served as a Justice of the Peace.

Silas Mason and his wife Amanda were involved in their community. Both were involved members of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Silas at some point served as a trustee for the church. Amanda had been involved with the church's missionary and aid society efforts, had been a church organist, and had sung in the church quartet. At some point in his time living in Westfield, Silas had been on the local board of education, had been president of the local YMCA, and was a notary public. In 1888, he was on the board of trustees of the Westfield Cemetery Association. Amanda was a member of the National Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of New England Women, the National Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812, and the Frances Scott Key Memorial Association. She was a member of the WCTU and was for some time the president of the Chautauqua County WCTU.

Silas Mason was a supporter of temperance and prohibition. The Westfield Republican newspaper described him as a pronounced temperance worker, who endorses the sentiment in theory and practice. He delivered speeches at various events in support of prohibitionist policies. He delivered speeches in Westfield, as well as other towns, such as Sherman, New York, and Bradford, Pennsylvania. For instance, in 1884, during a discussion on the merits of continuing local prohibition policies in Westfield, Mason spoke in favor of local no license policies, contended that allowing such policies to lapse would make things worse for the community, and spoke in favor of national prohibition.

"I do not believe in legalizing a wrong. If it is wrong to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage, then I say refrain from selling it at all".

"I believe that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited by Congress".

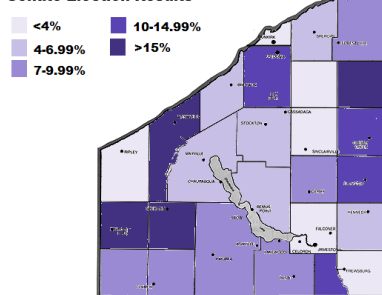
While delivering a speech in Bradford, in 1892, Mason argued in favor of prohibitionist policies and for people to vote for the Prohibition Party. He stated that the Prohibition Party was the only national party that supported prohibition. He spoke against those who voted in favor of legalized alcohol; contending that a man who votes to continue legalized crime shares in the responsibility of those evils.

When it came to politics, Silas Mason was a Democrat, before joining the Prohibition Party. In 1879, he was the Democratic candidate for Chautauqua County Judge. He reportedly received a relatively large number of votes, but

was not elected. In 1883, the local Democratic Party nominated him as a candidate for Justice of the Peace. He came in second place with 312 votes (49.05%). Mason's support for prohibition led him to join the Prohibition Party in 1881.

Silas Mason ran as a Prohibition Party candidate for a variety of state local and state offices. In 1882, he was the Prohibition Party candidate for Chautauqua County Judge. In 1884, he was elected Village President of Westfield (though it is uncertain if it was under the Prohibition Party ballot line). In 1884, he ran as a Prohibition Party candidate for State Assembly in Chautauqua's 1st Assembly District. He received 286 votes and 4.43% of the total vote. In 1885, he ran the Prohibition Party candidate for town supervisor. He received 70 votes and 12.8% of the total vote. In the same year, he was a delegate to the Prohibition Party state convention. And in 1885, he was the Prohibition Party candidate for State Senate. He received 988 votes and 6.99% of the vote.

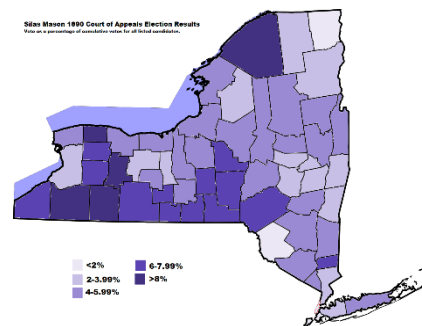
Silas W. Mason 1885 State Senate Election Results



Mason's strongest results were in the towns of Villenova (25.74% of the vote), Mina (22.82%), Westfield (17.46%), and Sherman (15.72%).

In 1887, ran as the Prohibition Party candidate for state Attorney General. Prior to being nominated for Attorney General, he was nominated as the Prohibition Party candidate for Assembly in Chautauqua's 1st Assembly District. After the Party nominated Mason for Attorney General, G.F. Dickson replaced him as the party's candidate in Chautauqua's 1st Assembly District. Dickson received 653 votes (13.51% of the vote). In the state Attorney General election, Mason received 40,286 Votes and 3.86% of the total vote.

In 1888, Mason was elected excise commissioner in Westfield. He received 318 votes, while his opponent Hugh C. Stephens received 306 votes. In 1889, Mason ran as the Prohibition Party candidate for Justice in the 8th District of the New York State Court of Appeals. In 1890, Mason was the Prohibition Party candidate for Justice on the New York State Court of Appeals. Mason received 33,621 Votes: 3.35% of the total vote and 3.45% of the cumulative vote of listed candidates.



In 1892, Mason ran as a Prohibition Party candidate for three different offices at different points in the year. In February, he ran as one of the Prohibition Party candidates for Inspectors of Elections in Westfield's 2nd Election District. Mason and the Prohibition Party Candidate John R. Fay, ran against two Republican and two Democratic candidates for two Inspector of elections positions. They both received 66 votes, came in 5th and 6th place, and the seats were won by the two Republican candidates. In March, Mason ran for Village President of the village of Westfield. He received 147 votes, while the winning candidate E.H. Dickerman received 217. In August, Mason was nominated as the Prohibition Party candidate for Chautauqua County District Attorney. The election was held in November. Republican candidate John Woodward won the election, and Mason appears to have come in third place. In 1893, was the Prohibition Party candidate for Justice on the State Court of Appeals. He received 32,849 votes and 2.90% of the total vote.

After running as Prohibition Party candidate for various offices, Mason continued with his career as a lawyer in Westfield for the remainder of his life. In 1896, Democratic Presidential Candidate and prohibition supporter, William Jennings Bryan, delivered a short speech while visiting Westfield. After another resident called for three cheers for Bryan, Mason called for three cheers for Bryan's wife. Mason's son George and daughter Clara grew up and ended up moving to Florida. His daughter married Harry L. Sears and had two children: Mason O. Sears and George B. Sears. In 1917, his wife Amanda was involved with the campaign to establish Women's Suffrage in New York State. His wife Amanda died on May 30, 1926. On October 28, 1927, Silas Mason died while at the home of his daughter in Jacksonville, Florida. His son George brought his body back to Westfield, New York and he was buried in the Mason family vault in Westfield Cemetery.

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