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## National Prohibition Party News

The national Prohibition Party continues to make progress in 2020 campaign efforts. The party is working to get our 2020 presidential ticket on ballot in several states including Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The work for Arkansas has reportedly been taken care of. Efforts are currently underway for petitioning to get on ballot in Louisiana and Mississippi. The petitioning period for Colorado doesn't start until march, and the petitioning period for Tennessee doesn't start until May. But the party is working to lay the

groundwork for when efforts in those states start. The party is also looking to get on ballot in the U.S. territory of Guam.

The party is also looking to California. The California American Independent Party is a state level party that has ballot access in the state, and which allows candidates of various national minor parties to run in its primary. Prohibition Party candidate Phil Collins will be one of five candidates on the California AIP primary ballot. Early voting for the California primary has already started and the formal primary day will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This presents an opportunity for Phil Collins and the Prohibition Party to gain greater national attention in the 2020 election, which could help to boost our nationwide results on election day. And if by some good fortune Phil Collins manages to win the primary and gain the AIP nomination, it could put our presidential candidate on ballot in the nation's most populous state.

As for New York, the state's restrictive ballot access laws effectively prevent us from being able to get our presidential ticket on ballot in our state. So instead, we are working on plans to launch a strong write-in campaign in New York.

In addition, the 2020 election presents opportunities for running Prohibition Party candidates in local elections. Massachusetts Prohibition Party chairman Adam Seaman is looking to run for library trustee, in the town of Southwick, MA. He is currently working on collecting petition signatures to get on ballot. Hopefully we will see plenty of news on local candidates as we move closer to the election.

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And if any of our readers from outside the state is interested in running for local office, please email [prohibitionists@gmail.com](mailto:prohibitionists@gmail.com)



## Advancing the Addiction Recovery Act

Last year, Assembly member DenDekker introduced assembly bill A06349. The bill, if passed, would significantly expand funding for addiction prevention and recovery programs (for alcohol and other drugs) in New York state. The bill is currently being held under consideration by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. If you would like to help get the bill passed, please contact members of the ways and means committee and encourage them to support it. We have prepared a document which contains the contact information for each member of the committee. It can be accessed by this link:

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## An Inglorious Award for the Governor

Governor Cuomo has recently been given been given an 'honor' by his patrons in the alcohol industry. A brewing company in Rochester has released a new beer named the Governor's IPA, in recognition of all that governor Cuomo has done to aid in the growth of the alcohol industry in New York.

He has certainly done much for them. Governor Cuomo has corruptly supported the alcohol industry. The alcohol industry has given millions of dollars to Cuomo and his allies. Cuomo misused his position to weaken state restrictions on the alcohol

industry and to use state agencies and taxpayer money to promote the growth of the alcohol industry. In doing so, he has undermined the health, safety, and wellbeing of New Yorkers. His regressive policies have contributed to the growth of an industry whose products sicken and kill New Yorkers. As such, he has blood on his hands.

The Governor's IPA is a symbol of how the governor has sold out the people of New York.

Source: <https://www.syracuse.com/drinks/2020/02/rochester-brewery-honors-andrew-cuomo-with-governors-ipa.html?fbclid=IwAR0DvmIphDVLcMPH3FwVcrL2qHnQa2Sbeg4U3Z48gtmN776F9-BqhlLnl5>

## Governor, Legislature Give Special Tax Break to Alcohol Companies

The Governor and his coconspirators in the state legislature continue to shamelessly push forward efforts to aid the alcohol industry. They have recently passed another bill to give another special tax break to the alcohol industry. This special tax break removes the sales tax on beer tasting samples in beer tasting rooms. This will make it easier for alcohol companies to encourage people to sample their products and will put more money in the pockets of the alcohol industry. The bill was introduced in the legislature by State Assembly member Donna Lupardo of Binghamton and State Senator Rachel May of Syracuse.

The passage of this bill is greatly problematic. First off, this bill is working to encourage increased sales of alcohol: a toxic substance, which kills thousands of New Yorkers each year, has a higher rate of addiction than opioids, and causes a wide variety of illness and injury (including brain damage, organ failure, and several forms of cancer). In effect contributing to the sickness and deaths of New Yorkers.

Secondly, they have pushed forward this effort on the false premise that doing so would help the state's economy. On the contrary, expanding the alcohol industry harms the economy. Our state loses over 16 billion dollars a year from the social, medical, and economic damages caused by the alcohol industry. These damages drain wealth from our economy, decrease economic productivity, and increase poverty. Many of these costs end up being paid for by state and local governments, and since the amount of money paid by the alcohol industry in taxes is nowhere near the cost

of their damages, most of those costs end being paid for by the rest of in the form of higher taxes. Expanding alcohol sales will only make this problem worse and will only result in even greater damages.

Thirdly, the alcohol industry does not deserve any special tax-breaks. As said, the alcohol industry sells toxic products which poison and kill New Yorkers. Their entire business model is based on exploiting and harming people. They make our state sicker, poorer, and more highly taxed. If anyone deserves a tax break, it certainly isn't industry that profits off harming the people of this state. If anything, the state should charge them for the costs of the damages they caused, and move towards shutting them down.

Fourthly, giving the alcohol industry a special tax break is especially tone deaf given current circumstances. Our state is facing an over 6-billion-dollar projected deficit in the coming year, and state legislators have been tasked to find ways to reduce the deficit for this year's upcoming budget. New Yorkers are facing the possibility of higher taxes, and cuts to important programs like Medicaid and services to help veterans. Giving a special tax cut to the alcohol industry means that money has to be accounted for elsewhere, such increased taxes on New York residents and businesses, cuts to state programs, or increased debt. And that can have negative impacts on New Yorkers. Should a family have to risk losing their home to increased property taxes, an elderly person risk seeing reduced medical care, or a veteran face the possibility of being denied help, so that the alcohol companies can line their pockets with more money? We say no.

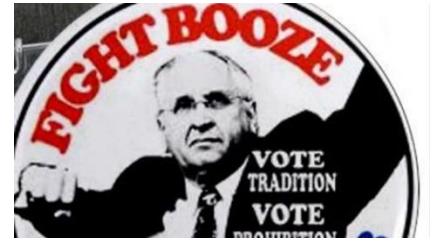
The governor and these legislators should be ashamed of what they have done. The people of New York should speak out and demand that they get rid of special tax breaks for the alcohol industry.

Sources: <https://www.syracuse.com/drinks/2020/02/tax-free-beer-tastings-now-available-at-my-breweries.html?fbclid=IwAR0zMGxSU2TQwGS5b54Eai0bbtV2RklkzwPydX2UVLIPVbeV5HCQUQHJTRIE>

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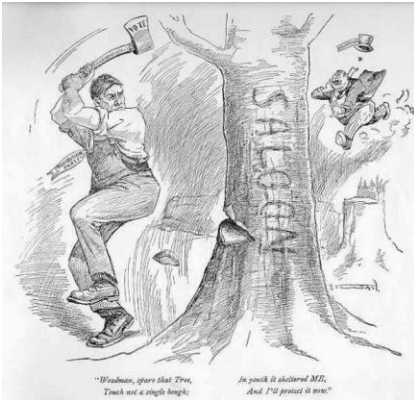
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"The people in general ought to have regard to the moral character of those whom they invest with authority either in the legislative, executive, or judicial branches." John Witherspoon



## Confronting the Problem

"Alcohol kills over 88,000 Americans a year, causes a wide variety of illnesses and injuries (including brain damage, organ failure, and several forms of cancer), is the most common form of drug addiction, and costs our country over 250 billion dollars a year in social, medical, and economic damages. It is a major social and public health problem, facilitated and fueled by the greed of alcohol companies. In the face of this problem, the Democratic and Republican parties at-large have done little if nothing to address the issue. The major parties have instead confined themselves to largely pretending as if the problem did not exist. Worse yet, many Democratic and Republican politicians have actively conspired to weaken local, state, and national laws restricting the alcohol industry, and even used taxpayer money to encourage the growth of the alcohol industry. They have actively worked to make the problem worse, to further enrich their alcohol industry donors, at the expense of the public they are supposed to serve. By contrast, the Prohibition Party recognizes that alcohol is a social and public health problem and is committed to addressing the problem. We offer a vision to comprehensively address the problem: which includes the promotion of temperance teetotalism, educating the public on the scientifically proven harms of alcohol to people and society, supporting the development and expansion of prevention efforts to encourage people not to start drinking, supporting and expanding rehabilitative services to help people quit drinking, ending any and all government support for the alcohol industry at the local, state, or federal level, expanding restrictions on the alcohol industry, and eventually moving towards the prohibition and abolition of the alcohol industry." Prohibition Party National Secretary Jonathan Makeley



## Santa Cruz Takes Action to Restrict Alcohol Sales

The local government is Santa Cruz. California has taken some action to restrict alcohol sales. On January 28, the Santa Cruz city council passed an update to its plans for downtown, increasing restrictions on alcohol sales. This included banning the sale of single use containers of alcohol, except for beer, limiting sales of alcohol for off-site consumption, and prohibiting the sale of alcohol between midnight and 7 A.M. This instance helps to remind that in many cases local governments can take action against the alcohol industry. With strong grassroots efforts, we can work to move local communities towards taking action against the alcohol industry.

Source: [https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2020/02/11/businesses-respond-to-alcohol-restrictions/?fbclid=IwAR3nRijC0rmZNYBObozpUdg\\_IhLnCNQnNZNGNrA2L\\_YDikavPv2ZV7damo](https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2020/02/11/businesses-respond-to-alcohol-restrictions/?fbclid=IwAR3nRijC0rmZNYBObozpUdg_IhLnCNQnNZNGNrA2L_YDikavPv2ZV7damo)

## Assembly Member Kolb Declines to Run for Reelection Following DWI Charge

At the beginning of this year, then state assembly minority leader Brian Kolb, had been charged with drunk driving on New Years Eve. This led to him resigning his position as minority leader, though he declined to resign his position as a member of the state assembly. Kolb has now announced he will not seek reelection to the assembly in this year's elections. Hopefully he will be replaced with someone who doesn't go around driving drunk, who better recognizes the problem of alcohol in our society, who will take action to help address the issue.

Source: <https://www.syracuse.com/state/2020/02/former-gop-assembly-leader-brian-kolb-will-not-seek-re-election-following-dwi-charge.html?fbclid=IwAR2Z26DRjDSuhtRmC9T00ssNo16-CBixtAKrPd4P2tPJGfKdW6Rmuuzldby>

## As Liquor Stores Close, Murder Rates Decrease

We have seen yet another contribution to research on the connection between places which sell alcohol and violent crime. Previous research has indicated that alcohol use is associated with about 50% of violent crime. In 2018, a study in Baltimore found that the presence of stores selling alcohol was associated with higher rates of violent crime, and that areas where the number of stores selling alcohol increased saw increased rates of violent crime. Recently, another study was conducted that built on the research of the 2018 study. This new study by John Hopkins University used data to calculate to how various proposed policies on restricting alcohol in Baltimore could impact murder rates. The study calculated that if the city reduced the number of liquor stores by 20%, it could see 51 fewer murders a year and save the city \$63.7 million in damages from problems caused by alcohol. It calculated that closing liquor stores in residential areas could lead to 22 fewer murders a year and save \$27.5 million. And it calculated that making bars and taverns stop selling liquor at the same time that liquor stores are currently required to stop serving alcohol could lead to 1 fewer murder a year and save \$1.2 million. This research helps to further demonstrate the case that alcohol sales contribute to violent crime, and that working to reduce alcohol sales can help to decrease violent crime.

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<https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/crime/ba-md-ci-liquor-stores-20180925-story.html>

## Death from Alcohol-induced Liver Disease Rising, While Life-Expectancy is Falling

Researchers have identified some disturbing trends: deaths from alcohol related liver disease are increasing, as average life expectancy is falling. Deaths from alcohol related liver disease have increased every year from 2006 to 2017. Alcohol use can cause liver diseases, including fatty liver disease, alcoholic hepatitis, and cirrhosis. Meanwhile, the average life expectancy in the U.S. has been decreasing in recent years.

Source: <https://www.phillyvoice.com/drinking-related-liver-disease-contributing-shorter-life-expectancy-us/?fbclid=IwAR29zK43kRtalZZXP3xm5YKLApe1sO7fRlnciGSyG-WcgZr9Vi5PB4PueP8>

## Suffolk County: Proposed Bill to Protect Apartment Residents from Second-Hand Smoke

Suffolk County Legislator Sam Gonzales has proposed a bill to ban smoking in multi-family apartment buildings in the county. Gonzales decided to introduce this bill after receiving messages from various constituents, including parents of newborn children and elderly constituents, alerting him about the problem of smoking in multi-family apartments. Due to common areas and common areas, the smoke from one person could release smoke into airways, and in effect force their neighbors to have to endure breathing in smoke. This legislation is aimed to address the problem.

Another, less stringent bill, introduced by county legislator Tom Cilmi would somewhat increase restrictions on smoking in multi-family apartments, but not ban it entirely. The two bills have been recently introduced and it remains to be seen whether they will pass.

Sources: <http://longislandnews12.com/story/41712078/suffolk-county-proposes-law-to-protect-apartment-residents-from-second-hand-smoke?fbclid=IwAR0KJf7HMFEmA24ccKxgMU812kiawhCw0G5Ji3ceyVosAn3w6fuAnArGU>

<https://nypost.com/2020/02/19/suffolk-county-legislators-want-to-ban-smoking-in-apartments/>

## New York Appellate Court Rules Against Fantasy Sports Betting

A New York Appellate has recently made a ruling against gambling on fantasy sports. In 2016, legislators passed an amendment to the state racing, pari-mutual racing, and breeding law which stated that bets on online fantasy sports did not constitute gambling and were thus not prohibited. This change was challenged in court on the grounds that it violated the state constitution. In 2018, Albany Supreme Court Justice Gerald Connelly agreed and ruled that the amendment was null and void. The case was appealed to a state appellate court. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the state appellate court ruled that online fantasy sports betting did constitute gambling and that the amendment that legalized it did violate the state constitution. Though this case may not be over yet. This case may be appealed to the New York State Court of Appeals (the state's highest court). If the State Court of Appeals agrees with the lower court rulings and decides that the amendment was a violation of the state



constitution, then fantasy sports betting will once again become illegal in New York.

Source: [https://nypost.com/2020/02/06/ny-appellate-court-rules-fantasy-sports-betting-is-unconstitutional/?utm\\_source=facebook\\_site&utm\\_medium=site\\_buttons&utm\\_campaign=site\\_buttons&fbclid=IwAR3E3Y\\_8UsgkR-fgAn-39iMPd-GpLSs-5Tjx070DW\\_40wuB1Kj8pVv7c](https://nypost.com/2020/02/06/ny-appellate-court-rules-fantasy-sports-betting-is-unconstitutional/?utm_source=facebook_site&utm_medium=site_buttons&utm_campaign=site_buttons&fbclid=IwAR3E3Y_8UsgkR-fgAn-39iMPd-GpLSs-5Tjx070DW_40wuB1Kj8pVv7c)



## State Anti-Tobacco Groups Hold Annual Legislative Meeting Day

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Reality Check of New York held its 2020 Legislative Action Day, to encourage state lawmakers to take stronger actions against tobacco. Over 100 representatives and youth activists, from a coalition of state and local anti-tobacco groups from across the state, visited the capital. They held meetings with many state legislators. Legislators that were met with included Assembly members Phil Palmesano, Jake Ashby, Phil Steck, Angelo Santabarbara, Chris Tagua, Mary Beth Walsh, Pamela Hunter, Chris Friend, and Brian Manktelow, and State Senators George Amedore and Jim Tedesco. Hopefully these efforts will help encourage legislators to take stronger actions to address the problem of tobacco.

Sources: <https://www.facebook.com/realitycheckofny/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SHACMonroe/posts/2957247161003316>

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"Real strength has to do with helping others." Fred Rogers

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## Congress Members Introduce Bill to Address Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Congress Members Betty McCollum of Minnesota and Don Young of Alaska introduced bill to address the issue of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. H.R. 5790, the Advancing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Research, Prevention, and Services Act, would create a coordinating committee to look into the issue and make recommendations to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and Congress for actions to help prevent and treat FASD, increase

funding and support for research into FASD, and increase support for programs to help prevent and treat FASD. The bill is currently being considered by the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee. The bill has also been introduced in U.S. Senate, as bill S. 2879, by Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. The bill is currently being considered by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

Sources: <https://mccollum.house.gov/media/press-releases/mccollum-young-introduce-house-counterpart-legislation-address-fetal-alcohol?fbclid=IwAR09HlmaxkFRXgksT-Mz2hRmvdDr2rGzn27Pvcwuph7Zx9RSH9aw8fc>

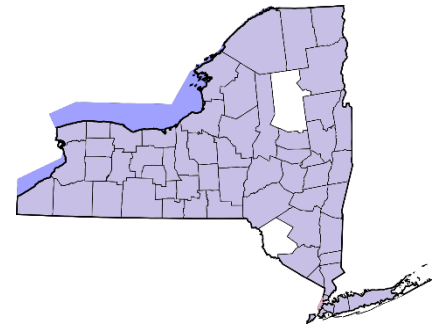
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<https://www.congress.gov/bills/116th/congress/senate-bill/2879?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22fetal+alcohol%22%5D%7D&=&1&r=&2>

## School Organizations and Police Stand Up Against Attempts to Place Marijuana Legalization in State Budget

Previously we have reported on how there is a misguided element who are trying to legalize the sale of recreational marijuana in New York state. They made an attempt last year, but it was met with an outpouring of opposition from doctors, law-enforcement members, and New Yorkers in general, and thus their effort failed. The pro-legalization crowd is once again making a misguided attempt this year. Thanks to governor Cuomo, they are attempting to pass a bill legalizing marijuana by attaching it to the state budget. The reason being that if they can attach it to the budget, they can use the pressure to pass a budget to effectively coerce legislators into voting for legalization, who may otherwise vote against it if the issue was addressed on its own. But more sensible New Yorkers are not content to sit idly by while lobbyists and politicians use underhanded tactics to rewrite the law. Members of various school organizations and police associations have come forward to speak against efforts to legalize marijuana through the state budget. Hopefully these counter efforts will succeed, so that marijuana is kept out of the state budget and the legalizers efforts are once again rejected in the legislature this year.

Source: [https://www.wivb.com/news/push-continues-to-keep-legal-pot-out-of-state-budget/?fbclid=IwAR0\\_ji0LY2iAluo61yLMEz9MhJOvkP6mZCK5D91zZHAH5I2q57I9Aag](https://www.wivb.com/news/push-continues-to-keep-legal-pot-out-of-state-budget/?fbclid=IwAR0_ji0LY2iAluo61yLMEz9MhJOvkP6mZCK5D91zZHAH5I2q57I9Aag)



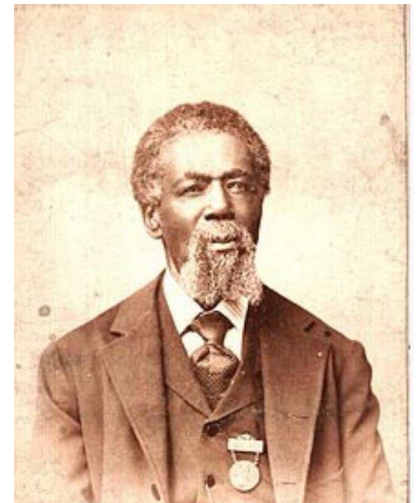
## Expanding Outreach

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 344 communities across the state, in 60 out of 62 counties. We also reached people in every other state, and in over 50 countries. The New York Prohibition Party twitter account has reached over 870,000 cumulative views.

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"It is wise to direct your anger towards problems - not people; to focus your energies on answers - not excuses." William Arthur Ward

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## Thomas Mundy Peterson

Thomas Mundy Peterson is regarded as the first African American to vote, following the passage of the 15th Amendment. He was the son of a former slave, and had made a living as a janitor in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. His first vote was cast as part of a referendum on changing Perth Amboy's city charter. He was an active member of the Prohibition Party and the Republican Party. He would also go on to be the first African American in the city to serve on a jury and got elected to the Middlesex County Commission. In 1884, members of the city honored him with a gold medallion of Abraham Lincoln. He lived until 1904.

Sources: <http://amsterdammnews.com/news/2020/jan/30/americas-first-black-vote/>

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## New York Prohibition Party History

### John A.M. Kline

John A.M. Kline was born on February 1, 1849, in Berne, Albany County, New York. His parents were German Immigrants, who had arrived in the U.S. about a year prior to his birth. He was the youngest of six children. His father died when he was eleven. This placed the family in poverty, limited Kline's ability to attain schooling, and caused him to start working at an early age. He spent four years working at a farm for 3 dollars a month. He then spent two years working at a hotel in Schuylar County. At 17, he became a clerk at a dry goods store in Middleburg, New York. At 19, he started working at a general store in Rensselaerville, New York, and spent two years as the store's top salesman.

In the early 1870's, Kline moved to Western New York. Over the next few decades, Kline lived in various towns in Yates and Steuben counties. After arriving to the area, Kline turned his attention towards pursuing an education. In September 1871, he started studying at Starkey Seminary in Yates County, and graduated two years later. In 1873, he started studying at Oberlin College. He spent six years studying at Oberlin and occasionally teaching, until he graduated from Oberlin in 1879.

On December 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, 1879, Kline married Frances A. Bassett of Barrington, New York. They went on to have two children: Allen Bassett Kline, who was born in 1883 and apparently named after Frances' father Allen Bassett, and J. (John) Carlton Kline in 1888.

In September 1879, Kline founded the Dundee Preparatory School, in Dundee New York. He taught at the school, and served as the school's principal and administrator, until 1891. In 1891, the Dundee Preparatory School was replaced by Dundee Highschool. From 1891-1895, Kline worked at the State Mutual Life Insurance Company.

While living in Yates County, Kline became significantly involved in reformist activities, particularly temperance activism. He began speaking at various temperance and prohibitionist meetings throughout the region. A favorite topic of his was speaking about the American Brewers Association, it's negative effects on society, and it's corrupting influence on the nation's politics.

By the late 1880's, Kline became involved with the Prohibition Party. In 1888, he ran as the Prohibition Party candidate for state assembly in Yates County's 1<sup>st</sup> District, against Republican candidate William A. Carson and Democratic candidate Henry M. Huntington. The election was won by Carson.

In 1890, he was the Prohibition Party candidate for county school commissioner in Yates County. In the campaign, he reportedly spent \$12.00 on printing and postage. In the same year, he was part of a group of

temperance supporters who sought to purchase the Dundee Record newspaper and turn it into a prohibitionist newspaper. This may have become the basis for the Dundee Home Advocate newspaper, which he played a key role in creating. By 1895, the Dundee Home Advocate had merged with an Elmira based prohibitionist newspaper named "The Facts".

In 1891, Kline was one of the representatives from Yates County at the New York Prohibition Party state convention. In 1893, he delivered an address at the Yates County Prohibition Party convention. In 1895, Kline was nominated to run for state senate.

By 1895, Kline had begun working as a professor at Keuka College/ Keuka Institute. In 1895, Kline was appointed as Principal of Keuka College/ Institute. The news of his appointment was met with praise from The Facts newspaper. They described Kline as one of the "best known educators and reformers in the state", who worked his way from being a poor boy "through the snows of difficulty to his present and enviable standing", and who "possesses the peculiar power to impress himself upon the young with whom he comes in contact".

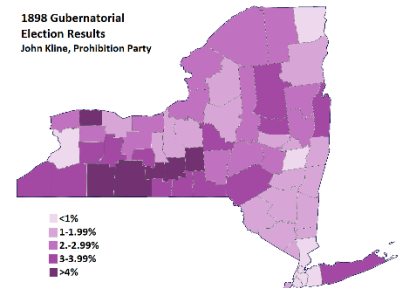
Kline managed practical aspects of the college and its staff, while the college's founder, Rev. George Harvey Bell, administered the college as its president. As part of his work, he attended meetings with other principals in local area. In addition, his wife Frances Kline was taught English and Art at Keuka, and was at one-point head of its Art department. In June 1896, Newell M. Calhoun became president of Keuka College, and served until he resigned in February 1897. Kline was temporarily appointed to fill the duties of the president. Shortly thereafter, the board appointed George Harvey Bell to return and president of the college, and Bell remained president until 1904.

In 1897, Kline became president of the group producing The Facts newspaper in Elmira. The same year, he also attended Yates County Christian Endeavor convention, and acted as the executor of the will of H. Carlton Bassett of Barrington.

On June 30, 1898, the Prohibition Party held its state convention in Syracuse. John Kline was selected as the party's nominee for governor. Throughout his campaign, he spoke at various temperance and prohibitionist meetings across the state. Kline emphasized the importance of opposing the alcohol industry and its corrupt influence on politics. He called on voters in New York to stand up against its influence. For instance, an article from the Brooklyn Daily Eagle on one of events reported,

"The speaker told of the corruption he thought existed in both the Democratic and Republican Parties. It is time, he said, for another party whose purpose was pure to take hold of affairs. When the whiskey trade can step in and make and unmake presidents it was time for the people to interfere."

Kline received 18,383 votes (1.36% of the total statewide vote), and came in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Kline's strongest results tended to be in counties in Western and Central New York, particularly among the southern tier counties. He also had above average results in various counties in the Adirondacks and Northern New York. His percentage of votes tended to be lower in New York City, as well as several of the more urban counties in the state.



After the election, Kline continued to be a prominent figure in the New York Prohibition Party. He continued to make speeches at local Prohibition Party events. In 1900, Kline was selected to serve on the state executive committee of the Prohibition Party in New York State.

Near the end of 1900, Kline and his family moved from Jerusalem, New York to the area of Cleveland, Ohio. He ended up living in the town of Euclid, Ohio. He began working at A.L. Bassett & CO., a Cleveland based company that sold hats. In 1906, he reportedly purchased a share of the business. Kline continued to be active in the Prohibition Party. In 1904, he ran the Prohibition Party candidate for representative in Ohio's 20<sup>th</sup> congressional district. He received 587 votes and 1.19% of the total vote.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1907, John Kline's son Allen B. Kline married Mary Grace Spence, with J. Carlton Kline acting as best man. The couple took up residence in Wickliffe, Ohio.

In 1912, Kline was faced a period of poor health, due to issues with diabetes. His nephew, Dr. Scherer of Penn Yan, New York, traveled to Cleveland to assist with his treatment.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1914, a group of alumni from the old Dundee Preparatory School began their first annual reunion. Kline attended as the guest of honor and was one of the speakers at the reunion. The alumni continued to hold annual reunions for at least the next several years.

John Kline died on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1917, and was buried in Knollwood cemetery, in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

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