

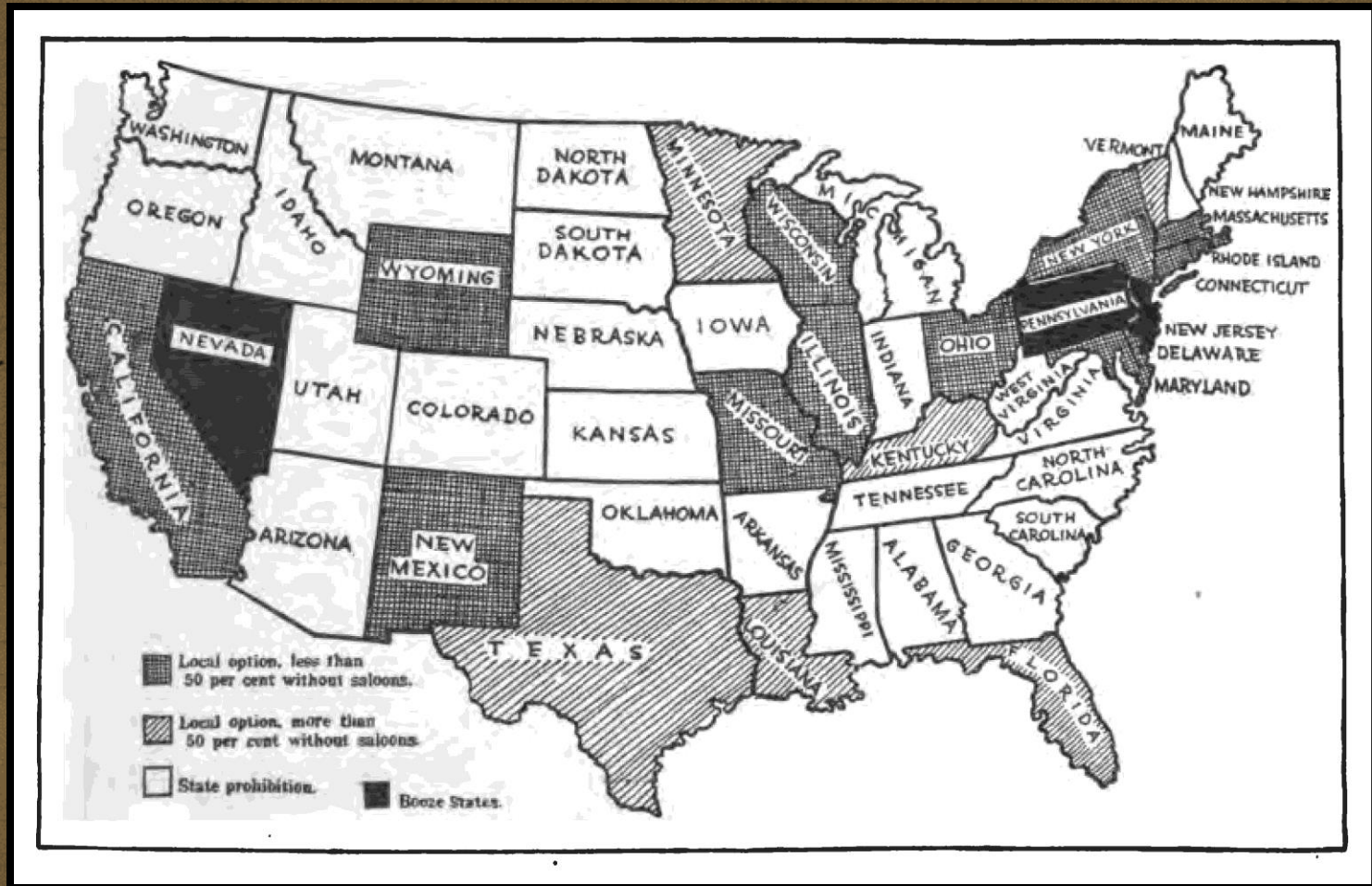
The History Behind Prohibition
Part 2

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Prohibition and the Big Bear Raid

- From last month's presentation
 - The four main forces WCTU, ASL, Brewers, Distillers
 - Politics in action 1900-1920
- This month's presentation
 - Prohibition Agents and getting around the law
 - Getting the law repealed
 - California laws and activity in Big Bear

Map of States with Prohibition - 1917



The 18th Amendment

- “Section 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.
- Section 2. The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
- Section 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

Volstead the Senator

- Andrew Volstead entered Congress in 1903 representing Minnesota.
- He was a progressive, pro-suffrage and pro-income tax Republican
- Head of House Judiciary Committee.



Enforcement : The Volstead Act

- Also called the National Prohibition Act.
- Written by Andrew Volstead, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee but directed by Wayne Wheeler.
- Created to clarify the 18th Amendment.
- Gave more information on how Prohibition was supposed to be enforced.
- This was to be the enforcement act to make prohibition work.
- There were 67 separate sections to the Volstead Act.



Items Addressed in the Volstead Act

- Definition of “intoxicating alcohol”.
- How to handle medicinal use of alcohol.
- How would sacramental wine be treated.
- What department / agency would have jurisdiction.
- What should be done with visiting foreign ships visiting US ports with alcohol on board.
- Clarifies that home brewing was legal.