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Photograph taken by Micki Reid,  
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**DAILY MIRROR** FINAL  
January 16, 1920

## PROHIBITION ENDS AT LAST!

New York got the break from Utah. The lid is off! The 26th and most necessary State to ratify...  
...of the Prohibition Amendment had dined and dallied yesterday while New York fanned and then "out of...  
...for the rest of the nation!" New York in particular... the long dry...  
...and cast their ballots for repeal hours ahead of the time expected... Then the fun began!  
...which will have a drink...  
...until Jan. 1, 1920...  
...of other States to be...  
...repealed—but they agreed...  
...to let it have time...  
...And did New York...  
...TRUCKS OFF!

January 16, 1920: 18th Amendment ratified outlawing production, transport, and sale of alcohol.

December 5, 1933: 21st Amendment ratified repealing the 18th Amendment.

Topics included in this display are:

- Prohibition
- Life in the Roaring '20s
- Alcohol of all kinds

Sign created by Cassie Thomas,  
Cooper Library Weekend Supervisor

# Display Description

December 5 is Repeal Day, which signifies an historical event in US history: the repeal of the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, resulting in the end of Prohibition in the United States.

Championed by temperance societies and religious denominations concerned about the adverse effects of drinking, the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified on January 29, 1919, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcohol for drinking purposes. However, under the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, federal agents and police did little more than slow the flow of alcohol across the nation and organized crime flourished as a result of illegal distribution efforts.

In the 1930s, after failing to enforce sobriety and costing the nation billions, Prohibition began rapidly losing popular support; many of those who initially advocated Prohibition began fighting for repeal. On December 5, 1933, Utah became the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, thereby achieving the three-fourths majority vote needed to repeal the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment and bring an end to the Prohibition Era.

A display of items centered on Prohibition, life in the 1920s, and alcohol of all kinds is currently located on the Display Shelving on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Cooper Library. The display will be up until the end of December.

- Posted on Clemson University Libraries' Blog, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015

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