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HOW THE FARMERS WON.

Past Master Aaron Jones' Great Personal Victory in Washington.
 It may not be known to all readers of this paper that last January in Washington there was held a great commercial convention which was ostensibly called for the advancement of foreign commerce in the United States. It was really a plan for the advancement of the ship subsidy scheme which some of the most influential men, even those close to the president, were trying to put through congress. It was an assemblage of 400 voting delegates representing the shipping, mercantile, manufacturing and allied interests from all sections of the country. It happened that the national grange legislative and executive committees were in session at that time in Washington. They discovered that the farmers had no representation in the convention and asked that one of their number be appointed to a position on the committee on resolutions. Their request was granted, and Hon. Aaron Jones, past master of the national grange, was appointed on that committee. The ablest lawyers and experts were present to assist in insuring the success of the scheme, and men who were worth their millions were there. Secretary of State Root made a powerful speech, and the convention was to close in a grand climax at a ten dollar a plate banquet, which the president himself was to address. We give the rest of the story in the words of one present as printed in the Pennsylvania Grange News:

But the schemers had reckoned without the grange delegates. Hardly had the tumultuous cheers which greeted the conclusion of Secretary Root's speech died away when the quiet, persistent work of the farmers' representatives began to show, and opposition to committing the convention to the indorsement of ship subsidy legislation gathered strength. This opposition rapidly increased as it became known throughout the convention that the resolutions committee could not agree and that Jones, the grange representative in the committee, was leading a vigorous opposition and gathering to him a steadily increasing support. The friends of ship subsidy began to grow anxious to get the convention to act before the opposition could prove serious.

Finally, in the middle of the afternoon session, the resolutions committee, unable to agree, reported both a majority and a minority report, the ship subsidy majority hoping to be able to carry their report through the convention. An attempt was made to rule out the minority report on technicality, but this simply resulted in showing the entire convention that the ship subsidy advocates would, if they could, ride roughshod over all opposition. As the debate waxed hot it showed plainly that the resolution in favor of ship subsidy would be defeated, and defeat was only averted by having both reports referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Once again the fight was on in the resolutions committee, and from 8 until 11:30 p. m. the battle raged. The doors of the committee room were locked, and no one but the forty odd members of the committee was allowed in the room. How Jones handled our side was shown, however, by the fact that he was the acknowledged leader of the fight which resulted in the defeat of the ship subsidy forces. The resolution finally adopted by the committee was a non-committal one to the effect that the convention favors such legislation as will most effectively aid up our merchant marine, the understanding being plainly the ship subsidy forces. The grange and its friends had won a great victory.

On the floor the next morning, the rest of the convention, the hall was packed and more fiercely than ever. Efforts were being made to get the original ship subsidy resolution adopted instead. The five minute rule of debate was rigidly enforced, and the speeches for and against were hot and even bitter. Excitement was intense. From all parts of the hall as many as twenty would clamor for recognition by the chair at one time. And so the fight went on. So far the grange representatives had been silent, content to let the opposition that had been stirred up show that it was not only the farmers who were opposing. Then suddenly above the din the clear voice of Aaron Jones compelled the instant recognition of the chair, and a dead hush settled on the great assemblage while it anxiously watched what was felt to be the farmers' ultimatum.

And it came! Wasting no time in preliminaries, in a few forceful words that struck the assembled delegates like an electric shock, in the name of the American farmer and in the name of the great Order he was there to represent, Jones registered his protest against the indorsement of ship subsidy legislation by that convention. It was the beginning of the end. Ship subsidy indorsement was plainly doomed. The leader of the ship subsidy forces made a desperate effort to ward off defeat in an impressive speech, but whatever of effect it might have had was completely nullified by the brief speech of State Master Derbick, who followed.

This ended the debate. And on a standing vote the ship subsidy advocates who had planned the convention with such great hopes could muster only forty-one votes in a meeting of over 400 delegates. Derbick's speech was magnificent, and, I think less than five minutes long. It was spoken of by many prominent people present as one of the great speeches of the convention.

There is a possibility that the national grange may meet at Niagara Falls next November.

The grange adapts its functions to the everyday work of its members.
 Keep up the agitation for grange halls to be owned by the grange.

Davidson Twp. Statement.

Annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of Davidson Township for the year ending March 11, A. D. 1907.
 Account of George Kless, Treasurer of Davidson Twp. Road District for year ending March 11, '07
 Amt received of County Treas. \$249 15
 from H. P. Hall Col. 125 50
 from Electric Light Co. 30 00
 Amt of Duplicate 705 25
 Recd. of C. W. Speary, Col. 190 00
 Balance due from last settlement 284 14
 By work on roads 1902 91
 By lumber 351 87
 By tools and expenses 36 91
 By books 10 00
 By postage, express and freight 3 00
 For dynamite 18 00
 Road machine repairs 7 00
 For piping 450 00
 Treasurer commission on same 56 35
 Less per centage and discount on Duplicate 43 43
 Balance due the Township 1579 26
 \$121 94 4521 94

Account of George Kless, Overseer of the Poor of Davidson Twp. year ending March 11, 1907.
 Amt received of County Treas. \$150 00
 in Treas. hands from last year 1607 84
 Recd. of C. W. Speary, Col. 1905 74 00
 Nov. 15, Recd. of H. Hall 500 00
 By receipts down and canceled 1148 87
 Percentage on the same 22 00
 For 10 days service at \$2.00 per day 38 00
 Expenses 2 45
 Balance due the Township 2278 84
 \$341 94 3191 34

Account of D. H. Local, Overseer of the Poor for year ending March 11, 1907.
 For 14 days services at 2.00 per day 28 00
 Account of H. P. Hall, Collector, for poor tax for the year ending March 11, 1907.
 Amount of duplicate \$225 29
 Amt paid Treasurer 500 00
 Percentage and discount on same 40 00
 By exonerations 49 78
 Land returns 15 22
 Commission on the same 7 50
 By exonerations 12 26
 Balance due the Township 219 28
 \$25 36 825 36

Road Funds.
 Amount of duplicate 541 97
 Amt paid George Kless Treas. 123 50
 Land returns on the same 6 18
 By land returns 25 19
 Commission on the same 1 26
 By exonerations 12 26
 Balance due the Township 274 22
 \$54 97 541 97

We the undersigned auditors of Davidson Twp. do hereby certify that we did audit and testify the several receipts to the best of our knowledge, information and belief, as the same set forth in this report, and we set our hands and seal this 11th day of April, 1907.
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