

### Meeting of Real-Estate Owners.

In pursuance of a call issued in the papers, a public meeting was held in the Recorder's Court-room, on Tuesday evening, January 17, for the purpose of devising means for the encouragement of productive labor, and the attraction of immigration. The meeting having been organized by the appointment of Mayor Haines as Chairman, and S. S. Greeley as Secretary, remarks were made by Messrs. Geo. Steel, G. S. Hubbard, C. L. Beers, G. W. Gage, E. Bixby and others, upon the productiveness of the prairie lands around Chicago, detailing the modes of reclaiming, and the success attendant thereupon.

A communication was read from Mr. Charles F. Volk, endorsed by F. C. Hoffman, Esq., suggesting the employment of an agent, who should correspond with the various emigrant aid societies, and should visit some of the seaports of Europe, for the purpose of directing emigrants to this city. On motion of Mr. Hayes it was Resolved that this meeting approve the plan offered, and recommend it to the consideration of property-owners.

Further remarks were made by Messrs. Chas. Walker, Peter Page, and H. Greenebaum, upon the subject of fostering manufactures, and inviting immigration. Gen. R. K. Swift suggested the division of the general field of inquiry into departments, each one to be referred for investigation to a special committee to be appointed from such citizens of Chicago as feel interest in the general prosperity of the city; the committees to collect such facts as bear upon the particular subjects entrusted to them, with the special view of ascertaining what new branches of industry may be started here for the employment of labor and capital.

Whereupon it was voted that the Chair appoint a committee on organization, whose duty it shall be to appoint committees from the citizens at large upon the subjects of agriculture, drainage, manufactures of wooden and iron products, manufacture of fabrics, supply of coal, immigration, printing and publishing, finance, and such other subjects as should seem desirable.

The Chair named as the committee on organization the following gentlemen: Charles Walker, Geo. Steel, G. W. Gage, Wm. Jones, S. S. Hayes, Reuben Taylor, R. K. Swift, to whom on motion, the Chairman was added.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned, subject to call by the committee.

JOHN C. HAINES, Chairman.

S. S. GREELEY, Secretary.