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What are the People?
A mass convention of the people was called yesterday at Lincoln Hall to discuss the question of forming a common and harmonious government for all the people of this District.
The speaker of the occasion was Mr. W. J. Hayes, Editor and Proprietor of this paper. He addressed the audience in a most interesting and timely manner, pointing out the need for a government that would represent the interests of all the people, and not just a few privileged classes.
The Board of Supervisors which has been in session in this city for several weeks past concluded their labors yesterday and adjourned sine die. The principal labor was on the steamboat bill, which, after mature consideration, has, with its amendments, been submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval. The board also devoted much time to the examination of life-saving apparatus, safety valves, discharging books, etc., and will submit the result of their inspection to the Secretary, together with their annual reports.
Previous to the adjournment of the Board, the following resolution, offered by Mr. Burdett, was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That Adams, Dilligee, and the other members of the Board of Supervisors be and they are hereby authorized to act as a committee to investigate the claims of the Board of Supervisors and to report thereon to the Board at its next meeting.
By direction of the Secretary of War the following transfers are made of officers of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 1 of the General Order No. 11, of November 13, 1917, from this office, establishing the artillery school at Fort Monroe, Virginia.
First Lieutenant J. T. Webster, from company G to company F, to be relieved. Second Lieutenant W. F. Van Ness, from company A to company B, to be relieved. Second Lieutenant W. F. Van Ness, from company A to company B, to be relieved. Second Lieutenant W. F. Van Ness, from company A to company B, to be relieved.
The Corporation Cases Before the Supreme Court—A number of confidential sources under the protection of the court, in connection with the case of Garret and McVigley, recently stated in these columns, all raising the same technical objections to the proceedings below, and the same questions of constitutionality as to the act under which they were instituted. Among them is one of peculiar interest, that of Palman against the district of Columbia, brought to test the validity of the forfeiture decreed against the plaintiff, and to determine the effect of the decree upon the rights of property existing before it was passed. Information was filed against a promissory note belonging to Palman, and it was returned as "not a debt," and was introduced into court by the United States marshal, (for the district of Columbia) thereupon, Palman being in default, condemnation was adjudged, and the marshal was authorized to sell it in the ordinary manner, which he did, the maker of the note protesting the enforcement of the sale, and getting a writ of habeas corpus, for \$7,000, for the sum of \$3,000. Palman sued the marshal and his sureties, to recover the amount of the note, alleging that a false return was made as to the note, and averring that it had been in his possession since made, in Mason county, Kentucky, and had never been within the jurisdiction of the district of Columbia. On the trial, the questions arose whether it was necessary that the note should be actually taken into custody by the marshal, and whether if the facts are as stated by the plaintiff, the proceeding below will operate to stop him from bringing an action on the note against the maker. The court was divided in opinion, the majority being 8 to 6, in favor of the plaintiff, and the majority of the court being 5 to 4, in favor of the defendant. The plaintiff has asked for a writ of habeas corpus, and the court has granted it, and the plaintiff has been released from custody. The court has also granted a writ of habeas corpus to the plaintiff, and the plaintiff has been released from custody. The court has also granted a writ of habeas corpus to the plaintiff, and the plaintiff has been released from custody.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.
NEW YORK MARKET.—Cotton fell and shipping, adding 20 cents. Sugar quiet and steady. Flour dull and nominal. Wheat steady, but quiet. Corn quiet and steady. Live stock quiet and steady. Grain and oil markets quiet and steady. Foreign exchange steady. Gold market quiet and steady. Silver market quiet and steady. Bonds market quiet and steady. Stocks market quiet and steady. Commodities market quiet and steady. General market quiet and steady.

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