THE CITY.

Fire Thermometer.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1861.			SEPTEMBER 25, 1862.		
6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	6 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.
66¼	71¼	73	52	63½	66
WIND.					
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MEETING OF CITY COUNCILS.

The Hospitalities of the City Tendered to the Commission on the Selection of a Navy Yard—Extension of the Water Works—Extension of the Term of Service of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department—The Mayor's Supervision of the Highway Department—Expenditures, &c.

The regular stated meeting of both branches of City Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT BRANCH

Met at half past three o'clock, the president, THEODORE CUYLER, Esq., in the chair.

Petitions and Resolutions Presented.

Petitions for the laying of water-pipe on Carlisle, Thirty-fourth, and sycamore streets, Twenty-fourth ward; from Richard Long, for the payment of a claim; and for the curbing and paving of Sigel and other streets, in the Twenty-first ward, were presented and referred.

Mr. BAIRD offered a resolution instructing the Highway Department to grade, curb, and pave certain streets in Frankford, referred to in a communication from the Chief Commissioner of Highways. Adopted.

A communication on the President's table from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department appointing a clerk, and one from Captain J. M. Kiapp, of Co. F, 121st Regiment, P. V., asking information, were laid before the Chamber.

Reports of Committees—The Coal Contract of Parker and Oldfield.

Mr. MEGARY, chairman of the Committee on Water, submitted a report, with an accompanying resolution, authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to lay water pipes in Forty-first street, from Haverford to Market, Hope street, from Oxford street to Lehigh avenue, and also in Brooklyn street, near Haverford. The resolution was adopted.

The same gentleman also reported, in reference to the contract of Parker & Oldfield, for furnishing coal to the city, that, in consequence of existing circumstances, it was necessary to annul the contract between that firm and the city, to date from the 1st of July last. An ordinance to this effect was submitted. The reasons for its adoption are set forth in the report.

Mr. CATHERWOOD opposed the passage of the ordinance. He thought it was the business of this firm to take into consideration all risks and damage likely to arise when they made the contract. Such had been his rule of business. He thought the firm should be held to the letter of the bond.

Mr. MEGARY stated that certain parties, upon whom the firm relied for filling the contract, had refused to sell as heretofore, and the firm was totally unable to carry out their stipulations.

After some further discussion, the ordinance was defeated.

Mr. [illegible] communication from Frederick Fraley, president of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, calling the attention of Councils to a breach of the agreement by this company under which the water is drawn from the Fairmount dam. The agreement stipulates that whenever the water is drawn below the top of the dam it shall be stopped, so that the navigation of the river may not be impeded. The water is now daily thus drawn, and yet not stopped, as agreed. Referred.

Ordinances Presented and Passed.

Mr. WETHERILL submitted an ordinance relating to the Government commission on the selection of a site for the navy yard. The first section was read, providing that the Mayor of the city be requested to extend to the gentlemen composing the commission the hospitalities of the city, &c. The second section provides that a committee, consisting of the presidents of the two Chambers and two members from each Chamber, be appointed to cooperate with the Mayor in the duties prescribed by the ordinance. The third section appropriates $500 to pay incidental expenses. Adopted.

Mr. MEGARY presented an ordinance providing that the consent of the city be given to the occupancy of Willow Grove Avenue line, between Chestnut Hill Railroad and the township line road, where a hospital building may be erected. The tender of the grounds is made by Mr. Charles Richter. Adopted.

Mr. BAIRD presented a resolution providing for the postponement of the time fixed for the election of a police magistrate for the Fifteenth district. Adopted.

An ordinance authorizing the transfer of certain items, from item 4 to item 7, entitled an ordinance making an appropriation to clerks of Councils, was offered.

On motion of Mr. WETHERILL, the resolution was amended so as to make the amount of appropriation ($800) a special matter and not a mere transfer. The ordinance then passed.

Mr. FOX pr sented a resolution relative to the payment of certain ground rent; providing that the ground rent payable by the city from the market property, situated at Broad and Race streets, which, prior to the present year, has been in charge of the market department, shall be and is hereby made payable by the Commissioner of City Property, the said officer being empowered to discharge such duty.

In reply to an inquiry, Mr. FOX explained the necessity of the resolution, when it passed.

Mr. DONOHOE presented a report from the Committee on Highways relative to the pavement of Salmon street, with an ordinance. Laid over.

A resolution was submitted, requiring the heads of departments of the city to present estimates of their expenses for the current year. Adopted.

Ordinances from Common Council.

An ordinance from Common Council supplementary to an ordinance regulating the fire department, providing that the term of the chief engineer shall be three years, etc., was concurred in.

An ordinance approving the sureties of David M. Lyle, chief engineer of the fire department, was concurred in.

An ordinance to authorize satisfaction on the official bond of George Gaw, collector of outstanding taxes for the Second ward, in 1859, was concurred in.

A resolution to enter satisfaction on the mortgages of William Holmes and P. Ticknor was concurred in.

An ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the funeral expenses of Colonel John A. Koltes was concurred in.

An ordinance authorizing the grading, curbing, and paving of Cedar and Summerville streets, in the Twenty-fifth ward. Postponed for the present