HOME MATTERS.

CLERK OF THE MARKET.—Col. Wm. Diehl will be a candidate before the incoming Councils for the appointment of Clerk of the Market. Col. D. is one of our oldest citizens, and from long experience in the line peculiarly adapted to fill the place he seeks. It is hoped his numerous friends will be on the alert, and by a combined and well-directed effort, endeavor to secure to him this small favor, the fruits of which are so necessary to soothe the asperities of declining years, and tranquilize the evening of a life in which he has done the State some service.

MANY CITIZENS.

INAUGURATION OF MAYOR RIDDLE.

MEETING OF THE SELECT COUNCIL.

At ten o'clock yesterday morning the Select Council assembled in their room in the Court House for the purpose of forming the new Council.

On motion, Mr. Robert M'Cutcheon was elected chairman *pro tem.*

A motion was made and carried that the returns of members elect from the different Wards be read.

Mr. Morrow, the clerk, then read the returns, each return being separately approved.

The following are the names of the Councilmen elect:

First Ward—James T. Kincaid.
Second Ward—William J. Howard, jr.
Third Ward—John Shipton.
Fourth Ward—Frederick Lorenz.
Fifth Ward—James M. Taylor.
Sixth Ward—William F. Murdoch.
Seventh Ward—Christian Oyer.
Eighth Ward—Daniel M'Curdy.
Ninth Ward—Robert Hill, one year; Philip Drum, two years.

The roll of all the members was then called.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted, that tellers be appointed to superintend the election of President and Clerk.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cordell and Cialey.

The name of John Shipton was placed in nomination for the Presidency; when, on motion, he was elected by acclamation.

On taking the Chair Mr. Shipton returned his sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon him. He would endeavor to discharge the duties of the office impartially, and he hoped by the aid and kindness of the members to give satisfaction to all.

The names of J. T. Whitten, Robert Morrow, and A. G. Reinhart were then placed in nomination for the Clerkship.

On the first ballot Mr. Whitten received thirteen votes, Mr. Morrow four, and Mr. Reinhart one. Mr. Whitten was declared duly elected.

On motion, James Wright was elected the Messenger of the Select Council by acclamation.

On motion, the thanks of the Council were returned to Mr. Morrow for the courteous and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office.

The Select Council then announced to the Common Council that they were prepared to meet in joint convention with them for the purpose of inaugurating Mr. R. M. Riddle, the Mayor elect.

A motion to that effect was then made and carried.

Messrs. Wilson and Speer, from the S. C., and Irwin, McAuley and Splane, from the C. C., was appointed the committee.

After an absence of half an hour, Mr. Riddle and Mayor Guthrie, in company with the committee, arrived, when Mr. Shipton introduced them to the convention.

Mr. Shipton then announced that the votes for the different candidates for the Mayoralty were, for R. M. Riddle, 1887; for J. B. Guthrie, 1563; for J. Herron Foster, 252; for Samuel B. Cooper, 209. The majority for Mr. Riddle was 319. Mr. Riddle was duly elected Mayor of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Riddle then took the customary oath of office, which was administered to him by Judge McClure.

After which Mr. Riddle made the following remarks:

Gentlemen of the Select and Common Councils—In entering upon the duties of the engagement which I have just sealed by a solemn oath, I need hardly say I depend for the ability to perform them upon the cordial and generous co-operation of the Councils, without which I would be wholly helpless. I hope I shall disappoint no just expectations. I shall make no promises, remembering how much easier it is to make promises than to practice. I am not prepared to announce my staff of day-police, although I have already chosen the High Constable and two or three others. It would not be fitting for me to designate them until the whole is completed. Relying upon your co-operation, and that of the public, which is indispensable, I have done.

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COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.—At the night session of Thursday evening, the speeches of counsel's occupied the attention of the Court until midnight.

On yesterday morning Mr. Flanegin closed for the prosecution in an exceedingly able and forcible speech.

Judge McClure charged the jury entirely on points of law. The commission of the act would not be excused by the general commission he bore as a policeman, because he had arrested Alman without a warrant, and was imprisoning him without any right to do so. The jury retired at about twelve o'clock, and were absent half an hour, when they announced to the Court, through the attending officer, that they had found a verdict.

The names of the jury were called, after which they handed in the verdict of "GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE."

Such a result, we are informed, was totally unlooked for by the unfortunate prisoner. He was remanded for sentence.

GUNPOWDER.—A large supply of all the varieties of this necessary article, has been received by J. S. Dilworth & Co., as the reader will see by their advertisement.

The Select Council of Allegheny City, which assembled on Thursday evening, passed a vote of thanks to the retiring members.

JAIL.—There are now only eighty-six prisoners confined in the County Jail. Most of them are committed for drunkenness and vagrancy.

We extract the following from the Enterprise of yesterday afternoon:

ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW COUNCILS.—A special meeting of the new Councils convened this morning at 10 o'clock, in the City Hall, and resolved themselves into a committee of the whole, by appointing Jacob Painter, President pro tem., and H. J. Lemon, Clerk.

The election returns for city officers were then read, and on motion of Gen. Robinson, were approved.

The members elect of the Select Council, who were all present, were then sworn in by Alderman Barclay.

The members elect of the Common Council (with the exception of James Park, Jr., who was absent, and the vacancy occasioned by the tie vote in the Second Ward) were also sworn in in a body by Alderman Barclay.

On motion, the Councils then adjourned to their respective chambers to elect their officers.

In the Select Council, Gen. Wm. Robinson, Jr., was chosen President by acclamation.

The ballotings for the other officers were as follows:

For Clerk of S. C, H. J. Lemon received 11 votes; John M'Millan 1 vote.

For Messenger, G. L. M'Intyre received 9 votes; G. Hesselbagh 3 votes.

In the Common Council, the meeting was organized by appointing George R. Riddle Chairman pro tem., and William C. Stockton Secretary pro tem.

James Parke, Jr., was unanimously chosen President. George R. Riddle and William C. Stockton were nominated, but they declined.

The ballotings for other officers resulted as follows:

For Clerk of C. C.—M. M'Gonnigle received 13 votes; Mr. Ross 1 vote.

For Messenger—G. L. M'Intyre received 8 votes; James Huston 6 votes.

Immediately after the election of officers in both Councils had been concluded, they resolved themselves into a joint meeting, Gen. Robinson being Chairman.

Robert W. Parke, the Mayor elect, was then sworn into office by Alderman Barclay, after which he made a few very appropriate remarks.

James L. Graham, one of the Directors of the Poor elect, for three years, was also sworn in. Thomas Farley, the other Director elect, was not present.

On motion, adjourned to meet on next Tuesday night, at 6½ o'clock, to elect city officers.

DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Shannon, the case of Pooth vs. Murray, was still before the Court.

Graham vs. Murdoch was still being argued before Judge Williams.

These two cases close up the two trial lists for the week, making sixty-four cases disposed of. The list of causes for this term is rapidly diminishing under the arrangements for facilitating business introduced by Judges Shannon and Williams.

The jury were discharged until Monday, as to-day will be taken up with the argument list.

Professor Charles' Sotrees Philosophique are drawing good houses at the Athenæum. We would recommend the Professor as among the first of Magicians.

We understand that the friends of Mr. James Owston, of St. Clair street, are about to bring forward his name before the Pittsburgh Councils as a candidate for the office of Land Measurer for the Fourth ward. From a long acquaintance with this gentlemen, and from a knowledge of his mechanical qualifications—he having been engaged in the lumber business in another State for a number of years—we can commend him to our inspection as a person well qualified to discharge the duties of the office. Mr. Owston is about declining his present lucrative business from conscientious scruples, and we hope he may meet with that encouragement which his meritorious conduct will deserve.—*Alle. Enterprise.*

COMMERCIAL.

PITTSBURGH MARKET.

OFFICE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE,
Saturday Morning, January 15, 1853.

The weather continues unpleasant, and business somewhat checked in consequence. The rivers are also in excellent order.

ASHES—Demand moderate, and market firm. Sales 15 casks pots, domestic, at 5¼, four mos. Sales 2000 lbs pearlash at 6¾.

GREASE—A lot of 102 lbs's grease, No. 1, sold at 9c, and 17 lbls inferior, at 6¾.

TALLOW—Sales 7 bbls at 9¾ cts.

CURLED HOGS HAIR—Sales 9 bbls at 10 cts. ₱ lb.

FLOUR—Sales of 64, 15, 25, and 97 bbls. c. f. at $4.30; at Allegheny Depot, 75 bbls do at $4.25; 54 bbls s. f. and 27 bbls inferior, at 4