

Correspondence is solicited for THE NEW SOUTH from our friends at Pulaski, Fernandina, and St. Augustine, as well as from the more distant post of Key West. We wish to keep promptly advised of every interesting occurrence in the Department of the South, and can only be gratified through the courtesy of our readers.

### LOCAL NEWS.

**CAPTURE OF A PICKET GUARD.**—On Friday morning six boats, containing a rebel force, landed upon Pinkney Island, and surprised Co. H, Third New Hampshire Regiment, the picket guard at that place, taking 32 prisoners, killing three men and wounding three others—two of whom are not likely to survive their injuries. From the facts, as they have been told us, there can be no doubt that the mishap resulted from sheer neglect to adopt even ordinary precautionary measures in view of the known proximity of the enemy. Such a fault we believe to be more or less common with all our regiments who are entrusted with the important duty of guarding our outer lines. Immunity from attack—no matter how long it may exist—is no reason for relaxing one iota of vigilance. The enemy doubtless in some way manages to keep informed of our condition, and are ready to strike at any moment where there is the slightest chance of annoying us. Let our pickets then be prepared and watching constantly for these midnight raids, remembering that they are not sportsmen “camped out” for a few weeks enjoyment of fishing and shooting, but soldiers in face of an enterprising and wily foe. Should this lesson be taught by the occurrence of Friday morning it will not have happened altogether in vain. The names of the killed and wounded are:—Killed—Second Lieut. H. Wiggin, Privates Nathaniel Downs, George W. Adams. Wounded—Chas. O. Ring and Chas. Morgan, supposed mortally, and Henry H. Nichols, seriously. The stay of the enemy upon Pinkney Island was brief, and they carried away only their prisoners. We have again taken possession, with a force sufficiently strong to maintain the position.

**A NEGRO MURDER CASE.**—The Military Commission which has been holding its sessions at Beaufort for some weeks, had before it, among other cases, that of a negro, known as Moses, who killed another negro, named June, at Gibbs' plantation, Lady's Island, on the evening of the 20th of June last. From the evidence it appeared that the accused and his victim had been at enmity a long time, in consequence of an improper intimacy having existed between June and Maria, Moses' wife. The men had often come to blows, and finally June obtained a pistol with which he boasted that he should defend himself. During the last altercation Moses, knowing that June had the weapon, and seeing him make a motion as about to use it, snatched a heavy stick from the ground, and struck him upon the head, causing an injury which soon resulted in death. The murderer was at once placed under arrest. The trial was several days in progress, as it was very difficult for the court to understand the negroes and the negroes to understand the rules of evidence. On the 15th inst., the case was concluded; and Moses, having been found guilty of murder in the second degree, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. There being no jail here, the prisoner was remanded, by order of Gen. Saxton, to the custody of the U. S. Marshal of the District of Columbia.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisements in another column of Franz & Gilson, proprietors of the Port Royal House, and the large grocery in the basement of the hotel. The enterprise which these gentlemen have exhibited in building a comfortable hotel and establishing a store in face of the uncertainties which surround them, merits success of a substantial kind.

### PERSONAL.

—Since the last issue of THE NEW SOUTH, Adam Badeau, Esq., our former editor, has been appointed an additional Aide-de-Camp with the rank of Captain, on the staff of Maj. Gen'l. Halleck—a handsome compliment for his voluntary services in this department, on the staff of Gen'l. Sherman, and subsequently on that of Gen. Gillmore at the siege of Fort Pulaski.

Capt. Badeau had the honor of serving with the grand army under Halleck, from Shiloh to Corinth. During the pursuit of Beauregard by his untiring activity and zeal he won the unqualified praises of his old chief, Gen. Sherman, on whose staff he is at present serving.

In such a war and such a cause as ours, he will soon be able to wield his sword with the same

unerring dexterity he does his pen. He could have no better master in the art than the brave, impetuous and soldierly Sherman. Our best wishes go with both. The country has no better soldiers; nor none more honest, deserving and true.

—Brig. Gen. Q. A. Gillmore, formerly Chief Engineer of the Expeditionary Corps, has entirely recovered from the severe illness under which he was compelled to return North. While still quite unwell at West Point he was requested to take command of the fortifications about Washington, and subsequently at Cumberland Gap, but from his feeble health, he was obliged to decline. He has since been gazetted to an important command in the army of Virginia.

The appointment and confirmation of General Gillmore, so distinguished for his abilities as an Engineer, and for his cool, clear-headed and indomitable zeal as an officer, is hailed, by his old companions in arms, as another sign of the Government's unshaken determination to crush out the rebellion and maintain at all hazards the great cause of National unity and constitutional liberty.

—Major Chas. G. Halpine, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. A., and Chief of Staff to Maj. General Hunter, has been relieved from duty in this Department, and is ordered to report to the General-in-Chief. Major Halpine's official position brought him in contact with officers of every grade, and probably a more unanimous feeling of genuine regret was never felt at the severance of purely military relations. His more immediate friends, of course, experience a deeper sorrow, and find the place made vacant by his withdrawal from among them very difficult to fill. Major Halpine enjoyed, in the highest degree, the confidence and esteem of the commanding general, with whom he has been a long time associated, having served upon his Staff during the campaigns in Missouri and Kansas.

—Major Louis H. Pelouze, Assistant Adjutant General in the Division of Maj. Gen. Banks, was seriously wounded in the side on the 9th inst., at the battle of Cedar Mountain. He received his injury while gallantly leading through a galling fire a regiment which wavered. The numerous friends of Major Pelouze in this Department, to whom he endeared himself by his uniform urbanity and geniality while filling the position of Assistant Adj. General and Chief of Staff to Gen. Sherman, will hear of his mishap with unfeigned regret, and wish him a quick restoration to health and to duties from which he cannot be well spared. His injuries are reported not to be of a dangerous character.

—Our readers, particularly those engaged in the siege operations against Fort Pulaski, will be glad to learn that Lieut. Horace Porter, of the Ordnance Department, has been selected and assigned to duty as Chief of Ordnance in the army of the Potomac. No young officer carries with him a higher reputation for ability, zeal and foresight. The story of his untiring activity, incessant labors, skillful devices, and remarkable aptitude in supplying deficiencies of material while transporting, planting and serving the splendid armament used in the reduction of Fort Pulaski, is extremely flattering to the character of so young an officer. The rejuvenation of the army has begun!

—First Lieut. Edward W. Smith, Fifteenth Infantry, U. S. A., will act as Assistant Adjutant General of this Department in place of Major Halpine, who left by the *McClellan* on Thursday for Washington. Lieut. Smith is an excellent officer who will ably fill the position to which he has been called. He has been attached to Maj. Gen. Hunter's Staff more than a year, having served with him in Missouri and Kansas.

—Brig. Gen. H. G. Wright is at Boston assisting Gov. Andrew in the work of dispatching the Massachusetts quota of troops to the field. His eminent abilities will certainly do much toward hastening the organization of the levies from the Bay State.

—Brig. Gen. T. W. Sherman has been ordered to repair without delay to New Orleans and report for duty to Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler, commanding Department of the Gulf.

—Brig. Gen. H. W. Benham has been reduced from the rank of Brigadier General of Volunteers, and has resumed the position which he held before the war, of Major in the U. S. Engineer Corps.

—Captain Richard H. H. Jackson, 1st U. S. Artillery, and 1st Lieut. James H. Wilson, Topographical Engineers, have been appointed Inspectors General of this Department.

—1st Lieut. Chas. F. Adams, jr., has been detached from duty with the First Massachusetts Cavalry, and assigned to the Staff of Major Gen. Pope.

—Col. Fenton of the famous 8th Mich. Regt., is making a brief visit to his family near Detroit.

### Record of Deaths.

We commenced publishing in the second number of THE NEW SOUTH the names of soldiers who had died in this department since the departure of the command from Annapolis, Md., intending to continue the record from week to week. But during the five months which have elapsed since the paper was issued the list has increased to such an extent—mainly in consequence of the disaster at James Island—that we are compelled by our limited space to abandon the idea of giving it entire. We herewith give the names of the dead during the present month; and, the Medical Director consenting, shall continue a weekly record.

Corporal Geo. Norton, Co. G, Vol. Engineers, Aug. 2, typhoid fever.

Private James Jingley, Co. G, 76th Pa., Aug. 4, diarrhoea.

Byron D. Stuart, musician, 48th N. Y., Aug. 4, dysentery.

Luther Davis, Co. F, 6th Conn., Aug. 14, scrofula.

Wm. Burrows, Co. F, 3d Rhode Island, Aug. 10, diarrhoea.

Louis Mygatt, Co. D, 7th Conn., Aug. 3, diarrhoea.

Warren P. Collamore, Co. D, 7th Conn., Aug. 5, diarrhoea.

Michael Lander, Co. F, 7th Conn., Aug. 9, diarrhoea.

Corporal Israel Oat, Co. G, 97th Pa., Aug. 10, inflammation of brain.

Peter Davis, Co. E, 97th Pa., Aug. 12, fever.

Chas. Riley, Co. E, 97th Pa., Aug. 13, diarrhoea.

Patrick O'Brien, Ordnance Department, Aug. 15, typhoid fever.

### Almanac, Port Royal, S. C., August 23, '62.

SUN RISES.....5 28 MOON SETS.....3 44  
SUN SETS.....6 36 HIGH WATER.....6 11

### MARINE NEWS.

#### ARRIVED.

Aug. 18th—Schr. *Minerva L. Wedmore*, Farrell, Hamilton, Bermuda; U. S. S. *Adirondack*, Hampton Roads; Schr. *Plandome*, Brown, New York; Steamer *Nassau*, Schenk, New York; Schr. *Americus*, Stephens, Philadelphia; 19th—Bark, *Houston*, Share, New York; Schr. *Benj. English*, Hathaway, New York; Br. SS., *Racer*, off C—n.

#### CLEARED.

Aug. 18—Ship *Planter*, Dailey, Fortress Monroe. 19—Schr. *Marietta Tilton*, Tilton, Philadelphia; Schr. *Milton*, Smith, Philadelphia; S. Ship *Eriesson*, Lowber, Fortress Monroe; S. Ship *McClellan*, Gray, Fortress Monroe; 20—Schr. *Lottie*, Taylor, New York; Schr. *Margaret Reinhart*, Pierson, Philadelphia; Schr. *Transit*, Chapell, New York, 22nd—S. S. *Star of the South*, Woodhull, Fortress Monroe.

#### SAILED.

Aug. 19th—U. S. S. *Adirondack*; 20th—S. Ship *Eriesson*, S. Ship *McClellan*, Ship *Planter*, Schr. *Milton*; 21st—Br. SS. *Racer*, Schr. *Lottie*; 22nd, S. Ship *Star of the South*.

#### VESSELS IN PORT.

Schrs. *Americus*, *Plandome*, *Ben English*. Steamers *Locust Point*, *Ben Deford*, *Cosmopolitan* Boston, *George Washington*, *Flora*, Gen. *Burnside*. Steam Tugs *Starlight*, *Rescue*, *Relief*. Ship *Maria*. Barks *Lamplighter*, *P. R. Hazeltine*, *Houston*. Brigs *Ellen Bernard*, *Adelphi*, *Humming Bird*, *Chicopee*, *Danl. Maloney*, *Matron*, *Wm. Mason*. Schooners *D. W. Eldridge*, *J. B. Myers*, *Minerva L. Wedmore*, *Maryland*, *Langdon Gilmore*, *Euphemit*, *J. J. Spencer*, *Margaret T. Davis*, *Amybis*, *Virginia Price*, *Amira Cornelius*, *Alice*, *Alfred H. Partridge*, *Wm. E. Leggett*, *Tunis De Pew*, *Joseph W. Allen*, *Armadillo*, *Ben Browning*.

**PORT ROYAL HOUSE, HILTON HEAD, S. C.**—The subscribers wish to inform their friends and the Public that their House is now open for visitors, the travelling public, and permanent boarders, on reasonable terms. No pains will be spared for the comfort of guests.

FRANZ & GILSON,  
Proprietors.

**GROCERY AND SUTLER STORE.**—Messrs. Franz & Gilson will keep constantly on hand, at their large warehouse under the Port Royal House, a good supply of Ship's Groceries and Sutler's goods, which will be sold at reasonable prices. They will also advance money and take bills of credit on Shipments upon the owners in Boston or New York.