

## BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.

Many important building improvements have recently been made at Hilton Head, and numerous others are now in progress. When all the projected building enterprises are completed, they will add much to the appearance of the place.

The store-house of Capt. Lamb, Depot Quartermaster, on the east side of Union Square, has been improved by the addition of a second-story wing at each end.

At the Northern end of the staff stable which fronts on Union Square, a new building has been put up, and is occupied by Captain Hayes, A. Q. M. Mr. Davis, Master of Transportation, and Mr. Balch, Wagon Master, are accommodated in new quarters in Union Square, at the end of the long stable. The Port Royal House is to be again enlarged by raising the roof another story. The stoop is to be extended, and other improvements made.

There is some talk of an enlargement of the Post Office, which is much needed, and we hope will be effected. The Custom House has been enlarged by the addition of a room fourteen feet wide, along the whole front of the Signal Building.

Several houses have been erected, and others are going up, in the vicinity of the General Hospital, for officers' quarters.

The building at Nos. 12 and 13 Merchants Row, occupied by Dr. Walsh for his apothecary store, and Mrs. Higgins, for the Palmetto House, is one of the finest on the street.

The building erected for Mrs. Fry, at No. 16, is now completed, and is conspicuous for its neatness of finish.

The PALMETTO HERALD Building is so far completed that the HERALD is printed in it, and Mr. Sinclair's artists are taking excellent photographs up stairs.

Three grants of lots between the HERALD Building and the Theater, have been made. Dr. W. M. Walsh proposes erecting a druggist's store on the lot next the Theater; the next one South is granted to Mr. Fitch for a billiard saloon, and the other to Henry Hoey for a sutlers' store. He has already commenced on the foundation of his building, and proposes to make it one of the prettiest at the Head. Messrs. J. H. Holmes and O. Winston have been granted a lot opposite the HERALD Building, on the South side, and intend erecting a large store upon it this season.

Lieut. Stottler, formerly of the 6th Connecticut, and who was severely wounded in the assault on Wagner, is completing a building at the Southerly end of Merchants' Row for a store, which he has already opened.

Morgan and Marsh, at No. 3 Merchants' Row, have a fine, large, new store, recently completed.

Messrs. Ames, Lucas and Peabody have just completed a large store for army and navy goods, on the street which leads from Merchants' Row, opposite the HERALD Building, to sallyport No. 1.

**SERENADE TO COL. HOWELL.**—On Tuesday evening after the performance at the Union Theater, the members of the N. N. Dramatic Association, with the Glee Club of Stevens' Cavalry, serenaded Col. Joshua B. Howell, who has just been relieved by Col. Davis as commander of the District. The Glee Club sang several pieces in a fine manner, and Col. Howell responded in some feeling and eloquent remarks. He closed by inviting the party into his quarters, where they were entertained in a hospitable manner. Several songs were sung there by members of the Glee Club and Mr. Wambold, and the guests unanimously expressed their regret that it should become necessary for

Col. Howell to leave a position in which he had so won the respect and esteem of all.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT IN BEAUFORT.**—DINNER BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK HOSE COMPANY.—The members of New York Hose Company No. 1, at Beaufort, gave a most agreeable entertainment to their friends on Saturday evening last, in honor of the opening of their new carriage-house on Sixth street. About forty invited guests sat down to a table spread with the choicest viands which a Southern market affords. In the absence of Mr. Roome, the foreman of the company, Mr. Pond, the assistant foreman, presided, prefacing his duties as carver by a few appropriate remarks complimentary to Gen. Saxton and to Captain Moore. After the banquet had been discussed, the health of Gen. Saxton was proposed, and the General responded in a speech of some length, alluding to the important services rendered by the company during the past winter, complimenting its members for their public spirit, congratulating them on their prosperity, and pledging himself to do all in his power to strengthen and sustain the Beaufort Fire Department. He had no doubt that in the hands of Northern men, Beaufort was destined to become a large city—the emporium of the South. Already it was rapidly enlarging its boundaries, more buildings having been erected there within the past six months than in any six years previous to the war. The inflammable character of the buildings, however, made a well-organized fire department a necessity; and he hoped that soon a new and splendid engine might be added to it.

The fire engine found at Beaufort when our forces first occupied that place is now in use at Hilton Head, and in case of fire there the only apparatus the citizens can depend on, is an old, worn-out machine, unearthed at Jacksonville. The civilians of Beaufort will be called upon at an early day to organize an additional fire company.

At the conclusion of Gen. Saxton's remarks he was honored by three enthusiastic cheers from his friends among the firemen. He shortly afterward left for his quarters. The festivities, however, were kept up till a late hour, songs, speeches, stories and sentiments following each other in quite succession. Captain Moore, Capt. Low, Chief Engineer Hyatt, Mr. G. W. Crane, Mr. Sam. A. Cooley, and especially Mr. F. Brandies, with his violin, were remarkably successful in their efforts to amuse and entertain the company.

**COMPLIMENT TO GEN. SAXTON.**—A few days since, in consequence of some changes which have occurred in the disposition of the forces at Beaufort, the 55th Penn., Col. White, were relieved by another regiment. When the regiment reached Hilton Head on the North Star and the Wyoming, Brig. Gen. R. Saxton, returning from the Gordon court martial, went on board on official business. When the regiment first came to the Department, it is well known that considerable feeling against Gen. Saxton existed in it, from various causes, but long intercourse has changed it to esteem and respect. As the General went on board he was greeted with cheers, and was met by Col. White, who, in an eloquent and feeling manner, expressed the deep regret the regiment felt at parting with a commanding General they had so learned to love. The other officers of the regiment joined in this expression of confidence and admiration, and most of the officers and men flocked around and warmly shook the General by the hand. He responded

with much feeling, and expressed sorrow at losing so fine a regiment from his command. On returning to his steamer, as he appeared on the deck, Col. White called for three cheers, which were given with much enthusiasm, and were followed by six more. The incident was a most touching one to all who witnessed it, and reflected much honor on both General Saxton and the regiment.

**PROMOTIONS.**—Sergeant Robert Elliott, 3d R. I. H. Artillery, to be 2d Lieutenant in the same Regiment.

Sergeant Major William Dingavin, 3d R. I. H. Artillery, to be 2d Lieutenant in the same Regiment.

**RESIGNATIONS.**—Major Richard Butt, N. Y. Vol. Engineers; Captain William McConnell, 97th Penn. Vols.; Assistant Surgeon C. E. Briggs, 24th Mass. Vols.

**TAX COMMISSIONER.**—William Alsop has been confirmed as direct Tax Commissioner for the District of Florida.

**CAPT. JNO. H. MOORE, A. Q. M.,** has been relieved from duty at Beaufort and assigned to the Chief Quartermaster's office at Hilton Head. He is succeeded at Beaufort by Capt. Low, A. Q. M.

**THE POST OFFICE** at Beaufort is shortly to be removed to a new building on Bay street, adjoining the Adams Express office.

## DRAMATIC.

The N. N. Dramatic Association commenced a series of dramatic performances in the Union Theater, on Monday evening. The company is composed of amateurs, mostly civilians in the employ of the government. The opening performance was successful beyond the anticipations of the members. The house was crowded, and the sale of tickets had to be stopped for lack of room, to the disappointment of hundreds. The bill for the evening consisted of an Irish Overture by the Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Henry Murphy, of the Post Band, the drama of Temptation, and the farce of The Limerick Boy, the whole interspersed with songs by members of the Association, and the accomplished Glee Club of Stevens' Cavalry, who kindly volunteered to assist, and added much to the success of the entertainment. The casts for the plays were good, and everything went off as smoothly as if the company had been an old one, playing in a theater with first-class appointments. The Irish parts were exceedingly well taken, and the gentlemen who assumed female characters made up for them with commendable skill. The audience was very appreciative, and applauded vociferously throughout the evening. Many prominent officers and civilians, and some ladies attended. The Post Band having been called away after the overture, the band of the 104th Pennsylvania very courteously furnished an orchestra for the remainder of the evening. On Tuesday night the performance was repeated with equal success. The theater will be opened again in a few days.

The re-opening of the theater gives great satisfaction to the public generally, furnishing as it does a pleasing variation to the monotony of life at a military post; and we are rejoiced that it is in the hands of so enterprising a company.

The officers of the Association are as follows:—President—Mr. L. D. Cunningham; Vice-President—Mr. R. R. McGregor; Secretary—Mr. Wm. D. Davis; Treasurer—Mr. A. R. Gage; Stage Manager—Mr. R. Lindsay; Costumer—Mr. James Egan; Property Man—Mr. John Connolly; Scenic Artist—Mr. William Kearney.

**RELIGIOUS NOTICES.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Chapel now used by civilians and soldiers, on Sabbath afternoon, May 1st, at 2 o'clock. Preparatory services will be held on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, and Sunday morning at 10 1-2 o'clock. Clergymen of different denominations are expected to be present. All are invited to attend.

Rev. Mr. Hasson will hold R. C. Service in the room above the old commissary store, on Sunday next, at half-past nine, A. M.

## PORT ROYAL SHIP, NEWS.

**ARRIVED, April 19.**—Stmr Thorn, Gibbs, Alexandria, 20, schr Jane C. Patterson, Willets, Phila.; schr Artic Garwood, Willets, do; schr Wm. Wallace, Scull, do; schr Central America, Phillips, do, 21, steamship Fulton, Watton, Fortress Monroe; schr Yarmouth, Baxter, Jacksonville; schr Kete Merrill, Hecks, Phila., 22, steamship Ericson, Lowbee, New York; steamship North Star, Seabury, Fort Monroe; steamship S. R. Spaulding, Harres, do; schr I. S. Davis, Bishop, Fernandina, 22, steamship City of Bath, Lincoln, Fort Monroe, 23, stmr Salvor, Chichester, do; steamship Arago, Gadsden, do; schr Hydrangea, Collins, New York; schr R. W. Full, Haley, Phila.; schr Knoch Moore, Allen, do; brig Dudley, Canter, do; bark Annie C. Norton, Price, do, 25, stmr E. L. Clark, Wilson, Alexandria; schr J. W. McKee, Rogers, Jacksonville.

**CLEARED, April 20.**—Stmr Thames, Avey, Fort Monroe; schr Samuel H. Sharp, Batchelor, Philadelphia; brig Samuel G. Adams, Holland, do; schr Z. Secor, Robbins, Baltimore; steamship Ben Deford, Hallett, Fortress Monroe; steamship Beaufort, Maith, do; schr Thomas Winans, Todd, do, 22, stmr Mary A. Boardman, Graffaru, do; Central America, Phillips, Wassaw Sound; stmr Cosmopolitan, Crooker, Fort Monroe; schr Joseph W. Allen, Doane, do; schr Sidney C. Tyler, Conover, Phila.; schr Thomas Walcomb, Godfrey, do; stmr Yanna, Pundington, Fort Monroe; stmr Nellie Petz, Warrington, do; schr J. G. Badoeck, Higbee, Phila.; steamship Fulton, Watton, Fort Monroe; schr Yarmouth, Baxter, do, 23, steamship Ericson; Lowbee, do; schr John Ponder, Crowell, do; steamship North Star, Seabury, do; stmr Pent. Delanoy, do; schr Lewis, S. Davis, Bishop, New York; schr Mary E. Smith, Smith, Phila.; bark Eliza White, Varney, do; schr Silver Star, Hall, Fort Monroe; stmr Thorn, Gibbs, do; schr Mill Creek, Wood, Jacksonville; schr Emma Oakes, Johnson, do; schr E. B. Wheaton, Adams, Fort Monroe; stmr S. R. Spaulding, Harris, do; stmr North Point, Bennett, do, 25, schr Western Star, Crowell, Phila.; schr Margaret Riehart, Peterson, do; schr John Shuman, Banks, do; schr Anna Gardner, Knowles, do; stmr Salvor, Chichester, Fort Monroe; schr Hydrangea, Collins, Folly Island, 26, schr James W. McKee, Rogers, Fort Monroe; stmr Patapasco, Neff, do; stmr City of Bath, Lincoln, do, 27, schr Enoch Moore, Allen, Fernandina.

**NEWS BY THE ARAGO.**—Purser Ely furnishes the following memoranda of the trip of the Arago, arrived April 24:—April 22, passed inside Cape Henry, steamers Victor, Baltimore, City of Richmond, and General Meigs, bound in same day, lat., 35.33, long., 75.34, exchanged signals with the Ben Deford, bound North, same day, lat., 33.50, long., 77.6, passed screw steamer Mary E. Boardman, bound North. April 23, off Pau Shoals, exchanged signals with steamer General Thomas and steamer Fulton, with schooner in tow, bound North.

**AT A MEETING OF THE N. N. DRAMATIC Association,** held after the performances on Monday evening, April 25, the following resolutions were passed:—

**WHEREAS,** The band of Col. W. W. H. Davis' Brigade, hearing of our distress for the want of music, tendered their services.

**Resolved,** That a vote of thanks be tendered to the band of Col. W. W. H. Davis' Brigade.

**Resolved,** That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Stevens' Glee Club, for their kind assistance.

**Resolved,** That the above resolutions be inserted in THE PALMETTO HERALD and THE NEW SOUTH.

L. D. CUNNINGHAM, Pres.  
W. D. DAVIS, Sec.

**AT A MEETING OF THE BREWSTER Rifles, Co. F, 6th Regiment Connecticut Volunteers,** convened for the purpose of expressing our feelings upon the death of the late Captain Lewis C. ALLEN, Jun., which sad event took place at Hilton Head, S. C., April 20th, 1864, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

**WHEREAS,** it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved Commander, Captain Lewis C. ALLEN, Jun., be it therefore

**Resolved,** That while we humbly bow to His Divine will at this hour of affliction, we can but bear testimony as to his worth, as a true and faithful friend, and one in whom we placed our supreme confidence in all his dealings with us.

**Resolved,** That while we mourn his loss among us, as a brave and efficient soldier, his bright example shall serve to nerve us to greater diligence in the cause in which we are engaged.

**Resolved,** That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of deceased, and especially to the bereaved widow, who by the unrelenting hand of death has been deprived of him, in whom all their hopes and affections were centered, feeling that to God alone can they look for comfort and guidance in this their hour of affliction.

**Resolved,** That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the widow and family of deceased, and that they be published in THE PALMETTO HERALD and NEW HAVEN PALLADIUM.

WM. F. SMITH, Sergeant.  
Committee, CHAS. K. CADWELL, Corporal.  
ALBERT Z. DOWNS, Armorer.

**OFFICIAL:**  
Charles J. Buckbee, Lieut. Commanding Co. F, 6th Conn. Vols.