

THE INVASION OF THE COAST.

Owing to the forced reticence of the telegraph, our news from the neighborhood of Port Royal is still, meagre and unsatisfactory. At last accounts, Beaufort had not been occupied by the enemy.— We are informed that a small boat load of Yankees from the fleet came up to the town on Saturday. Hailing a negro, they enquired about the people of the place. Upon receiving the reply that they had all gone, the marauders remarked that the inhabitants need not have fled, as the orders of the commander of the expedition were, not to disturb anybody who might prove "loyal." This is the negro's account. Probably, the ideas of "loyalty" entertained by the Beaufort folks, are not identical with the Yankee notions on the subject.

A private despatch was received here yesterday, indicating an intention, on the part of our military authorities, to burn Beaufort. We have received nothing confirmatory of the statement.

We get the following items from the *Savannah Republican* of yesterday:

WATCHING THE INVADERS.

It is not yet confirmed that the enemy have landed at any point except Fort Walker, though the impression is general that they have taken possession of Beaufort. It is also said that many of their vessels have put to sea. A force was sent down yesterday to reconnoiter the island and watch their movements.

NEGRO FIDELITY.

We have heretofore stated, that in the retreat from Hilton Head, Captain Read was compelled to abandon two brass field pieces, and leave the horses grazing on the island. Saturday last, a faithful negro, the property of Mr. Pope, who resides on the island, captured all the horses of the battery, sixteen in number, placed them in a flat, brought them to Savannah and delivered them to the Captain. We take it for granted he was liberally rewarded, and only regret that we were unable to learn his name, and put it on record. We learn that the guns have been recovered, and will be up in a day or two.

THE LOSS OF THE ENEMY.

A negro man on Hilton Head, the property of General Drayton, seeing a number of officers approaching a small house on the Island, unobserved concealed himself underneath. The officers entered, took seats, and discussed at length the events of the battle, which occurred the day previous. In the course of the conversation, the negro says, they reckoned up their killed in the action and fixed it at forty, nearly three times the Confederate loss.

THE CONDITION OF SAVANNAH.

Some of our up country exchanges represent Savannah as in a terrible condition, and all business suspended. Neither of these are so, as our visitors can testify. A gentleman from the interior told us a few days ago that the lack of excitement astonished him, and he believed we were a doomed people on account of our indifference. That, again, was a mistake. Everybody feels an interest, and we are quietly, but effectively, preparing for the enemy. When he arrives, we will show to the world the true extent of our preparation.

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA.

Governor Brown has issued a proclamation to the Volunteer Military Companies of the State of Georgia, offering to accept for six months service on the coast, thirty additional Infantry Companies, who are to report fully armed and ready to march. The Governor says:

"Each company must consist of not less than fifty nor more than eighty members, rank and file. Each company must be armed with a good country rifle or double barrelled shot-gun, or with a good military gun fit for immediate use. It will also be necessary for each volunteer armed with a country rifle, to carry with him his bullet moulds, pouch and powder horn or flask; and those armed with double barrelled shotguns, must each take with him a powder-horn or flask.

As our homes are in danger, it is hoped that no citizen of the State, having a good gun, will hesitate a moment to carry or send it into the service.