

The usual quiet reigned along the lines in this vicinity yesterday.

There was a rumour, which seems to have taken great hold upon the popular mind, that Grant was withdrawing from our front and about to abandon his position on the James and Appomattox rivers. After the most diligent enquiry we have failed to ascertain one single fact in support of this rumour, and are therefore forced to conclude it is but a theory springing out of the knowledge that Washington city is seriously menaced by our armies. People very naturally conclude that Grant does not intend to sit idly in the marshes of the Appomattox and allow the capital of his nation to be captured.

All, however, that we certainly know is, that the belief is entertained by military men that Grant, during last week, has sent off to Washington considerable bodies of his troops. That he himself designs following them we see no reason for thinking. He occupies an entrenched position behind two rivers, with unobstructed water communication. A comparatively small force should be able to hold such a position, and Grant is not the man to abandon it while his doing so would be a confession of the failure of his grand campaign, and involve him in everlasting disgrace with his army and people. There are but two things that we know of that can drive him away—our army and the climate; and one or the other will do it before the leaf is yellow.

By private advices from Petersburg we learn that all was quiet there yesterday, except that the diabolic shelling of the old town was kept up as usual. There were many vessels at City Point, but whether they were transports or vessels sent by the Sanitary Committee with onions for the Yankee army, no one could undertake to say.

FROM THE VALLEY.

Through a private letter received in the city yesterday morning, we learn that a part of our forces, now the "army of invasion," captured only two hundred prisoners at Martinsburg on last Sunday week, but that the spoils, consisting of bacon, flour, and stores of all sorts, which fell into our hands, were immense in quantity and of great value. We should have captured the entire Yankee force at Martinsburg, and also a very large wagon train, but that the enemy was apprised of our coming by one Edward Brent, clerk of the Valley Bank, who scampered off ahead of our columns to give them information of approaching danger.

THE LATEST.

A report, for the correctness of which we hold ourselves in no way responsible, but which we regard as highly notable, reached the city last evening that the main body of our army now invading Maryland was, at four o'clock on Saturday morning last, on the railroad between Washington and Baltimore and en route for the latter place. Through the same source we learned that about one fourth of our force, say fifteen thousand men, had been mounted on horses captured from the enemy or impressed from the country people in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

THE SIX PER CENT. BONDS.

Mr. Memminger will, on the 21st instant, offer for sale, by public auction, at the office of Lancaster & Co., \$5,000,000 of the new six per cent. non-taxable bonds. At the recent auction sale at Columbia, South Carolina, the lowest price brought by these bonds was 135.

HEADQUARTERS LOMAX'S BRIGADE, }
July 9th, 1861. }

To the Editor of the Examiner:

Will you please mention in your next issue that I have in my possession two (2) bonds taken from "Wilson's raiders?" Bonds of \$1,000 each, and dated April 30th, 1863.

Respectfully, &c.,

L. L. LOMAX,
Brigadier-General.