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We are requested to announce that Dr. Thos. C. Basting will accompany the car leaving here next Thursday afternoon, carrying contributions for the sick and wounded soldiers in Richmond.

SPECULATING.—Next to the war, the most fertile field of conversation is speculation and extortion. The fact is that the price of every necessary of life appeals so feelingly to the people that none can help taking notice of it.

We know that it is fashionable to attribute all the ills under which we labor to the operations of speculators and monopolists, but we think it only fair to say that the disposition to speculate and monopolize is not confined to the professional trader, but is found to exist pretty strongly with the farmers and others, who hold back for fabulous prices with just as much determination to have them as the most odious speculator.

Let things get out freely into market. Don't hoard up and hold back things in the eating line. And finally let us all remove the beam out of our own eyes before we fall foul of the mote in our neighbor's eye.

AND at last the great movement, has been made by the army of the West. The seat of war is to be transferred from Alabama and Mississippi to Kentucky and Tennessee.

The report to which we alluded last week as coming in a private letter from Richmond, was no doubt, substantially correct. The grand army of the West is again on the move under the brave and energetic Bragg, and we take it that Buell is also on the move.

The Raleigh Standard tries its best and biggest to excite prejudices against the Wilmington Journal, and at least one of its editors, but without much success.

We are requested to state that the 3d Regiment N. C. Troops are anxiously in need of vegetables and fruit, and that an opportunity to send any such things may be had on Wednesday next, when Dr. John Black, of this county, will leave for the camp of the Regiment near Richmond.

Death of Dr. E. S. Tennent. We announce with regret the decease of Edward Smith Tennent, M. D., a member of the Sumter Guard, and another victim and martyr of the desperate fight at Secessionville.

He enjoyed and retained the confidence and esteem of the few who were admitted to intimate acquaintance. He was a graduate of the South Carolina College of the class of 1838, a class which is well represented in service in this war, and in honorable positions.

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THEY BURNED has returned to this State with part of his force appears to be likely, but what his force may be is more than we can even surmise. We hardly look for any advance in the direction of Goldsboro' at this time.

THE FEDERAL RAID-MAKERS on the Central Railroad, are now in Carolina, about 4 miles from Anderson's station in Hanover. Everything was quiet up that way on yesterday.—Rich. Enquirer, 28th inst.

YANKEE DESERTERS.—Two more deserters from the Yankee army passed through our city under a proper cover, on their way to Tallahassee, on Tuesday last.—They belonged to the New Hampshire Regiment stationed at St. Augustine, from which place they made their escape.—Lata City (Fla.) Columbian.

MOORE HOSPITAL, Richmond, Va., July 27th, 1862.

Measrs. Editors.—Permit me, through the medium of your columns, to return to the ladies of Wilmington, N. C., the grateful thanks of their wounded fathers, husbands, brothers, sons and friends in this hospital, as well as my own, for a box of valuables sent by the Rev. Mr. Pritchard, of your city, (directed to the subscriber.)

Tokens of such kind, remembrances are heartily cherished by all of us. Such donations are incentives to renewed efforts to do good, and labor still more zealously, on our part, and are cheering and buoyant to the feelings of the sick and wounded.

For the Journal. Richmond, Va., July 28th, 1862. Measrs. Fulton & Price, I wish to say a few words in and around Richmond. And, in the first place, I trust all that Mr. Murray said in regard to this matter, will be borne in mind.

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LATER FROM THE NORTH.—DEATH OF MARTIN VAN BUREN, JR. Richmond, Va., July 28th, 1862. The New York Herald, of 24th inst., says that Howard has threatened to resign from the Cabinet. He objects to the radical policy hastily forced upon Lincoln by the confederation and militia bills of the late Congress.

LATER FROM EUROPE.—THE LONDON PRESS ON THE BATTLE BEFORE RICHMOND.—THE MAIL, &c. &c. Richmond, Va., July 28th, 1862. The steamship Etta has arrived off Cape Race, with Liverpool dates to the 17th inst. The fighting before Richmond is largely canvassed. The London Times is particularly bitter and sarcastic, and treats the matter as a decided Confederate victory.

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How Low, Oh Cataline.—The steamer British Queen, Capt. Harrison, arrived at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning, 26th, with the British and American mails, the former to the 7th inst., the latter to the 21st.

The merchandise brought from England to New York by the steamer China, was detained by the authorities of New York, in consequence of a most outrageous and unkind demand being made of Mr. Cunard to sign a heavy bond that none of the goods should be added to the Confederate States.

THE NORTHERN people begin to understand the damage they have done their cause and the aid they have given ours, by their malignant course towards us. Thurlow Weed's paper, the Albany Journal, says: "In contemplating and attempting to force 'events,' instead of awaiting their development, the best hopes and highest prospects of the Union have been thwarted.

THE MORNING Post says that affairs approach a crisis, and that neutrals cannot longer remain passive spectators. It points to the past policy of England in recognizing successful opposition, and says that if the North would take the initiative, and sail with a current which it cannot stem, neutral States might be averted the disagreeable necessity of discharging a most disagreeable duty.

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The War Plans of the South.

The Baltimore correspondent of the Herald gives the "full particulars" of a recent council of war among the Southern Generals at Richmond, at which the following programme was determined upon: 1. It was unanimously agreed not only that it would not do to lose any more territory, but also that what has been lost must be regained.

1. The immediate obstruction of the James river, so as to make it impossible for McClellan to use it as a means for communicating with the Government, and for the transportation of reinforcements and army supplies.

2. The reconquest of Williamsburg, Yorktown, and the entire Peninsula.

3. The recovery of the whole of the territory of Virginia, and the reconquest of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

4. The recovery of New Orleans, Memphis, and the Mississippi river, and the expulsion of the Federal troops from Tennessee and Kentucky.

5. To make the Potomac and Ohio rivers at once their base of operations and frontier line, and to transfer the seat of war from Virginia to Maryland.

6. To hurl upon Washington, from Richmond, a column of two hundred thousand troops; the capture of that city, the "liberation" of Baltimore, and the invasion of the North at the three points named above.

7. By becoming masters of the invaders, they hope to make it necessary for us to keep at home for the defence of our cities fully five hundred thousand troops.

8. The plan adopted for the obstruction of the James river was by the erection of permanent batteries, to be afterwards mounted with heavy guns of long range, and by the use at present of batteries of light artillery, mostly rifled guns, that can be moved from place to place.

9. The importance of Virginia to the rebels has been forcibly demonstrated by the events of the spring campaign, and hence the strenuous efforts which they will make to regain it.

10. Such is their rather extensive programme for the summer campaign. The means at their command for its execution are rather inadequate, but they count upon the active assistance of both England and France.

11. Both of these nations, they think, will recognize their independence, and their vessels, breaking the blockade, will take their cotton and their sugar away and bring them arms and ammunition in return.

12. They have now in arms 500,000 troops, distributed as follows: Richmond, 200,000; Central Virginia, 40,000; Charleston, 30,000; Savannah, 25,000; Mobile, 10,000; part of army from Beau-; Westburg, regard late army, 75,000; Vicksburg, 40,000; Knoxville, 20,000; Interior of Georgia and Alabama, 30,000.

13. So far as Gen. McClellan's army is concerned, the rebels at Richmond are confident that by the end of this month they will have driven them entirely from the Peninsula.

14. The London Times, of July 3rd, in an article on American affairs, says: "We would, then, once more raise our voice against the indefinite prosecution of this horrible war. While the scorching sun is filling the camps with fever and cholera; while the youth and strength of the country are being hurled to the common frontier in preparation for a new feast of blood in the autumn; while the North is burdening itself with a debt concerning which even its rulers fear to speak plainly, and while the great staples of the South are being given to the flames, we would ask the Federals, with whom the whole matter really rests, where is their conscience, where is their common humanity, or their boasted worldly prudence? They are in arms to enforce on men of their own blood submission to a rule that the latter detest."