

We would respectfully invite attention to our advertising columns.

The steamer Gladiator, belonging to the line between Wilmington and Charleston, left Smithville on Monday last, having on board the company of U. S. Artillery which has for some time past been stationed at Fort Johnson.

HOSPITAL SURGEON.—The case of Dr. A. J. DeRoset has been cited in contradiction of our statement that no previous removal had ever been made in this office.

THE DEAF MUTE.—We have before us the first number of a very neat semi-monthly paper, published at the North Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.

PROTECTION.—We would call the attention of our readers to the tables which will be found in other columns of our paper, which, we think, will convince any reasonable man that the cry of ruined manufactures is a mere clapnet, got up by a greedy interest, which, although making more money than any other in the country, is still not content with its gains, but wishes to have all other interests taxed to add to its profits.

A STANDING ITEM.—The failure of the mails has got to be a standing item with our exchanges. We hardly pick up a paper without finding some such notice as the following, which we clip at random from the Philadelphia Bulletin of the 24th:

THE COURTS.—Judge Dick, the presiding Judge on this Circuit, will hold sessions of the Superior Court for the remaining counties of this Judicial district in the following order:

Robeson County, October 1st. Bladen " " 8th. Columbus " " 15th. Brunswick " " 22d. N. Hanover " " 29th. Sampson " " November 5th. Cumberland " " 12th.

Mr. Bancroft, late Minister of the United States to Great Britain, is, as we learn from the newspapers, at present sojourning in the city of New York, with the intention to take up his residence there, and devote his time henceforth to literary pursuits.

FIRE IN QUEBEC.—A destructive fire occurred in Quebec, Canada, on the 24th instant, which resulted in the destruction of twenty-five houses in the business part of the city. The loss of property is estimated at \$120,000.

THE BUTLER DIVORCE CASE.—The courts have finally decreed a divorce dissolving the bond of matrimony between Pierce Butler and Henry Kemble Butler, his wife. The decree, of course, leaves the parties at liberty to marry again.

THE RUSSIAN ARMIES have evacuated Hungary. Russia is to receive compensation for her services to Austria out of the Polish territories of the latter power.

THE DIFFICULTY WITH FRANCE.—The official papers.—We have read very carefully the voluminous official correspondence in relation to the recent difficulty with, and dismissal of, the French Minister; and after having done so, we have come to the inevitable conclusion, that far too much importance has been attached to this matter.

THE RIGHTS ACQUIRED BY HIM as the owner of the vessel saved, empowered him to keep possession of her until his extravagant pretensions were fully satisfied; but his opinions have little interest in our eyes, when we have to condemn his conduct.

THE FIRST HALF OF THE correspondence, extending from Feb. 27th, 1849, till April 21st, of the same year, relates to a claim preferred by the French Minister on behalf of a Frenchman named Port, who bought a quantity of tobacco seized at Puebla, Mexico, in October of 1847, as the property of the Mexican government.

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SPECIFIC DUTIES.—With some unimportant deviations not affecting the general principle, the Democratic Tariff of 1846 is based upon the ad valorem principle, or a principle according to the duties upon all articles subject to pay duty, are charged in proportion to the actual value of the articles themselves.

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OUR NAVY.—The bare possibility of a rupture with France has attracted considerable attention to our Navy, as, in case of collision with that power, hostilities must, in a measure, be confined to the ocean. It is hardly probable that any serious attempt at invasion would be made by either power. The United States Navy now embraces the following force:—

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Ships of War—Saratoga, 20; John Adams, 20; Erie, 20; Warren, 20; Fort Mifflin, 20; Erie, 20; Vandalia, 20; St. Louis, 20; Levant, 20; Portsmouth, 20; Plymouth, 20; St. Mary's, 20; Jamestown, 20; Albany, 20; Germantown, 20; Ontario, 18; Decatur, 16; Preble, 16; Yorktown, 16; Marion, 16; Dale, 16. Total, 21.

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