

THE COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON SATURDAY MAY 14 1853

STRAWBERRIES

We invite attention to the advertisement...

THE ELEPHANT

By advertisement in another column, it will be seen that the Dredging Elephant is ready for action.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATION

The celebration of the anniversary of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, took place yesterday, agreeably to previous announcement.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENED

The Congressional Campaign opened at Clinton, in Sampson County, on the 10th inst., between Messrs. MacRae and Ashe, and as the result in such cases, according to the most veritable statement, they were mutually and severally demolished.

We like the manner in which these gentlemen come before the public. The good old time practice in North Carolina, of "offering" is revived in this case, and the appointment of Representatives is taken out of the hands of political managers.

THE ATLANTIC

We have received the first number of a weekly paper under the above title, issued in Newbern by C. C. Clark, Editor and Proprietor, at 25 cents per annum.

GASTRONOMIC

It is reported that Mrs. Stowe has already received 700 invitations to breakfasts, 1,673 to dinners, and less than a million to teas.

REV. DR. EMPIE

The Richmond Whig of Tuesday last, states that "the numerous friends of the venerable Dr. Adam Empie, will learn with deep concern, that his health has latterly become so much impaired as to induce his resignation of the pastorage of St. James' Church in that city."

Dr. Empie has been long known in the State of North Carolina—as the President of William and Mary College years ago, he inspired the highest respect for his character and admiration for his abilities.

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REVIEW

We have received the April number of the above work, published by Walker & Burke, Charleston, S. C. The table of contents for this number, comprises, Oriental Studies; Callous on Government; American Literature and Charleston Society; Emancipation in the British West India Islands; State and Federal Bills of Credit; American Authorship—Hawthorne; Critical Notices.

FLORIDA INDIANS

Not long since the Legislature of Florida made provision for calling out their militia, with a view of getting rid of the Indians remaining there. In the meantime, efforts have been made by the General Government to obtain a peaceable arrangement for their removal.

THE JAPAN EXPEDITION

If reports are true the Japan Expedition is likely to have any thing but a courteous reception. It is said that a million of soldiers are keeping watch along the coast, with bayonets fixed to their rifles, in readiness to warm a million more in the interior that the fleet is crossing the bar.

NAVAL REFORM

It is said that Gen. Cushing, the Attorney General, has decided that the code of rules and regulations adopted by Mr. Fillmore, on the 3d of March, for the government of the Navy, are unconstitutional, illegal and void; and it has been recalled and cancelled accordingly.

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

The anniversary meeting of this society was held in New York on Monday evening. Receipts of the society, during the year, \$25,283; expenses \$23,722. Money in the 'Savings' Bank, in Wall street, in credit of seamen, \$1,500,000, on deposit in the 'Savings' Bank, \$1,500,000.

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