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GEN. COX INTERVIEWED. His Bill for the Classification of the Public Service.

Memorandum of Measures by Messrs. Henderson and Reid.

Staff Correspondence of the Messenger. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Gen. Cox was seen this morning at the Capitol and interrogated as to the character of the bill he had just introduced in the House on the question of the Civil Service.

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FRENCH SPOILIATIONS. Array of Counsel Representing \$30,000,000 of Claims.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—On a motion involving the continuance of 5-7 o'clock this morning the French Spoliations out, arguments were made to-day before the Court of Claims by Colonel Benjamin Wilson on behalf of the government and a number of lawyers representing the claims.

Colonel Wilson argued that the old time 4th of July idea of the sympathetic generosity of the French government in siding with the struggling colonists was a fallacy, and founded in the selfishness of the French because of their hereditary antagonism against the English.

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ADDRESS OF GEN. DWIGHT. Capt. Slocum and Members of the Goldsboro Rifles. Twenty-five years ago a flag was presented to the Goldsboro Rifles, bearing the beautiful handiwork of the friends of your command.

Many attorneys were present to resist the government's motion. The majority are from New England, New York and Philadelphia. To-morrow ex-Congressman Shellabarger will speak for the claimants.

ABOUT THE COMETS. Nebulous Visitors Now Seen in the Northwest Sky.

[Savannah News.] Two comets are bowing along towards the earth at a pretty rapid rate. They have already been within the range of the astronomer's telescopes for more than three months.

One of these comets is known as Fabry's comet and was discovered December 1. The other is Barnard's comet, discovered two days later.

These two comets not only came within the range of the telescopes about the same time, but it appears probable that they will both be visible to the naked eye in the heavens about the same time.

Both comets will come very near the earth and the sun. They are now seen by the astronomers in the early evening in the northwest. Now they present the appearance of vapory, nebulous masses, with bright centres, which are rapidly growing brighter and more distinct in appearance.

For fifteen years I was annoyed with severe pain in my head and discharges into my throat from catarrh. My sense of smell was much impaired. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm I have overcome these troubles.

THE OLD FLAG RETURNED. Patriotic Speeches Made on the Occasion.

One Nation! One Country! One Common Destiny!



LET'S LOOK NOT MOUERNFULLY INTO THE PAST: IT COMES NOT BACK AGAIN!

The following are the excellent and patriotic speeches made at the Opera House, Thursday night, on the occasion of the flag presentation, by Gen. H. C. Dwight, the President of the 27th Massachusetts Regimental organization, an account of which appears on our local page:

INTRODUCTION OF GEN. DWIGHT BY HENRY LEE, ESQ.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Coming together for the purpose we have to-night carries many of us back to the darkest days of our lives, and such a scene as we are here to witness causes us to exclaim, "What a country and what a people!"

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ADDRESS OF CAPT. SWIFT GALLOWAY. Gentlemen of the Goldsboro Rifles—Ladies and Gentlemen: After a captivity of twenty-four years—twenty-one of which elapsed after its noble defenders had been paroled, the dear old ensign of the Goldsboro Rifles is liberated and comes back under the escort of one of its brave captors.

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REPLY OF DR. JAMES D. SPICER. Gentlemen and Comrades of the Goldsboro Rifles: As recipient of this beautiful badge, presented as a testimonial of your high esteem and gratitude, I express with intensified emotion my heartfelt

the honor of the United States. Men of North Carolina, the men of Massachusetts join hands with you in this work. Soldiers of North Carolina, the soldiers of Massachusetts are your comrades in this service.

CAPTAIN T. W. SLOCUM'S REPLY. Twenty-five years ago next month—memorable April, 1861—the young ladies of the Goldsboro Female College presented this flag to the Goldsboro Rifles.

THE WATCHINGS FOR THEIR RETURN—And alas how often the sad, sad truth to crush the hearts. "He cometh not back again." How the hearts of the old veterans who fought beneath this banner swell with unspeakable emotion as they gaze upon it!

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BUYING OUT THE LANDLORDS. Gladstone's Gigantic Scheme Stagers His Cabinet.

LONDON, March 16.—Despite all sorts of the contrary it is learned to-day authoritatively that both Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, president of the local government board, and Mr. Trevelyan, Secretary for Scotland, have placed their resignations in the hands of Mr. Gladstone.

There was to have been a special meeting of the Cabinet to-day, it has, however, been postponed for the purpose of giving the resigning ministers time for reflection, in the hope that both will change their minds.

SWALLOWED UP BY THE SEA. Some Points of Interest About the "Oregon."

An account of the sinking of the steamship Oregon has already been published, but the following bearing upon the same subject, will be of interest:

The steamship Oregon measured about eight thousand tons. She was built three years ago on the Clyde by John Elder & Co. to the order of the Guion line.

LAST summer, when the political horizon of Europe was overclouded and the British Government saw fit to acquire a vast fleet of commerce destroyers, the Oregon was her first purchase, and the steamer chairs and other passenger luxuries soon gave place to guns and the panoply of naval warfare.

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THE GOULD WAR. No Freight Trains Yet Moving and the End Not in Sight.

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—Hopes for the settlement of the strike on the Gould Southwest system seems no nearer realization now than they have since the Knights ceased work.

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