

Rev. Dr. A. J. Palmer, a northern minister, is lecturing in the south on the "Federal Soldier," and Gen. John H. Gordon, a confederate soldier, is lecturing in the north on the "Last Days of the Confederacy."

Girls all know that the most persistent sutor for the waltz numbers is the very fellow they don't want. For our part we prefer a sitting-down waltz, anyhow.

The punishment of a cartoon publisher and several other German citizens for disrespect to the Kaiser is evidence that his majesty has a cheap head as well as a thin skin.

By refusing to accept the plea of intoxication advanced by an illegal voter in extension of his offense, a Philadelphia judge has taken a stand which will generally receive support.

The number of cattle in stock in Britain is given at 8,500,497, of which 2,522,379 are cows and heifers in milk or in calf, and 1,323,230 are returned as being two years and above.

In one of William Mountford's books the dialogue runs like this: "I am old and feeble and useless," said Markham, sadly. "No, uncle," said the young Aubin; "you were never more useful than now. You are useful just by being an old man."

Major Handy, special commissioner to the Paris International Exposition, in his report to congress, recommends that an appropriation of \$919,600 be granted, so that a creditable display on behalf of the United States may be made.

Acting Postmaster General Heath, in a circular recently issued recommends the establishment of suitable boxes by the roadside in which carriers may deposit mail as they pass, in districts desirous of securing rural free delivery.

The German navy and marines have walked over China, which is unprepared to fight, and bullied Hayti with an eight-hour ultimatum.

A London publisher announced that he is about to issue a life of the prince of Wales with an American edition, and when he heard the news Anthony Comstock picked up his ears like a dog at the sound of a whistle.

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