TAX WOULD REVEAL SECRETS.

Why the Ten-Cent Complimentaries Will Not Succeed.

News and Notes of Interest in the Stage World.

"Do you know why the plan of handing to Manager A. M. Palmer for the Actors' Fund a tenpenny tax on every complimentary theatre ticket issued will never become popular?" asked a well-known theatrical man yesterday. "Well, I'll tell you the reason. Such a scheme would simply give into Mr. Palmer's hands a precise estimate of the amount of business done by the theatres. Now, no manager likes his receipts to be known, only when business is bad are complimentaries given. The tenpenny scheme would in a post, put Mr. Palmer upon the condition of the cash books of his colleagues. It would never work. You would be astonished to know how some of the plays that have been shown an enormous financial success have been presented to a succession of enthusiastically inspired audiences. An attraction here in New York, playing each night apparently to large audiences is in truth doing a very inoefficient business. Its run is being forced for the sake of the family complimentaries. The scores are being issued. The outside public feels as the place to be is a success. Perhaps Mr. Palmer believes it. But suppose the tenpenny tax on complimentaries were handed in. Then the true condition of things would be known and the manager of the enterprise would be hurt."

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Eleonora Duse declares that if she plays here next season she will abandon Sardou and Dumas in their role, and present none but Shakespearian plays. Mme. Duse is a great lover of Shakespeare, and took to Dumas and Sardou because she plays in countries where they are the roughly appreciated. Mme. Duse returned from Philadelphia yesterday, after having given one performance there. She is shortly to be seen in Chicago.

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"The Ironmaster," which the New York public endured from the Kendals so long, is being very much treated in London, where Madge and Willie have just revived it at the Avenue Theatre. It is set down as stagy, sickly and trite. Poor Madge comes in for some very unkind criticism. The Daily Telegraph says: "As Clara in 'The Ironmaster' a part she was wont to play with infinite feet and as much pathos as the part will allow—she was, on Thursday, not only often stagy in her delivery, but sometimes even penny-plain-and-twopence-coloured in her attitudes. Speeches which she used to speak with suppressed sorrow or rich tearful tenderness, she hurled forth in such sort that I could hardly believe my old favorite had spoken the lines."

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John Buckstone, who is now playing in "Diplomacy" with Rose Coghlan at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, is to appear as the Marquis in Daly's revival of "Adonis." He was engaged by Miss Coghlan temporarily during the illness of Grant Stewart.

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Two middle-aged men went to the box office of the Academy a couple of nights ago and asked for two of the best seats in the front row. The box-office president was sorry, but he regretted he hadn't anything in the front. "Well," said one of the gentlemen, "we are certainly entitled to them. Behold our certificates!" Thereupon they raised their hats and displayed two glossy bald heads. Only that they worked into "Hoss and Hoss" or "A Man Proof-again," or "The Dazzler," or some piece equally elastic and classical.

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The burlesque on "Lady Windermere's Fan," called "The Fan and the Puppets," which is to be produced at the Garden Theatre next month, is now being rehearsed by R. A. Roberts, who plays a part in the piece, a singing part. There are nearly a dozen musical numbers in the burlesque, and it is said that Henry Miller—he who used to play a nice, clean, heroic young man at the Lyceum—will have to do a feeble song. May Irwin has a leading part. The principal character is Oscar O'Flaherty Wilde, and one of the most telling incidents is an incantation, showing the invoking the spirits to teach him how to write a play. "The Fan and the Puppets" will be played in front of "His Wedding Day."

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The dramatic agents, who are always being stated, are severely handled in a little book by Otto Wieners, "Von Geck called "The Misery of the German Dramatic." This gentleman declares that the present system is pitiless in his dealings, and describes them as "always made, who keeps the actor in bondage."

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Some fool in Chicago says that John Drew's social relations will, at certain New York theatres, not be sufficient to insure him a certain degree of temporary success as a star throughout the country. The same idiot remarks that these relations are believed to have done much towards giving him a good send-off in his stellar career.

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"Hamlet" was the play at the Union Square Theatre last night, and a fairly large audience listened to it. Mr. Keene appeared as Hamlet with much force and quite as much eccentricity. Frederick Paulding was Laertes; Frank Hesseldine, the Ghost; Miss Henrietta Vaders, Gertrude; Miss Adada Chanson, Ophelia, and Frederic Vroom, Claudius. Mr. Keene is certainly a conscientious worker, and, although his methods scarcely appeal to a New York audience, he is entitled to some kind words for his earnestness.

GRIFFEN-DIXON MILL OFF.

The Braintree Lad Cannot Train Down to 120 Pounds.

Fitzsimmons to Be Paid in Full by the New Orleans Club.

Considerable of a shock was given the sporting fraternity when the news came from Boston that Jimmy Griffen had refused to meet George Dixon at 120 pounds. He frankly admits that he cannot get down to that weight, and offers to meet Dixon at 122 pounds. Jimmy Carroll has virtually agreed to the 120 pounds limit, but he was "thrown down" by Griffen, who declares Carroll had no license to make such a match. It can be readily understood by sporting men that 120 pounds is certainly a hard weight for Griffen to reach and be strong. He is by far too big boned to reduce himself to such a limit with any safety, and it will not be many years before Jimmy will find himself among the light-weights. Nobody questions Griffen's sincerity in this matter, for he is as "sandy" as they make them, and Johnny is too careful of his friends' good will to even present the slightest suggestion of the white feather. Of course, Tom O'Rourke isn't a bit pleased at this turn of affairs. He has written a long letter to the sporting editor of "The World," in which he calls Johnny down pretty hard and demands that he make good his latest challenge to box George at 120 pounds. Tom admits that he has $10,000 to bet, too. There never was quite so much trouble about bringing two men together as there has been in the case of Griffen and Dixon. Backing and filling and hemming and hawing have all along characterized the actions of both men and their backers, and now to see the affair off entirely after an agreement was virtually made is, to put it mildly, extremely irritating.

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A despatch from New Orleans to-day states that the Crescent City Club yesterday handed Fitzsimmons a big world's fair check, Tuesday's check, not yet cashed he could get one in this. The assessments have come so well that the Club is able to settle and wants to photograph the check after payment for a souvenir and advertisement.

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Prof. Jim Robinson is the new verbal backer and manager of Tommy Ryan and is to arrange a tour with Ryan and Henry Baker as stars. He declares he challenges anew John Dixon and the winner of the Williams-Smith fight at the Coney Island Club.

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Bicyclists intending to enter the two-mile handicap at the Twelfth Regiment games on April 10, may practise at the Armory on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7.45 o'clock, or from 8 to 10.30 o'clock. A special feature at the games will be the appearance of the expert cyclist, W. S. Manley, who will give his celebrated exhibitions of character and fancy riding.

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A great deal of interest is felt by the boxers of Harlem over the challenge to meet to-morrow night in Boston between the Phœnix team, champions of the Metropolitan Amateur Bowling Union, and a picked team of the Massachusetts Bowling League. The Phœnix team consists of Frank S. Cole, George A. Fosse, Jerome B. Fredericks, William F. Shaw and Harry W. Cooperthwaite. The latter is captain of the team, but it is not yet certain that he will go. If not, August L. Vauper will row.

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Royal Phelps Carroll's challenge for the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's cup has been made public for the first time to-day. It reads thus:

"Secretary Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

"Dear Sir: I hereby challenge for the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's International Cup challenge (up to be sailed for during the season of 1893) in the vicinity of the Isle of Wight, under the terms agreed on by the Sailing Committee of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and myself. Under these terms the committee agree to race me with a vessel not exceeding my claimed load water line of 84 feet by more than 5 per cent.

"The races to be five in number if necessary, two of which are to be twenty miles to windward or leeward and return, the other three to be thirty miles—designated in the conditions governing the cup as hundred and four. Accompanying the challenge I send the following statement regarding my vessel:

"Name of owner—Royal Phelps Carroll.

"Name of yacht—Navahoe.

"Length on load water line—Eighty-four feet.

Mr. Carroll says he has not challenged Dunraven for a race across the Atlantic between the Valkyrie and Navahoe, for does he think he will be able to sail the Navahoe in the trial races for the America's Cup next summer.

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H. W. Tarna and Thomas Fitzpatrick will run a 1,000-yard dash at Woodside, L. I., next Monday for $100 a side and dinners for twenty-five guests.

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From Milwaukee comes this news: Parker, Serombe and Walter Sanger have applied to Secretary Bassett, of the L. A. W., for exemption from the loss of their good amateur standing, as required by the English Cycling League, in order that they may compete against the English champions without protest. Serombe, Sanger and Tramer Culver will leave Milwaukee about April 15 for Springfield, Mass., where they will spend about three weeks getting into condition on the Springfield city track.

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Denny Buttler, who formerly was assistant in the sporting department of the New York World, has recently hanged his shingle in the police headquarters of the city. The Athletic Club authorities have charges against Buttler, and the owners acted promptly.

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Bobby Carruthers has been released by President Von der Ahe of the St. Louis ball team.

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Kelly says $2,000 is "too much money" for him to play ball in New York this season. It's a matter of "We have lived and lost you, Cole."

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The Kings county Wheelmen last night elected these officers: President, William Neilis; Vice-President, Forsyth; Recording Secretary, Samuel C. Graham; Treasurer, Charles McLaren; Assistant Treasurer, C. F. Wilson; Corresponding Secretary, J. Hayward; Captain, R. Waite; Sergeant, First Lieutenant, Frank Lawrey; Second Lieutenant, E. S. Baker; Trustee, Patrick McGuire.

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James Stansbury, the American carsman, arrived in Urbana yesterday, and at once accepted Jake Gaudaur's challenge for a three-mile race. Stansbury said that Wilson Beach, the Australian, would come to America next Summer.

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George Standing, manager of the New York Hockey Club, visited Albert Bruckner in singlet of the Central Opera Club yesterday at racquet three games to one.

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John Ennis is willing to wager any dancer plays at the Bricker's Sea Hall at Caledonia Hall March 20.

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At the last meeting of the Young Men's Philadelphia Club it was unanimously voted that the club give another of its boxers the worth-weather sets. A committee of three was appointed to select a date and secure the best talent in charge.

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The Princeton and Varsity of Pennsylvania club nine have arranged three games for this season.

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The amateur base-ball season will open on May 27, and the clubs in the League will play two-to-game each.

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Dr. Tarrasch, the famous European chess expert and Walbrodt will meet in St. Petersburg next month.

RAILROADS AND RAILROAD MEN.

News and Gossip of Interest in Transportation Circles.

The New York and foreign bondholders of the Reading have concluded to oust Hoadley Mellen, and interesting developments are consequently expected.

The jurisdiction of Chief of Motive Power Ely, assistant to the President, Samuel Rea, General Manager Pierce, Superintendent Hutchinson and Manager of Way Brammer Richards, of the Pennsylvania, have been extended over the Philadelphia, Reading and Camden and Atlantic roads.

Dr. Seward Webb, President of the Wagner Palace Car Company, is preparing to visit all the points of interest in the United States, with a party of friends, in a special Wagner train of six handsomely appointed cars, to return June 1.

The English railroad officials in charge of the English locomotive and cars for the Chicago exposition are very much amazed at the rapid changing of New York Central cabmen at Albany Tuesday. They meant that one of them remarked: "I tell you, the boys, the Britishers are not in it."

The $5,000,000 street railway syndicate that is predicting neighboring Jersey towns has secured the charter and will proceed to lay out twenty-five miles traversing Bergen, Essex, Union and Morris counties.

Talk is revived that the New York, Susquehanna and Western will control the new Palisades tunnel when completed. It is probable it will serve its purpose with the Pennsylvania in the least cutting for the Prime Tunnel road traffic.

The New Haven has leased for ninety-nine years the Boston and Sandy Brook and Pittsfield roads.

The Pennsylvania Railroad yesterday carried to Chicago the Worlds' Fair commissioners of Great Britain, Australia, Germany, and Sweden and Norway.

First Assistant General Freight Agent Bainbridge of the Reading has been appointed General Traffic Manager of the New York and New England.

A conference of Vanderbilt presidents is in progress at the Grand Central Depot to-day.

No Fit to Associate with Himself.

From Puck.

"Dummy," said Weggie, "I feel pawfectly disgwaced."

"Why, dear boy?" asked Willie.

"I had to dress myself this mawning—wegular valet's work."

"Dear me!" said Willie, edging away.

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HOWARD SCHNEIDER HANGED.

Wife-Murderer Pays the Death Penalty at Washington To-Day.

He Breaks Down as the End Draws Near—His Last Hours.

WASHINGTON, March 17. The execution of Howard J. Schneider, the wife murderer, took place in Jail A. M. to-day.

The news that the President had declined to interfere reached Warden Wade yesterday by Schneider's last mail with appeared in the morning papers.

Schneider's last night was spent in a restless manner. He did not sleep a wink during the night. He was sitting upright in his cot when the first ray of light appeared in his cell. A light repast of coffee and toast was taken to the cell but Schneider was unable to eat it.

Rev. W. H. Ryan, a priest of the church of the Reformed Mission, with Schneider found favorably disposed and from whom Howard, Jr., was baptized, was the only person admitted to the condemned man's cell from 6 o'clock on the morning of the execution.

Mr. Ryan said he had a long talk with Schneider. Schneider said he had gone to the gallows with a firm belief in the immortality of the soul. He said he was willing to die and was prepared to meet his Maker. He said he had not written the letter to the President, which appeared in the morning papers, and was not responsible for it. He said he was willing to prepare it for him.

The procession to the gallows was a small one. First came the Warden of the jail. Beside him walked Deputy Sheriff Boteler, with Schneider between them. The condemned man walked slowly and performed the entire journey without assistance.

There came Schneider's counsel, friends and supporters, in order as follows: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Bruckner, Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gill, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell