

Whenever we think about our Theatre in this city we feel thankful for the inspiration which prompted its erection. Performances there may have their faults; but we are convinced that the opening of that building as a place of amusement has had a most beneficial effect upon the people. With such a magnificent place in our city as it is for the performance of the drama, there has been but little inducement for adventurers to open mean and disreputable places of amusement with the hope of getting patronage. We hope yet to see a great improvement in many things connected with our Theatre. These will come along naturally as the taste of the people improves. At the present time its managers frequently are compelled to waive their own wishes in deference to those of the public. Still

EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

The number of laborers constantly employed is about two thousand. The miners are fine muscular men. They are divided into gangs, and relieve each other every six hours, a gang in that time quarrying about 100,000 pounds of salt. The temperature of the mines is very even all the year round, and is such that the men work naked to the waist. The preservative power of the air is so great that wood retains its vitality for centuries.

The whole extent of these mines has never been accurately determined; but they have been explored for a continuous length of two and a half miles, and the aggregate length of the whole of the excavations is estimated at more than four hundred miles.

By Telegraph.

St. Petersburg.—The river Neva frozen over in consequence of which many vessels are detained.

London.—The *Morning Herald*, day, says the ministry may meet hereafter, and find the verdict was against them yesterday but on

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