

[From the *Millennial Star*, May 12.]
AUSTRALIA.

NEWS ITEMS.

D. NELSON, Placer Co., Cal., has rye 8 feet 4½ inches high, with large, heavy heads; so says the *Sacramento Union*.

REV. Mr. WALTON has accepted a call from the Third Parish in Portland, Me., on condition that he be required to preach only one sermon on Sundays. The proprietors voted seventeen to thirteen to accept the condition, and none of the congregation, not proprietors, voted against it.

In Bedford county, Tennessee, whole fields of corn and cotton have been laid waste by the cut worm, causing hundreds of acres to be replanted. Recently the army worm has made its appearance, and is committing extensive ravages. Many farmers are becoming thoroughly disheartened.

FIFTY persons were killed by the terrific dust storm at Buenos Ayres on the 19th of March. It occurred at about five p.m., but the heavens were obscured so thoroughly by the driving clouds of dust, that it was darker than the darkest night. Trees, houses and ships were capsized in an instant, so powerful was the wind.

THE oldest man in Rushville county, Illinois, is Mr. Jordan Rhodes, of Huntsville. He is over one hundred and four years of age, splits rails, carries easily a two bushel sack of meal on his shoulder, and can walk as briskly as any of his neighbors.

A MAN by the name of William Carter has been for some years doing a wonderful work in London and vicinity. He is a "chimney-sweeper, a short, thick set, pleasant man, with small, twinkling eyes, that seem to preach happiness, and a high forehead indicative of ability of no ordinary cast." He leased the Victoria Theatre in London, where for twelve months, he has preached to a congregation of 3,000. He has now leased also Victoria Hall, in the immediate vicinity. By the help of others, whom he has initiated and associated with himself, he has sometimes nine preaching places open on the Sabbath, in various parts of London.

It is stated that the immense hills of slag that surround iron furnaces in all places where iron is found are about to be utilized. An invention has recently been patented in England by which slag is to be used as a substitute for emery. It is said to be even superior to emery in polishing steel, iron, and other metals, and the new substance called "metallim," into which the slag is to be made, can be produced at about one-fifth the cost of emery.

A NEW star of about the third magnitude has suddenly appeared in the constellation of the Northern Crown, being first observed at the Cambridge observatory a short time since. Prof. Gould says that the only known instance fairly comparable with this, is the new star of 1670, which appeared suddenly as a star of the third magnitude, disappeared, shone out once more, and after two years became invisible, and has remained so since.

BURYING parties are at work on every field of the rebellion, gathering up and burying the dead soldiers, from Virginia to Texas. The last made cemetery is at Coal Harbor, and already contains one thousand nine hundred and thirty bodies, viz.: fifty commissioned officers; thirty-nine non-commissioned officers, one chaplain, five hundred and forty-five known soldiers, three hundred and forty six unknown soldiers, taken from graves; eight hundred and eighty-nine, taken from trenches. There are three burying parties around Richmond; one in front of Petersburg, one in the Shenandoah Valley, one at Coal Harbor, one at Antietam—a private party, to which the Government has already furnished six thousand coffins; one at Fortress Monroe, one at Bull Run, and one sweeping the country between Washington and the former named place.

GERMAN CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.—Take a pound of pure honey, and let it boil gently in a stew pan; then, having washed, scraped clean, and finely grated with a sharp grater, two large sticks of fresh horse-radish, stir in the honey as much as you possibly can. It must remain in a boiling state about five minutes, but stirred so as not to burn; after which, put it into small earthen pots, or a jar, and keep it covered up for use. Two or three table spoonfuls a day, or more according to the strength of the patient, and some time persisted in is said to perform wonders, even where there is a confirmed consumption of the lungs. It is also servicable in all coughs where the lungs are greatly affected.

GOOD COUNSEL.—It is not by mere study, by the mere accumulation of knowledge, that you can hope for eminence. Mental discipline, the exercise of the faculties of the mind, the quickening of your apprehension, the strengthening of your memory, the forming of a sound, rapid and discriminating judgment, are of even more importance than a store of learning. Practice the economy of time. Consider time, like the faculties of your mind, a precious estate; that every moment of it well applied is put to an exorbitant interest. The zest of amusement itself, and the successful result of application, depend in a great measure upon the economy of time. Estimate, also, the force of habit. Exercise a constant, unremitting vigilance of acquirement of habit in matters that are apparently of entire indifference—that perhaps are really so, independent of the habits they engender. It is by the neglect of such trifles that bad habits are acquired, and that the mind, by tolerating negligence and procrastination in matters of small account, but frequent occurrence—matters of which the world takes no notice—becomes accustomed to the same habits in matters of higher importance.

ARMY WORMS have appeared in Nevada and Lake counties, Cal., and are doing considerable damage.

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MELBOURNE, Feb. 24, 1866,
Dear brother in Christ:—I avail myself of the present opportunity for the purpose of writing a few lines to you, to acquaint you somewhat with the condition of the great Latter-day work in Melbourne. I do not, however, propose at present to give an elaborate account of the work in Australia, as I am not sure that this letter will reach you, I not knowing for certain to whom or where to address it. On the 17th of October, 1865, a small company of Saints, in charge of Elder J. D. Spencer, sailed in the barque Albert for San Francisco, en route for Great Salt Lake City. Previous to that time, that is to say, on the 14th, 15th and 16th of October 1865, a Conference was held here, which all the Saints in this place attended, as did also many strangers, and the Spirit of God was poured out upon us in so great a degree, that the strangers present confessed that they never could forget it. It was indeed to the Saints a pentecostal feast, who realized in a signal manner the blessings promised to the believer.

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Conference above referred to:—"Present, two elders, eleven members, Elder Spencer presiding, br. Milne, clerk. Meeting opened by singing, 'Ye Elders of Israel, come join now with me,' &c., also 'The Spirit of God like a fire is burning,' &c., and prayer by Elder Beauchamp. The Authorities of the Church were sustained by a unanimous vote. Elder Beauchamp was appointed to labor in the ministry, as he should be led by the Spirit of God. The Sacrament was then administered by Elder Spencer, after which he made a few appropriate remarks, and bore his testimony of the truth of the gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints. He then called on Elder Beauchamp to address the Saints and strangers, which he did for a short time upon the first principles of the gospel, and also in bearing his testimony of the truth of the Latter-day work. He expressed his desire for the time soon to come when he would be permitted to follow the Saints who were about to start for the 'Home of the Saints.' All the brethren followed bearing their testimony and prophesying. Elder Spencer then said he was pleased with the remarks that had been made, and rejoiced in the Spirit by which they had been dictated. The brethren sang, 'Lo! the gentile chain is broken,' &c. Conference dismissed by Elder Spencer, who thanked our heavenly Father for His great goodness to us all, and fervently prayed that God would watch over and protect the Saints from the perils of the sea, while on their journey to the land of Zion."

Dear brother, when I saw the vessel sail, with all the Saints on board who were in Melbourne, with the exception of myself, I felt for the time being that I was alone; but when I went to my home, and poured out my soul in prayer to my heavenly Father, I felt the comforting influence of the Holy Ghost, and that I was not alone. I feel the responsibility of my calling, and while I am preaching the principles of the gospel, I endeavor to live by them. Seven souls have been added to the Church, who are striving faithfully to serve God, and secure the means necessary to take them to Zion. There is a prospect of a still further addition, but be this as it may, I have learned that God alone giveth the increase.

Praying for the prosperity of the cause of truth, I remain your brother, &c.,
J. BEAUCHAMP.

THE TOMATO AS FOOD.—A good medical authority ascribes to the tomato the following very important medical qualities:

1. That the tomato is one of the most powerful aperients of the liver and other organs; where calomel is indicated, it is one of the most effective and least harmful medical agents known to the profession,
2. That a chemical extract will be obtained from it that will supersede the use of the calomel in the cure of disease.
3. That he has successfully treated diarrhea with this article alone.
4. That when used as an article of diet, it is almost sovereign for dyspepsia and indigestion.
5. That it should be constantly used for daily food. Either cooked or raw, or in the form of catsup, it is the most wholesome article in use.—[N. Y. Tribune.

THERE are 282½ miles of railroad built in the State of California, and the sum of nearly twenty-five millions of dollars has been expended in completing them. The cost of building them is \$41,887 per mile.