

NORTHAM NEWS.

HOT WEATHER AND SICKNESS.

A DEATH FROM SUNSTROKE.

GOLDFIELDS TRADE.

DEATH OF MR. J. T. REILLY, JNR.

HEAT AND SICKNESS.

FARMERS AND THE RAILWAY
DEPARTMENT.

NORTHAM, January 3.]

The weather continues intensely hot, and sickness is on the increase. John Herbert, a well-known and highly respected old colonist, aged 78, died suddenly yesterday from the effects of sunstroke. For many years deceased resided in Newcastle, where he was universally respected.

Five trains per day are despatched to Southern Cross, but even these are insufficient to cope with the traffic. Over 100 trucks laden with chaff are now waiting transit. The department will be unable to forward any chaff to Southern Cross until Monday, when the block is to be cleared. There is great insufficiency of trucks, but the local stationmaster is using every effort to accommodate the public.

Mr. H. J. Cooke, with his son-in-law, Mr. Geo. Lukin, and Mr. Speakman, have sold their claim at Uralla to the Hampton Plains Company for £25,000 cash and a sixth interest. The claim is said to be very rich. This sale, from the fact of Mr. Cooke being an old Northamite, has given general satisfaction here. Mr. Cooke has exhibited indomitable pluck in personally assisting to work the claim for many months past amid many hardships.

The foundry company have secured fourteen acres of land at East Northam from the Morrell estate, where a railway siding to the works is easily procurable.

Mr. Vanzetti returns to the colony by the B.M.S. Ormaz this week, and is shortly to be entertained at a banquet in recognition of his being the first to introduce the battery system to Northam.

Midnight services were held last night at all the places of worship here, and were well attended.

Mr. J. T. Reilly, junr., one of the proprietors of the Northam Advertiser, died rather suddenly last night. Great sympathy is expressed for his relatives. The deceased took an active part in anything conducive to the interest of the town, and personally he was very popular. The funeral, which took place to-day, was largely attended, and was of a most representative character.

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Sickness is very prevalent here. It is accounted for by the excessively hot weather, the thermometer for the last week having registered from 100 to 110 in the shade.

Produce is coming in in large quantities. Great indignation is expressed by farmers and others at the want of weighing and loading facilities at East Northam. Over 10,000 tons of goods, mostly produce, will leave here during the next few months, and greater facilities than now exist, it is contended, should be provided by the railway authorities for coping with this traffic.