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Boy DROWNED -On Saturday last (7th), a boy of the name of William John Reed was drowned in the Darling while bathing with some other children. Some eight or ten minutes elapsed before the body was recovered by a black gin. For several hours efforts were made to restore life, but with no avail. The boy's parents live at Ponto, near Wellington, but he was stopping with his grand parents, at Bourke, for the last six months. A gloom was cast over the whole community by this melancholy accident, he being an interesting little fellow of seven years of age.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1865.

## BOURKE.

Rain is still the great want of the district, and unless it comes what we shall do I know not. Our horses and cattle are dreadfully poor, and feed enormously high-in fact you have to be very civil to get a feed at famine pricis.

We have had a week full of events. On Friday a son of Mr. Maxwell's broke his arm. On Saturday the son of John Reed was unfortunately drowned in the Darling whilst bathing, leaving behind a throng of mourners. I trust all who read this will take warning, and keep the children from the banks of rivers. A day or two ago Mr. Hughes, of the Bogan, was severely stabbed by a man now in custody; the wound is dangerous. On the Bokhara Mr. M'Kenzie has been fatally injured from a fall from a horse. Dr. Pechev has attended him, and gives no hopes of recovery.