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Accident drowning, Kororoit Creek Rockbank, William Rusden

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ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.—An inquest was held before Dr. Candler, the District Coroner, on the 28th ult., on the body of William Rusden, who was accidentally drowned whilst endeavoring to cross the Kororoit Creek, opposite the Rockbank Hotel, on the 22nd ult. The deceased was riding. The creek, owing to the late heavy rains, was very high at the time, and the landlord of the hotel advised deceased to dismount, and allow himself to be guided by a pole, but he would not. He fell over his horse's head, and the horse, in endeavoring to get out, fell back upon him. Nothing more was seen of him, as the current was very rapid, until the Monday following, when he was found in a water-hole, about forty yards from the spot. Deceased was superintendent to Mr. Charr, cattle-dealer, of Melbourne, and in charge of some sheep brought over from New England. A number of persons were looking on, but did not run the risk of endeavoring to save him—a circumstance which, in coming to their verdict, the jury did not forget to censure.