

F A R I N A.

TUESDAY, September 21.

A beautiful steady soaking rain commenced to fall yesterday afternoon about three o'clock, and continued until about two o'clock this morning, with an occasional heavy shower registering 1.110 inches. This will do an immense amount of good. Although we have had good feed for some time, we have been short of water, in fact, both reservoirs have been completely dry for some time, our water lately being brought up by train from Leigh's Creek at the very moderate cost of 12s 6d per 1,000 gallons, at the railway station, Farina. This rain appears general, coming as it did from the North and will be of great value to stock owners, who now travel cattle or sheep to Farina. At the time of writing Leigh's Creek is not running very strong, but back-water will probably arrive during the night. All local water-holes and both reservoirs are full, which means about a year's supply of water without further rains.

A Surveyor from Adelaide is at present in the vicinity of Farina taking levels and sinking trial holes for what is generally understood, a new reservoir. If the Government decide to further conserve water it will be a blessing to this part of the world, for although our reservoirs are full, millions of gallons are running to waste. A new reservoir is badly needed, or the present reservoirs enlarged; then stock could always be guaranteed a drink of fresh water when passing through.

Much sympathy has been expressed on behalf of Mr and Mrs J. W. Manfield who suffered the loss, through death, of Miss Hilda Manfield, on Sunday last. Miss Manfield, who was only 19 years of age, has been ailing some months so death was not at all unexpected. The funeral took place in the Farina cemetery on Monday and was attended by nearly all the residents. The Rev. F. W. Wilkinson conducted the funeral service.