

POLLING PLACES FOR THE DISTRICT.—The following are the appointed places or booths for the polling on Thursday next, viz :—Mr. John Evitt's for the confines of Benalla; the school-houses at Major Plains and Samaria; the Mechanics' Institute, Nagambie; the Court-house, Violettown; the respective school-houses at Longwood, Duckponds, and Dargalong; Arcadia not to hand. The polling will commence at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

THE BENALLA REVISION COURT will be held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Courthouse, Benalla, for the purpose of revising the supplementary lists of voters claiming to vote for members of the Legislative Council and Assembly for the Benalla division, and for the Benalla Murray-Darling Division of the Western Province. A similar court will also sit at Violettown on the same day.

SHEPPARTON SCHOOL PROJECT.—A meeting of the residents here was held on the 28th ult., in the Prince of Wales hotel, the object being the consideration of the desirability of establishing a school. There was a fair attendance, considering the short time the meeting had been convened. Mr. Oram was voted to the chair, and briefly explained the object of the meeting, and called upon Mr. A. F. Rowe to introduce the subject, which he did very explicitly. An offer was made by a schoolmaster, who was present, to take charge of the school when established on reasonable terms, and after discussing the subject, it was proposed by Mr. John Fraser, seconded by Mr. McCracken, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Rowe, Longstaff, and Murphy, with power to add to their number, be appointed to devise ways and means to carry out the wishes of the meeting and report to another meeting of residents on Saturday next, to be held in the same place. It is intended to bring the matter under the notice of the Government at once, and if immediate attention is not given to it by the Education department, a schoolroom will be built by private enterprise, Mr. John Fraser kindly offering an allotment of land in the township for a site for the same. This being all the business, a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT.—Mr. S. K. Vickery, who for some time past has practised as an authorised surveyor in this district, now ceases to act in that capacity, having re-entered the Government service, with which he has been for many years connected. He is to act as assistant surveyor for the Benalla district, his duty being to inspect surveys and effect any special work necessary under the direction of Mr. Allan, Inspector-General of surveys, and Mr. Nixon, the district surveyor. Mr. Vickery is therefore precluded from undertaking any surveys for applicants selecting from the time of this appointment.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—On Good Friday a very dreadful accident happened to a lad named John Lowe, aged 13 years, residing in this town, by the bursting of a gun. The boy named, with several others, was amusing himself by shooting at a mark in Clarke's paddock on the above morning when the gun burst near the breech, and shattered his left hand in a shocking manner, the three first fingers and a part of the thumb being blown off, and the other portion of his hand torn almost to shreds. The quivering fingers were picked up at a distance of several yards from the spot. Dr. Henry was quickly in attendance on the unfortunate youth, and after staunching the

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CHARITABLE SERMON.—A very original and successful method of raising funds for the Wangaratta Hospital was introduced at the Catholic Chapel here on Good Friday by the Rev. T. J. Egan, who preached the Passion Sermon for the benefit of the funds of that institution. At the close of the sermon the rev. gentleman proceeded, pencil and paper in hand, and followed by the usual collector with the offertory plate, to each of the congregation, and placed name and amount given on the list. This of course had the effect of drawing much larger donations than otherwise would have been the case by adopting the customary method, and much amusing consternation was depicted on the countenances of many who were not prepared for this unusual style of collection. Instead of shillings the gifts were raised to five and ten shilling pieces, and several notes were also put into the plate, the result being a sum of nearly £15, by which the Hospital will become the richer through the rev. gentleman's creditable forethought.

FATAL FLOOD AT BACCHUS MARSH.—The *Bacchus Marsh Express* states that the heaviest flood seen in Bacchus Marsh for twelve years past happened on last Thursday night, between six and twelve, and an infant, aged two months, named Clark was drowned. The weather for the whole of the week from the previous Thursday night had been very wet, heavy rain falling almost constantly, and the rivers Loderderg and Werribee had been flooded, but on Thursday afternoon they had fallen considerably, so that if no more rain had fallen very little damage would have been done. On Thursday evening, however, about five o'clock, the rain again commenced to descend in heavy streams, and by seven the rivers began to rise not by inches but by feet, so that in a very short time many persons found first one foot and then three feet of water in their houses. In the direction of Darley and Goodman's Creek a great deal of damage has been done, principally to bridges, two being entirely swept away, and another has suffered so much damage as to be barely passable for horsemen, and it is not likely to be fit for any repair. The inquest on the infant who was drowned on Thursday night was held by Mr. Shuter, P.M., and a jury, in the Bacchus Marsh Courthouse, on Friday morning. The father, in attempting to place the baby in a cart for safety with the other children, was washed off his feet, and the child was taken away by the rushing stream. In trying to regain it, Clark was carried 150 yards away by the water, and remained clinging to a log for several hours before being rescued. The infant's body was found a mile away on the following morning, and a verdict of accidentally drowned was returned.

CRICKET.—The match between the East Melbourne and Wangaratta clubs was concluded yesterday. The play throughout was good on both sides; but although the up-country men did their best, the Melbournites were too strong for them. The latter made 141 and 71 in their two innings; the Wangaratta team getting 68 and 76—thus losing by 50 runs.

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VILLAINOUS ACT.—It was reported here on Friday night last that a most diabolical attempt to throw the train off the line had been made between Barnawartha and Wodonga during its down journey on that day. We have not been able to glean many particulars of the circumstances here, nearly all of whom we have enquired being either not acquainted with them, and unable to communicate anything beyond the mere fact that something of the sort had occurred up the road. Certainly no serious damage to either life or property was occasioned, but it seems the intent of some devilish minded person or persons was to cause the indiscriminate sacrifice of both. From what little we have been enabled to glean of the affair, it seems that a strong post had been

driven into the ground in the centre of the tram-track, at an oblique direction towards the coming train. On its approach the engine driver seeing something strange ahead, attempted to stop, but was unable to do so in time, and the engine came in contact with the post, which, however, was providentially not very firmly fixed, and passed over it, sustaining only some unimportant damage to the release cock gear and other portions of the underneath machinery. As this is not the first time that obstructions have been placed on the line in the locality indicated, it is to be hoped the cowardly perpetrator will be soon discovered, when there is no doubt but that he will meet the punishment so richly merited.

POUND FEES.—Thursday's *Gazette* publishes the poundage rates and sustenance fees legally chargeable at the Benalla Pound as follows:—For animals trespassing upon fenced land other than tillage land, the trespass rate is, for every sheep, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; goats, pigs, and other cattle, 1d. Upon tillage land including gardens, fenced in, for each sheep, 1s.; goat or pig, 10s.; other cattle, 8s.; the sustenance fees are respectively for sheep, $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; goats and pigs, 1s.; other cattle, 1s. 3d. It should also be remembered that goats, pigs, and fowls may be legally destroyed when found trespassing on any fenced in land.

REVISION OF JURY LISTS.—A Special Court of Petty Sessions will be held at the Court-house on Friday next at 10 a.m. for revising these lists for the Benalla Jury District. A Court will also sit on that day at Violettown at 11 a.m., for the same purpose.