

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

The annual collection in aid of the Bulli Cottage Hospital has been fixed for Sunday, April 16.

Mr. Foley, police magistrate, died on Tuesday from the effects of injuries sustained in a coach accident near Young.

The warship Royal Arthur is in Jervis Bay for gun practice. She will not return to Sydney before Tuesday next.

The Revs. R. Inglis, M.A., and J. McCoy, of Nowra, have promised to give lectures in connection with the Berry School of Arts.

Mr. David Davis, M.L.A., has been informed by the Under-Secretary that instructions have been given for the preparation of plans and specifications for a new police station in Nowra.

An excursion from Berry to Crookhaven Heads by the Government steamer Cyclops is to be made on Easter Monday in aid of the Pyree School of Arts.

A fire broke out in a large stack of firewood at Smith's brickyards in Nowra, but was promptly extinguished by Firemen N. Sidney and Harry Smith, of the local fire brigade, before much damage was done.

The coal trade at Port Kembla last week was brisk. In addition to the usual coastal shipments, the steamers

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A competitive examination of applicants for admission to the public service was held this week at the Wollongong Superior Public School. The candidates were Guido Weber and Alfred Richards (Wollongong), and John Nisbett (Nowra). The examination was conducted by the District Inspector of Schools (Mr. M'Lelland).

Editor Wallace, of Albion Park, has proclaimed against the proposal of the N.S.W. Banks to charge current accounts 5s per half-year for book-keeping. He says, editorially:—"For our own part, if we had any surplus lucre on hand, we would rather take the risk of being bailed up openly by bushrangers than submit to this system of bleeding. Or perhaps the back-blocks mode of banking known as submerged jam tin would be as safe as any these times."

Jervis Bay reported a very heavy thunderstorm on Saturday night last, lasting from 7 to 10, travelling from west to east. Blinding flashes of lightning lit up the sky almost continuously, and heavy peals of thunder were repeated incessantly. A very heavy squall from the south-west accompanied the storm. At 9.30 heavy hail commenced. Altogether it was the biggest storm experienced at the bay for years. During Saturday night there was a very brilliant display of sheet lightning, which doubtless was connected with this storm. Next morning all rain had cleared away

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