ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

Although the rain was pelting down on Friday night the sand track at El-lerslie was in splendid order and fast on Saturday and some fair work took on Sa place.

Sylvan Knight seemed to walk on to the tracks a bit tender, but the sore-ness were off when Toreador's half brother warmed up. He put in easy

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J. E. Thorpe's pair Hopfield and Fisher put in useful tasks. The former has not been extended since the A.R.C. winter fixture. The latter put in two solid circuits, brushing home at top.

The neat chestnut gelding Tabasco was the only equine that the writer noticed which used the tan rink. The chestnut is in great heart at the present time.

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The Gluten gelding Goldsize went round the sand with plenty of vim, and it will not take a lot of hard graft to bring Mr. J. H. Walters' horse to his best form again. September should see him dressed in his best.

The shapely rising two-year-old colt Informal (Demosthenes—Informality) set the pace for a stable mate of the same age. Looking ahead the Messrs, W. and V. Casey have a little gem in this colt.

pair were very much admired by those present.
White Sox and Lady Paula ran six furlongs, finishing at top. The lastnamed held her companion perfectly safe at the conclusion of the gallop.
Scottish Knight, the Robert the Bruce colt which showed good form at

looks like adding further to their bank-

Mr. T. Cunningham left the Auckland Hospital on Saturday. This genial sportsman has now had 12 months of extreme suffering with a broken leg, and recently had a close call after an

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Mr. Harry Swaffield has purchased the Waikaranga gelding King of the Valley, who has gone into R. Hall's hands to be trained at Papatoetoe. The same trainer has taken up Heather Boy negain again.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

The Wellington Racing Club will open their winter meeting to-day (Wednesday), and the gathering will be continued on Thursday and concluded on Saturday. The acceptances for the first day's racing are as follows:—

VITTORIA HURDLES HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—
Flying Camp 10.13, Compulsion 10.13.
Master Strowan 10.9, Black Heart 10.5, Sensitive 10.3, Thrace 10.2, San Sebastian 10.0, Aratiatia 10.0, Turehau 9.12, Golden Glade 9.11, Brown Loch 9.11, Mt. Victoria 9.9, Glendalough 9.9, Miss Sation 9.8, Swinton 9.7. Despatch Carrier 9.7, Marvelite 90, Manaia Park 9.0, First Consul 9.0.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs, six furlongs.—Kauri King 10.10, Lady Louisa 10.3, Potentiality 10.1, Miss Deval 9.13, Gold Painting 9.12, Waimutao 9.12, Otara 9.10, George 9.8, Hyllus 9.6, Tip-up 9.5, Rockfield 9.4, Probation 9.2, Bairnsdale 9.0, Madam Ristori 9.0, First HACK AND HUNTERS

Bairnsdale 9.0, Madam Riston 9.0, Poblehe 9.0.
FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs, two miles and a-half.—Czaronus 11.13, Merry Jack 11.8, Kiwitea 11.5, Mawson 10.10, Cokely 10.11, Precious Metal 10.6, Paremata 10.4, Kew 10.2 Union Jack 10.0, Silver Monarch 10.0, Dood 10.0, Kaupokonui



M. DEPERDUSSIN SAVED BY THE HEROIC AIRMEN "WHO CAME TO COVER HIM WITH THEIR WINGS." After being in custody for more than three and a-half years, Armand Deperdussin, who did so much to place France in the foremost rank as aircraft builders, was brought to trial with his wife at Paris on a charge of forgery and swindling. He was condemned to five years' imprisonment, with the benefit of the First Offenders' Act, which meant that he was released on recognisances. The judge told him that he owed the leniency of the Court to the work done by him in the defence of the country and to the flying heroes "who had come to cover him with their wings."

Our illustration shows M. Deperdussin weeping in court. Four hours later he was laughing and once more a free man at home with his wife.

the Avondale spring fixture, has wintered nicely and strode over a few furlongs in company with his stable mate, the light-hearted Mullingar. Both are coming to hand well.

The owner of Independence and the promising colt by Marble Arch—Sweet Alice was quite content to see his well forward pair putting in medium pace stumes.

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Lady Glen and a companion strode round a circuit of the sand at a useful gait, and will be quite ready for spring engagements when called on.

The rising three-year-old Spalpeen—Guidwife filly has grown into a fine big youngster, but gives the impression of being a long way from fully matured and will take time.

A staff of men under the caretaker, Mr. Albert Hill, are busy grading and banking the course between the mile and a-half post and the winning post. When finished the grade will be one in thirty and this should be a big improvement. improvement.

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Other horses noticed working on Saturday were Billy Wiggs, Cardrona, Golden Glow, Empire. Lord Kenilworth, Toka Toka and Elysian Rose.

Mr. P. Bolton, the owner of Barbwire, Patetonga and the breeder of King Chiara and others, has just returned to Ellerslie after spending a month on his farm at the Matahura Valley, Waikato.

The leading Auckland horseman, J. O'Shea. left for Trentham by train on Monday night. He is already booked up for several engagements.

Tenacious was taken as far as Sydney with Waimai and Luperino. The two last-named were railed on to Melbourne to be in time for the second day's racing of the V.R.C. Grand National meeting.

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A rumour has gained currency that the A.R.C. well be allotted the usual four meetings on the old dates, two days at each meeting. The club would thus keep faith with the owners of candidates in the classic races. This seems to meet with the approval of those who discuss the question at headquarters.

Colonel Soult has proved a most payable proposition since going into the

able proposition since going into the popular partners ownership, winning approximately f6000 for Messrs W. Casey and James C. Gleeson, and still

9.7, Golden Butterfly 9.7, Schnapper 9.7, Coalition 9.7, Torchy 9.7, War Chief 9.7. Pawerewere 9.7, Marvelite 9.7, The Chef 9.7.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs, about three miles and a-quarter.—Pil Gallo 12.10, Braeburn 11.13, Soporific 10.11, Crib 10.10, Jackman 10.5, Sandy Paul 10.5, St. Elmn 10.4, Record 10.0, Merry Lad 9.13, Collector 9.12, Kirkby 9.10, Fagot 9.7.

TRIAL PLATE of 150sovs, six furlongs. Two-year-olds 9.3, three year-old 10.0, four-year-olds and upwards 10.2—Arihia, Black Night, Cross Words, Euripos, Warstorm, Matida, Whakatina, Reparation, Pervola, Marker, Rangiwhetu, Kohinahina, Lady Beaufort, Zela, Sir William, Kimbolton, May Morn.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP of 490sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Kauri King 10.3, Heeltap 10.0, Marc Antony 9.13, Prince Delaware 9.12, Sedd-el-Bahr 9.11, Goldstream 9.10, King Chiara 9.10, Undeelded 9.8, Johnny Walker 9.6, Centre 9.6, Rose Pink 9.5, Orleans 9.5, Toki 9.2, Detroit 9.2, Grand Idea 9.0.

WINTER HURDLES of 600sovs, two miles.—Art 115, Rewi Poto 11.0, Gladful 11.0, Bon Reve 10.11, Sir Fisher 10.10, Tararu Jack 10.6, Leonta 10.6, Marconi 10.4, Iceberg 10.1, Want 9.10, Arlington 9.8, Sir Solo 9.5, Moulu 9.3 Penniless 9.0, Dionysius 9.0, Gluetanus 9.0.

TE ARO HANDICAP of 150sovs, six furlongs—Sardinia 10.11, Merrie Poto

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SECOND DAY.

The following nominations have been received for the SELLING RACE of 150sovs, five furlongs. Weights. three-year-olds, 9.7; four-year-olds and upwards, 9.9.—Benope, Petruchio, Black Night, Hygia, Pall Mall. Undecided, Rumania, Try Again, Samarai, Trickery, Glenroy, Humorist, Klyshina, Roihi.

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