

will not be long ere she gives financial returns to work off the debit.

Mosthenes is due to leave shortly for Trentham, and the son of Demosthenes and Dry Wood is such a determined gelding, and in addition has got pace of a high grade, that it may with confidence be expected that his trip to the convincing grounds of the Wellington Racing Club will prove productive of favourable results.

Starter A. G. Wood, who has for some time past been suffering from an attack of muscular rheumatism, and who took a trip to Morere to have a course of mineral bath treatment for the trouble, arrived back in Napier last week, and gave ample indication that the sousing that he had had filled the bill as a curative agent, for he looked nimble and bright. He left for his home in Christchurch by mail train last Wednesday morning "a new man," as he said. "Brusher," as he has been called ever since he was a small kiddie serving his time as a jockey with the late J. Munn, has not of late enjoyed the best of health, and it is to be hoped that the tide has now taken a turn for the better in his case from the health point of consideration.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS

The fine weather of last week, coming after a spell of bad weather, was taken full advantage of by Ellerslie mentors, who kept their charges moving, while the maiden jumping division were also tuned up.

On Thursday, Tom Kemp's fine up-standing All Red—Octave gelding Octaplete put up a very promising bout of hurdle schooling. This novice is a rising five-year-old, and has all his work before him.

A. Julian left for the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting on Monday, taking Slowcoach, Golden Petal, Southland, and Mentmore down with him. The quartette should show up prominently in their respective engagements.

Golden Petal and Mentmore put up some attractive hurdle schooling, finishing with heads together. The latter cut out the second hurdle, but flew the remainder in good style.

L. Coleman's trio are not eating the oats of idleness. Modest Queen (Wauchope—Miss Modest), Awatere (Spalpeen—Lady Clare), and Irishland are all wintering well.

Glen Canny looks a perfect picture. This horse will be on the screen when he next appears in public. He is freely discussed as a possibility for the principal events at the Wellington fixture.

C. Hodder has Scrap o' Paper looking at his best again, and the work he is doing suggests that he will be called upon to carry silk at Trentham next week.

General Advance, who was eased up slightly after his rather strenuous country campaign, is again a regular attendant on the tracks. The brown son of Advance is taking hold of his bit again, fairly revelling in his work.

Scottish Knight, alone, after a warm up over one of the pony battens, tackled the big schoolers. The third fence found him napping, and he grassed his rider (Phillips), but when remounted cleared the remaining battens cleanly.

Southland and his sparring partner, Slowcoach, put ten furlongs on No. 1 grass track behind, and were rattled home at top down the straight. Slowcoach looks a ball of muscle.

Fabriquette, alone, essayed her initial lesson over the schooling jumps, but cut down the battens. However, when given a lead by Lombardy, she shaped with more confidence, negotiating the remaining battens safely.

G. Phillips was the man on top. Phillips also piloted Forward Lady over the small and big battens. Although the mare slipped into the second big hurdle, she got over the others without mishap.

The two-year-old full sister to Lady Penury (Penury—Lady Gwen) has been named Pengwen, and favours her sister in colour and conformation. She is in E. Pope's care.

Since being operated upon, Bright Light is maturing into a fine cut of a rising three-year-old, which should make his mark among next season's three-year-old division. He has both size and shape in his favour.

C. Coleman's two geldings, Mountain Gold and Blue Cross, have filled out and furnished nicely since last seen out in public. The latter is very fresh, and wants tuning up.

After the Auckland Racing Club's winter meeting, the owner of Lady Energy took his mare home to Otahuhu, and put a light blister on one of her knees, which she knocked at the gathering.

One of C. Coleman's maiden division, the Australian-bred Tresso (Tressady—So So), which has been put by since the Hamilton Racing Club's fixture, will be put into work for the 1920-21 spring fixtures. Tresso showed plenty of pace as a two-year-old, but outgrew his strength, and had to be turned out for a spell.

There was no demand for E. J. Rae's team of racers, which were submitted to auction at the Haymarket on Friday last. Tenacious was the first put up, and the bidding ran from 200 to 250 guineas, when the son of Gluten—Lila was withdrawn. Maira, after an initial bid of 25 guineas, totted up to 60 guineas, at which figure he was passed in. There were no buyers for the two-year-olds Tressor and Commission. The quartette thus returned to Greenlane.

Trotting news just at present is still in the flat state, an unprofitable stage as far as searchers after "copy" are concerned. The weather has been against the light harness division, nearly all of whom are still on medium pace road work.

S. Great, who is located at Upper Onehunga, is pushed for accommodation for his charges, and would be glad to secure more commodious premises. He is keeping Wildwood Direct, Air Raid, Paddy Dillon, La Rose, Harold Devon, Mykot, Polyanna, Marble Hall, and a couple of juveniles all in the best of health.

A. Julian's trotting and pacing stock have been returned to their respective owners till the weather takes up, and the tracks are ready for use again.

Mount Albert was sold at the Haymarket on Friday, being knocked down to W. Kelsey at 30 guineas. This energetic searcher after bargains materially increased his banking account as a result of his purchase of Kirikiriroa and Kempsey. He secured the pair named at the price of an old song, and both have been running into the money ever since.

Recently, at Sydney, Globe Derby put up a fine showing in the Prince of Wales Trotting Cup, when he completed the ten furlongs in 2min. 45sec., making the mile equal to 2min. 12sec., winning somewhat easily. The horse had been out of form, and had not won a race in the city for two years.

Another beautiful morning greeted trainers at Ellerslie on Saturday, and the No. 1 grass was freely patronised.

Octaplete (R. Conway) flew six of the small schooling battens without mishap. The All Red gelding is at the top of his speed on the flat, and his owner was present to see the novice perform.

Forward Lady, ridden by G. Phillips, negotiated four of the big schooling hurdles.

Tom Moore gave an indifferent display over the little sticks, being ridden by a very light boy.

Scottish Knight and a stable companion gave a pretty display over a circuit of the big schoolers. The former looks like being useful at the game.

C. Coleman will not take a team of horses to the Wellington winter meeting, but intends being present at the C.J.C. Grand National gathering next month.

HANDICAPS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

The following handicaps have been declared by Mr. H. Coyle for the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting, which is to be held at Trentham on Wednesday and Saturday next, July 14 and 17. Acceptances are due on Friday next (July 9), at 9 p.m., when entries for the Trial Plate must also be made:—

VICTORIA HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Ladoguer 11.13, Kerehona 11.2, Signysian 10.13, Alteration 10.12, Mannish 10.12, Orleans 10.10, Melchikoff 10.9, Sir Agnes 10.8, Falstaff 10.3, Risingham 10.2, Tempo 10.0, Retard 10.0, Master Boris 9.13, Forward Lady 9.13, Paverewere 9.11, Marshal Neil 9.11, Spangle 9.9, Otauru Kid 9.5, Ethiopian 9.2, Raumanuwhiri 9.0, Gold Coast 9.0, Merry Andrew 9.0, Golden Petal 9.0, Gunwale 9.0, Strangeways 9.0, Cyra 9.0, Eron Boy 9.0, Chummy 9.0, Mentmore 9.0, Shaki 9.0.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Parisian Diamond 11.7, Bo-Peep 11.6, Kiltrush 11.2, Hetaua 10.10, Sir Fanciful 10.3, Astinome 10.2, Crowhurst 10.2, Ruddy 10.1, Swanee River 9.13, Tama-a-roa 9.13, Hurry Up 9.12, Loyal Arch 9.12, Comedy Prince 9.11, Arch Salute 9.9, Arran 9.9, Sanacre 9.8, Sweet Tipperary 9.8, Matatua 9.7, Pacific Slope 9.6, Royal Exchange 9.6, Scornful 9.4, Admyra 9.2, Cave Rock 9.0, Parorangi 9.0, Hymarty 9.0, Trentham Rose 9.0, Prince Charleroi 9.0, Magistrate 9.0, Honey Bee 9.0, Piro Piro 9.0, Hyginas 9.0.

HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.—Guanaco 11.10, Monopole 11.7, Ngakanui 11.4, Ormesby 11.2, Paverewere 11.1, Notability 11.1, Mattock 10.10, Sturdee 10.9, Bill 10.7, Juan 10.7, Graftella 10.6, Tatimi 10.4, Te Toa 10.2, Manhattan 10.2, Torchy 10.0, Gay Boy 9.12, Southland 9.10, Master Webster 9.9, Maira 9.7, Stream of Gold 9.7, Combustion 9.7,

Risingham, Trentham Rose, Eron Boy, Golden Petal, All Over, Tempo, Spangle, Mannish, Ladoguer, Paverewere, Chummy, Stream of Gold, Master Boris, Marshal Neil, Alteration, Kereone, Maymorn, Mentmore, Raffles, Shaki, Retard, Otauru Kid, Signysian, Orleans.

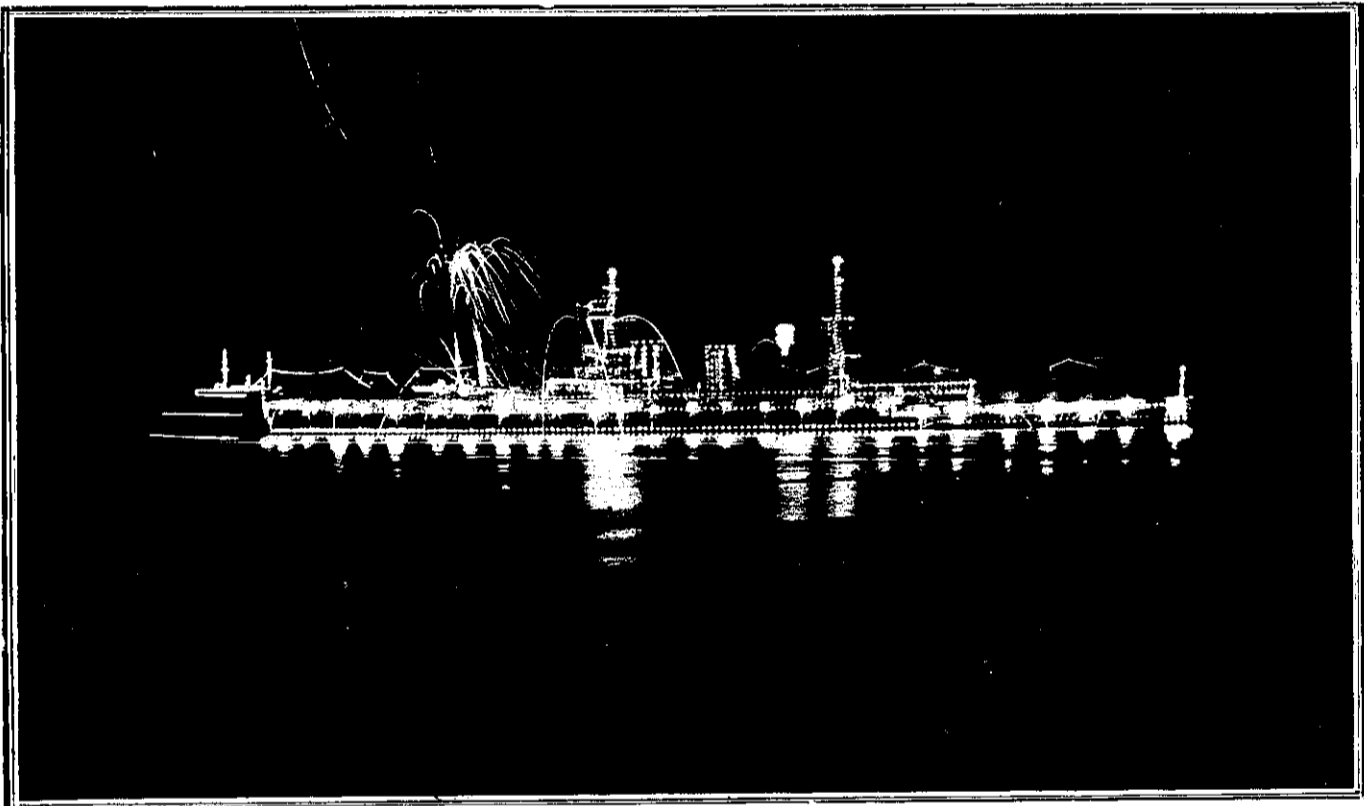
LIVERPOOL HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Swanee River, Sanacre, Arch Salute, Hetaua, Kiltrush, Loyal Arch, Hymarty, Scrap o' Paper, Hyginas, Hurry Up, Elcullus, Parisian Diamond, Matatua, Bo Peep, Astinome, Scornful, Ruddy, Caverock, Honey Bee, Crowhurst, Tama-a-roa, Arran, Admyra, Royal Exchange, Pacific Slope, Piro Piro, Comedy Prince, Prince Charleroi, Sir Fanciful.

SECOND HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.—Bill, Gay Boy, Notability, Monopole, Ormesby, Maira, Graftella, Southland, Torchy, Sturdee, Paverewere, Master Webster, Combustion, Te Toa, Kurnalpi, Ngakanui, Sandringham, Bollin, Motokio, Tatimi, Manhattan, Mattock, Nicomar, Juan, Mead.

CROFTON HANDICAP, one mile.—Lord Astolat, Sir Fanciful, Utuwai, Sweet Song, Molyneux, Negambo, Miss Land, Printemps, Walton, Nightraider, Checkmate, The Digger, Mosthenes, Malin Head, Ben Bolt, Bitters, Royal Prince, Flight Commander, Parorangi, High Heels, Prince Hal, Fisher, Motor Patrol, Sea Foam, Piro Piro, Dead Sweet, Maymorn, Persian Prince, Mystified.

JULY STEEPLECHASE of 650sovs, about three miles.—Bill, Master Strowan, Gladful, Old Mungindi, Notability, John Bunny, Oakleigh, Wirokino, Penetron, Ormesby, Harbour Light, Goldstream, Tenacious, Lochella, Slowcoach, Omahu, Luke, Khartoum, Guanaco, Coalition, Ngakanui, First Line, Foeman, Manhattan, Mattock, San Sebastian, Juan, Sturdee.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 400 sovs, one mile.—Sir Fanciful, Sweet Song, Printemps, Walton, Arch Salute, Hetaua, Kiltrush, Loyal Arch, Nightraider, Hyginas, Parisian Diamond, Bo-Peep, Matatua, Risingham, Parorangi, Rose Pink, Astinome, Scornful, Prince Hal, All Over, Red Ribbon, Tame Fox,



A JEWELLED FLOATING PALACE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR.—H.M.S. RENOWN lit up at night with coloured electric bulbs, while rockets dart skyward, bursting in golden streaks, their beautiful reflections on the still waters transforming the world-renowned harbour into a veritable fairyland.

Roy Manson, who has been out of the saddle for a few days, rode one gallop, but found that he had not sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to permit of his being in the saddle just yet. All going well, however, he will be riding at the Wellington gathering.

Midget, one of A. Julian's team, has again joined the active division, after a short spell on the home farm, at Pukekohe.

M. Ryan had Senlac and Demoiselle at Ellerslie doing useful work. Hessian, who has been having a short spell, is back again among the actives.

Some of the juveniles attached to the stables presided over by K. Heaton, N. Cunningham, J. Lambess, and F. Gilchrist respectively found their feet on the turf in a two-furlong scramble. The young ones are pretty backward.

A couple of E. Rae's rising three-year-olds scampered over a grass half mile. The Charlemagne II, youngster showed to most advantage.

A. Robertson intends taking Comedy Prince to the Wellington meeting.

Pepin and Glen Canny put in some useful toil over a short course, but were not on a time-making mission.

S. Carl flew a few of the small schooling battens fairly well.

J. Williamson's trio of two-year-olds were in evidence, doing easy pacing work.

E. Pope will leave this week with Kerehona and Dead Sweet for the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting. Scrap o' Paper leaves at the same time for the same destination.

W. Keepa, who had his collarbone broken when Garryowen fell at the first fence on the top of the hill in the Great Northern Steeplechase, has been on walking exercise ever since. This horseman scouts the idea that the "inevitable dog caused the accident, at least, Keepa never saw one. Probably is it a case of "giving a dog a bad name, etc."

After being treated to an enforced spell, as the result of a cold she recently contracted, Swanee River is again in work at Trentham.

Kurnalpi 9.7, Sandringham 9.7, Bollin 9.7, Motokio 9.7, Nicomar 9.7, Mead 9.7.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a-half.—Master Strowan 12.7, Lochella 12.7, Coalition 11.12, Luke 11.3, Gladful 11.2, Oakleigh 10.12, Old Mungindi 10.11, Omahu 10.10, Slowcoach 10.9, First Line 10.8, Foeman 10.8, Khartoum 10.6, Penetron 9.13, San Sebastian 9.12, Wirokino 9.9, Harbour Light 9.9, Tenacious 9.9, Guanaco 9.7, Goldstream 9.7, Notability 9.7, John Bunny 9.7, Ormesby 9.7, Manhattan 9.7.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Gold Kip 11.12, Red Ribbon 11.6, Kiltrush 11.6, Depredation 10.5, Hetaua 10.5, Burrangong 10.5, Royal Star 10.5, Tame Fox 10.1, All Over 10.1, Croesus 9.12, Dainty Step 9.11, Comedy Prince 9.9, Sir Fanciful 9.8, Arran 9.7, Goldshine 9.5, Bagdad 9.4, Nightraider 9.3, Patetonga 9.2, Railand 9.0, Rose Pink 9.0, Utuwai 9.0.

WINTER HURDLES, two miles and a-quarter.—Thrace 11.12, Lochella 11.7, Hylans 11.7, Kauri King 10.13, Omahu 10.12, Mill o' Gowrie 10.10, Lord Nagar 10.9, Gay Light 10.7, Loyal Arch 10.6, Fisher 10.3, Paddington Green 10.3, Kohu 10.2, Rekanui 10.2, Deviation 9.13, Ladoguer 9.12, All Over 9.11, Slowcoach 9.9, Gluetanus 9.2, Goldstream 9.0, Mannish 9.0, Risingham 9.0, Marshal Neil 9.0.

TE ARO HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Sir Fanciful 11.13, Scrap o' Paper 10.13, Parorangi 10.10, Molyneux 10.8, Fisher 10.8, Lord Astolat 10.7, Printemps 10.7, Elcullus 10.4, Prince Hal 10.4, Seaform 10.3, Kareao 10.2, Night Time 10.2, Mosthenes 10.2, High Heels 9.13, Black Lake 9.13, Flight Commander 9.12, Utuwai 9.11, Piro Piro 9.9, Quiniro 9.9, Walton 9.9, Red Signal 9.8, Gossard 9.8, The Digger 9.8, Checkmate 9.8, Dead Sweet 9.7, Vitella 9.4, Negambo 9.3, Peter Pan 9.2, Persian Prince 9.2, Bitters 9.0, Loch Dhu 9.0, Gay Lady 9.0, Malin Head 9.0, Ben Bolt 9.0, Royal Prince 9.0, Preparation 9.0, Mystified 9.0, Raffle 9.0, Sir Wai 9.0.

SECOND DAY.

The following is a list of nominations for the second day's events:—**TALAVERA HURDLE HANDICAP**, one mile and a-half.—Utuwai, Gold Coast, Sir Agnes, Melchikoff, Ethiopian, Raumanuwhiri, Merry Andrew, Gunwale, Strangeways, Forward Lady,

Black Lake, Cave Rock, Matatane, Gold Kip, Arran, Dainty Step, Sea Foam, Bagdad, Burrangong, Depredation, Comedy Prince, Croesus, Railand, Prince Charleroi, Goldshine, Patetonga, Sweet Tipperary, Royal Star.

FINAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 400 sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—Lord Nagar, Rekanui, Mill o' Gowrie, Sir Agnes, Kohu, Loyal Arch, Monopole, Gluetanus, Deviation, Signysian, Raumanuwhiri, Thrace, Risingham, All Over, Lochella, Kauri King, Slowcoach, Golden Petal, Mannish, Gay Light, Omahu, Fisher, Paddington Green, Ladoguer, Paraoa, Chummy, Goldstream, Marshal Neil, Alteration, Kerehona, Hylans.

KIA ORA HANDICAP of 200sovs, five furlongs.—Loch Dhu, Sanacre, Gold Coast, Peter Pan, Zephland, Quiniro, Mosthenes, Hymarty, Gay Lady, Princess Marion, Scrap o' Paper, Yankee Dan, Idleness, Rangiatea, Magistrate, Elcullus, Royal Prince, Preparation, Gold Pan, Flight Commander, Parorangi, Russet, Gossard, Mungaraka, Sir Wai, Vitella, Miss Elva, Stolen Triumph, Oplate, Red Signal, Piro Piro, Night Time, Dead Sweet, Kareao, Jenn Gluten, Ferrier, Astinome.

Opiate (All Black—Dreamer) has quite recovered from the cold he contracted, and may make his first appearance in the Kia Ora Handicap on the concluding day at Trentham.

Amongst the track watchers at Trentham (remarks the "Dominion"), the opinion is held that Falstaff and Spangle are both as good as Mannish over hurdles.

With the near approach of the Wellington Racing Club's winter fixture, the tracks at Trentham present a busy appearance. Among the regular attendants on the tracks are: Matatua, Dainty Step, and Astinome, all three of whom promise to be well supported in their engagements next week.