

manship created a very favourable impression on those who saw it for the first time.

Lepanto, who was amongst the starters at the Ashburton Meeting last week, was brought from Australia as a yearling by Mr D. O'Brien, but the youngster made his first appearance in the nomination of D. Mitchell, and scored his first win in 1897 in the D.J.C. Maiden Two-Year-Old Handicap, in which he beat Visionary and La Reine. Lepanto has won several races, but has only shown moderate form during his lengthy turf career.

Goldspur was foaled in 1892, and made his first appearance on the turf in 1896. Secret Society's time, 3min 22 3/5sec, which he put up in the Ashburton Handicap, is only three-fifths of a second behind Kinglock's Australian record over eleven furlongs.

Miretta, the winner of the Selma Gallop Handicap on the first day of the Ashburton Meeting, is a fairly smart filly. She is a three-year-old daughter of Musketry (Maxim-Flattery) and the Cado-gan mate Wild Rose, who belongs to the same family as Red Rose, the dam of Roseal.

On Mohican's form with Lady Lillian in the Grove Farm Handicap he was highly fancied, and looked to have excellent winning prospects in the Juvenile Handicap, but Ability won easily and gave the son of Mauser no chance.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club will hold their Spring Meeting on September 7 and 8.

Mr Sam Price informed the writer when in conversation a few days back that he had recently discovered the interesting fact that twenty-three years ago his brother, T. W. Price, purchased the grand dam of Ribbonwood out of a pound for £14, and subsequently put her into training for hurdle racing. On discovering she was clever over fences the mare was afterwards put to Irvington, and the mating produced the dam of the now famous Ribbonwood.

The Ashburton race book credited Cannonite with being by Chainshot out of Veno, and consequently a brother to Starshoot. Cannonite is out of Venus (a half-sister to Veno), and his breeding has been erroneously given in several volumes of the Turf Record.

Mr L. C. Hazlett has purchased the brood mare Irish Girl, the daughter of St. Clair and Lady Gertrude. It would not be surprising to find Irish Girl booked to Stepniak next season, as the offspring of such a mating would be bred on similar lines to the well-performed Vladimir.

The death is reported from Australia of Mikado II, the son of Apremont and the English-bred mare Forget-me-Not, the daughter of King Lud (brother to King Cole), who has given us one of our crack mares in Lady Zetland. The latter in turn produced Lady Lillian and Zetland prior to her death in 1902.

Lady Lillian was expected to play a leading role at the finish of the Grove Farm Handicap, but was fortunate in being able to divide honours with Mohican, whose rider dropped his hands when within a couple of strides of the winning post owing to mistaking a starting post for the one by which the "man in the box" records his verdict.

Mr J. B. Reid is the object of general sympathy among sportsmen for the unfortunate circumstances which have deprived him of the stakes won by Gladstone when ridden by Jones.

The North Otago Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, which is set down to take place on May 24 and 25, promises to be one of the most successful gatherings held in the white city for several years past.

TROTTING.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the approaching meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club close with Mr C. F. Mark, on Friday, May 27, at 9 p.m. Handicaps for the first day's sport appear on May 30, and Acceptances for the same are to be made by June 1, at 9 p.m.

The question of the Auckland Trotting Club holding its Winter Meeting at Takapuna has yet to receive the sanction of the A.R.C., but this is certain to be granted, as there can be no valid objection to the course being pursued. In fact, the A.R.C. have set a good example in this respect themselves by allowing the Avondale J.C. the use of their racecourse when the latter body's track was not available. A trotting meeting at Takapuna will give a fillip to the sport, for many will be attracted to the course who would not visit Alexandra Park owing to the greater conveniences for spectators at the former ground.

Trotting men would do well to bear in mind that any suggestions which they desire to have considered at the Annual Meeting of the N.Z. Trotting Association must be in the hands of the secretary by May 31.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLES AND STEEPLECHASE

Table listing betting odds for various races including Spalpeen and Frances Lovejoy, Spalpeen and Papatu, Spalpeen and Hutana, etc.

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CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

METROPOLITAN MEETING, 1904.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP, a handicap of 2,000 sovs; second to receive 300 sovs, and the third 200 sovs out of the stake.

NOTE - Entries Close at 9 0 p.m. on MONDAY, June 6th. W. H. E. WANKLYN, Secretary.



GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

TO BE HELD ON THE POVERTY BAY PARK COMPANY'S RACECOURSE, TE HAPARA, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JULY 7TH AND 8TH.

President, the Hon. James Carroll. Vice-President, D. Hepburn, Esq. Stewards, J. Sistierton, C. White, E. Harper, F. A. Martin, W. Gault, C. J. Parker, G. B. Oman, H. M. Porter, G. E. Wyllie, T. McConnell, W. A. Hood, J. H. Martin, and D. J. Barry.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY: THURSDAY, JULY 7TH.

- 1. 11 30 a.m. - Handicap Hurdle Race of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Distance, two miles, over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s.

SECOND DAY: FRIDAY, JULY 8TH.

- 1. 11 30 a.m. - Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from stake. Distance, one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s.

- 4. 1 45 p.m. - Te Hapara Steeplechase Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Distance, about two miles and a-half. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No Entry will be received for any race except upon the condition that all claims, disputes, and objections arising shall be decided by the Stewards, or whom they may appoint, and their decision on all points connected with the carrying out of this programme shall be final.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES AND AMOUNTS

To be forwarded NOMINATIONS. MONDAY, JUNE 6, 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES AND ENTRIES: FRIDAY, JULY 1, 9 p.m.

LATEST HOPPLES.

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(Three Minutes from Post Office). L. J. MEYER (Late Coffee Palace) Manager

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following prices on Great Northern Hurdles and Steeplechase:-

Table with columns for race names (Waiwera, Spalpeen, Up-to-Date, etc.) and various odds values.

Extent of Book, 1000.

Prices subject to market alterations.