

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Ross and Bradshaw, Wellington, report the following business on the

- WANGANUI STEEPLES AND CENTURY HURDLES. 1000 to 1—South Star and Lady's Link...

FAMOUS WAR HORSES.

The stories of General Kuropatkin's devotion to his favourite charger, circulated so widely during the late Japanese war, remind one of many a great soldier between whom and the horse that has carried him through long campaigns there has been an affection almost human in its intensity.

Who does not recall Lord Roberts' gallant charger, Volonel—the little gray Arab which carried its medals and its master so proudly in the diamond jubilee procession? Volonel had belonged in his early years to an Indian chief, and when Lord Roberts bought him he discovered that the Arab's tail had been broken in two pieces to produce a graceful caudal curve.

At the advanced age of 23 the game little steed—he was only 14½ hands high—was as playful as any kitten. He survived to see his 29th birthday, and "lies buried near the Royal Hospital, Dublin, in the Rose Garden."

Copenhagen, Wellington's famous chestnut charger, was only two inches higher than little Volonel. He carried his master through the peninsula war and bore him for eighteen hours on the day of Waterloo.

When at last he succumbed to old age, he was accorded an impressive funeral, and a tombstone was erected to commemorate his virtues and his loyal service.

An equally honoured old age was that of the white charger, Marenga, which carried Napoleon on the field of Waterloo. After his master's flight Marenga was found by an English officer wandering disconsolately on the battlefield, and he was sent to England, where he spent many happy years in peaceful pastures and tended by reverent grooms.

There has seldom, if ever, been a braver and more loyal war horse than Traveler, who carried his master, General Lee, through scores of battles, and came through them all without a scratch. It is said that he whinnied piteously when he followed the general's coffin to the grave; and it was not long after that, while grazing, a nail became embroiled in his foot and he died of lockjaw.

General Washington had many horses who rendered him devoted service, and whom he regarded with affection, but the most prized of them all was the brown charger which he bestrode at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. Hung with heavy mourning robes and led by a groom, he followed the coffin of his dead friend and master to his last resting place.

It seems to have been the fate of most of these famous horses to survive their masters. Such, however, was not the lot of Nellie Grey, the handsomest charger in all the Confederate army. Nellie, with General Fitzhugh on her back, seemed to bear a charmed life, so many were the dangers she escaped, until at last she fell in the very thickest of the fight at the battle of Winchester.

TURF RESULTS.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

At the Hawera races on Wednesday the totalisator investments were £4246, as against £5435 for the first day of the last winter meeting.

RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Waikato 1, Idassa 2, Le Beau 3. All started. Time, 1min 20sec. Dividends, £2 16s and £1 15s 6d.

TAWHITI HANDICAP.—White Star 1, Silver Shell 2, Waipa 3. All started. Time, 1min 21 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 5s 6d and £2 6s.

TANGAHOE HACK HURDLE RACE.—Romany King 1, Rangihenua 2, Flanagan 3. Westward ran into second place, but weighed in three-quarters of a pound over the declared overweight, and was disqualified.

CUP.—Claremont 1, The Leader 2, Scenery 3. Other starter: Star Rose. A desperate finish, the race being won by half a head. Time, 2min 18 4-5sec. Dividend, £2 2s 6d.

WAIHI HANDICAP.—Maharanui 1, Toddy 2, Fishmere 3. Other starters: Whakahawa. Time, 1min 52sec. Dividend, £1 16s 6d.

MOKOIA HANDICAP.—Recreation 1, Linger 2, Waitapu 3. Scratched: Silver Shell. Time, 1min 35sec. Dividends, £5 7s and £1 10s.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP.—St. Maria 1, Somal 2, Tambour-Major 3. Scratched: Compass, Linger, Lady Lancelot, Tiraumea, Murira. Time, 1min 6 4-5sec. Dividends, £7 19s 6d and £2 9s.

SECOND DAY.

NGAMUTU HANDICAP.—White Star 1, Recreation 2, Bellevue 3. Scratched: Tambour-Major. Time, 1min 20 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 0s 6d and 15s 6d.

BOROUGH HANDICAP.—St. Claimer 1, Silver Shell 2, St. Bill 3. Scratched: Waikato, Reclaimer. Time, 1min 18 3-5sec. Dividend, £6 16s 6d.

MANAWAPOU HURDLE RACE.—Romany King 1, Hokio 2, Westward 3. Scratched: Valkyrie. Time, 2min 53 3-5sec. Dividends, £3 8s and £2 3s 6d.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Waitapu 1, Makikihi 2, Fishmere 3. Scratched: Recreation. Time, 1min 50sec. Dividend, £1 11s 6d.

CORINTHIAN HANDICAP.—Kiamere 1, Champion 2, Lingerer 3. Scratched: Bushy Park. Time, 1min 53 2-5sec. Dividends, £6 12s and £1 13s.

MANAIA HANDICAP.—Scenery 1, Claremont 2, Rustique 3. All started. Time, 1min 50sec. Dividend, £5 11s 6d.

OPEKE HANDICAP.—Silver Shell 1, Lingerer 2, Kaimere 3. Scratched: Fishmere. Time, 1min 21 2-5sec. Dividends, £3 and £2 5s.

THE TURF IN ENGLAND.

At the Newmarket Spring Meeting on May 3 the following was the result of the principal event:—

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKES of 100sovs each. For three-year-olds: Colts 9st; fillies, 8st 9lb. The owner of the second horse to receive 400sovs, and the owner of the third horse 200sovs out of the stake. Rowley mile.

Mr. Arthur James' br c Gorgos, by Ladas—The Gorgon 1. Mr. W. Bass' colt, by Diamond Jubilee—Dame Agnetta 2. Mr. S. Darling's br c Ramrod, by Carbine—Esk 3.

At the Newmarket Spring Meeting on May 4 the following was the result of

THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS of 100sovs each. For three-year-old fillies 9st each; the owner of the second horse to receive 400sovs, and the owner of the third 200sovs. Rowley mile.

Sir Daniel Cooper's b or br f Flair, by St. Frusquin—Glaré 1. Mr. W. M. J. Siger's b f Lischana, by Orvieto—Escalade 2. Duke of Portland's b f Paid Up, by St. Simon—Settlement 3.

THE TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

The South Australian ockey Club opened their winter meeting on Monday. The principal events resulted as follows:—

THE ST. LEGER STAKES, a sweepstake of 5sovs each, with 200sovs added. One mile and three-quarters and 132 yards.

Mr. G. Anderson's b c Torah, by Koran—Tarloch 1. Mr. J. James' c c Carlinga, by Carlyon—Pendiga 2. Mr. F. Bailey's b c Shimose, by Light Artillery—Esconette 3. There were only four starters. Torah won by a length and a-half. Time, 3min 23 4-5sec. Dividend, £1 4s.

THE GOODWOOD HANDICAP of 400 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile. Mr. J. Rowen's b h Step Out, 4yrs, by Thunderbolt—Footstep, 9.5 1. Mr. E. G. Connolly's br g Mozart, 5yrs, 8.7 2. Mr. Fitzgerald's ch g Fortune-teller, aged, 8.0 3. Twenty horses started. Step Out won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min 14½sec. Dividend, £2 15s.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, & ACCEPTANCES.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

MAY 19 AND 24.

FIRST DAY.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 60sovs, one mile and a-half and 100yds.—Lady Hune 11.4, Silicia 10.9, Baritone 10.7, Loch Fyne 10.7, Sudden 10.7, Pierre 10.0, Midcyr 9.12, Kruger 9.12, Luck's All 9.10, Corporal 9.10, Miss May 9.7, Stepney 9.7, Henry Havelock 9.0.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 55 sovs, seven furlongs.—Ben 9.7, Franklin 9.0, Seabird 9.0, Engraver 8.7, Pamperla 8.2, Te Taniwha 8.0, Bromide 7.10, Tui Cakabau 7.10, Fretwork 7.10, Lunetta 7.10, Stepney 7.10, Baltimore 7.6, La Cigale 7.4, Miss Cuirassier 7.4, Hillflower 7.2, War Cloud 7.0, Rose Lawn 7.0, Tilikum 7.0, Seaborn 7.0, Hermes 7.0, Burton 7.0.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 200sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Leonator 9.2, Landlock 9.0, Gladstone 8.12, Strathavon 7.12, Luresome 7.8, Millie 7.6, Delania 7.6, Geordie 7.5, Leader 7.3, Certainty 7.2, Akarana 7.2, Waipuna 7.2, Rookby 7.0, Bully 7.0.

PONY HANDICAP of 70sovs, five furlongs.—Kilderkin 9.7, Sonoma 9.7, Forth 8.11, Etna 8.8, Girton Girl 8.5, Storyteller 8.2, Merry Delaval 8.0, Manoeuvre 8.0, Frederick 7.12, Orange and Blue 7.10, Pantry Girl 7.10, Rapid 7.2, Hopscotch 7.0, Varicole 6.10, Marena 6.7, La Annie 6.7, Kaipaki 6.7, Leo Leone 6.7, Cyrona 6.7, Bengola 6.7, Miss Nina 6.7.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs.—Nervine 9.2, Miss Winnie 9.0, Black and Gold 8.12, Millie 8.10, Strathavon 8.9, Waitati 8.9, Discoverer 8.9, Takaroa 8.9, Certainty 8.6, Jewellery 8.4, Lucrece 8.4, Luresome 8.4, Alba

Rose 8.4, Kilderkin 8.0, Sonoma 8.0, Soultmaid 7.10, Tambourina 7.10, Ben Blair 7.10, Ben 7.8, Kola Nip 7.6, San Paulo 7.4, Engraver 7.2, Syren 7.0, Fieramosca 7.0, Mataura 7.0, Frederick 7.0, Fortification 6.12.

HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 160sovs, two miles.—Sol 11.8, Irish 11.5, Aka Aka 11.5, Khama 10.12, Princess of Thule 10.12, Cavalry 10.8, Lady Hune 10.4, King Paul 9.12, Cuiragno 9.7, Silicia 9.4, Catherine Gordon 9.4, Baritone 9.4.

HANDICAP MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs, about two miles and a-half.—Hautapu 12.12, Khama 11.3, Hippowal 11.3, Hakaria 11.0, Roseplot 10.12, Catherine Gordon 10.4, Baritone 10.4, Loch Fyne 9.12, Mangamahaki 9.12, Major 9.12, Midcyr 9.7, Henry Havelock 9.7, Roif 9.7, Jess 9.7, Iona 9.7, Miss May 9.7, Brigham 9.7.

SECOND DAY.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 250sovs, three miles and a-half.—Hautapu 12.2, Sol 11.12, Kiatere 11.12, Haydn 11.10, Aka Aka 11.2, Princess of Thule 11.2, Khama 10.11, Swimmer 10.6, Hakaria 10.4, Baritone 9.10, Catherine Gordon 9.10, Sophia 9.10, Sudden 9.9, Hylas 9.9, Major 9.7, Mangamahaki 9.7, Loch Fyne 9.7.

ACCEPTANCES.

ASHBURTON RACES.

Saturday, May 12.

LONGBEACH HACK WELTER HANDICAP.—Vardo 9.13, Grosvenor 9.9, Merrymaker 9.6, Assegal 9.6, Mango 9.5, Stepmar 8.13, Silver King 8.6, Wakaraupo 8.0, Albatross 8.0.

ASHBURTON HANDICAP.—Convoy 9.4, Czarevna 8.9, Makaroff 8.2, Hilarity 7.5, Tsitsihar 7.1, Farley Grove 6.9.

TRIAL HANDICAP.—Deerstalker 8.9, Stepmar 8.8, Bouncing Bob 7.10, Tomtit 7.9, Silent Member 7.7, Nellie Grey 7.0, Kulemma 7.0, Even Load 7.0, Black Banner 7.0, Peaceful 7.0.

FAIRFIELD WELTER HANDICAP.—Antigone 9.4, Bagpipes 9.3, Bombastes 8.13, Lee-Enfield 8.5, Assegal 8.5.

SELLING HANDICAP.—Merrymaker 8.13, Rangitata 8.9, Casabianca 7.13, First Shot 7.12, Wakaraupo 7.2, Tomtit 6.12, Polyphon 6.10.

GROVE FARM HANDICAP.—Zetland 9.0, Sandy 8.11, Hilarity 8.8, Manjess 8.6, Alexis 7.9, Count Gorton 7.7, Grandstand 7.6, Lee-Enfield 7.0, Volodia 7.0.

MELROSE TROT HANDICAP.—Coin scratch, Directo 2sec, Derringcotte 6sec, Little Jimmy 11sec, Velela 13sec, Prince Henry 16sec, Princess May 18sec, Success 18sec, Abbey Fall 19sec, Prince Warbeck 20sec, Spotswood 21sec, Thunderbolt 24sec, Overdale 24sec, Estimation 26sec, Queen Mambrino 26sec, Kelso 26sec, Eulogy 27sec.

ENTRIES.

LAGHMOR PLATE.—Whitefield, Kora, Miss Doris, Silent Member, Nellie Gray, Franc, Peaceful, Contest, Sunburst, Good Sight, Pappyan Benguri, Benzine, Buccleuch, Silk Web.



GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING, JULY 5 and 6, 1906.

NOMINATIONS for the following Events close on SAURDAY, 2nd June, at the Office of the Secretary, Gisborne, at 9 p.m.:—

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES, 60sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

FLYING HANDICAP, 50sovs. Six furlongs.

GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, 100sovs. About three miles.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP, 50sovs. One mile and a distance.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, 60 sovs. Two miles.

WAIKANAE HANDICAP, 50sovs. Seven furlongs.

TE HAPARA STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, 80sovs. About two miles and a-half.

FINAL HANDICAP, 50sovs. One mile.

Weights for First Day, 22nd June. Acceptances, FRIDAY, 29th June. also Entries for Hack Races (both days).

For full particulars see Programme. M. G. NASMITH, Secretary.

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