PLAY WITH WET WICKET

CRICKETERS BRAVE RAIN.

Staten Island Wins Handily from Manhattan—Brooklyn Scores.

While the rain caused the wicket to play easy and several times interrupted the play, every local cricket game was finished yesterday, and not a single game was drawn. The metropolitan league had important fixtures in its championship series, the champion team of Staten Island engaging the Manhattans, and all three of the Brooklyn elevens playing at Prospect Park. It was a glorious day for the Brooklyn club, as its teams were victorious in every contest.

The Manhattan-Staten Island game was played at Livingston, and resulted in a hollow victory for the home team. D. G. Humble played a splendid innings for 60, not out. C. H. E. Griffith batted in fine form for 48, and Archie Gunn hit out in his inimitable style for 45.

M. R. Cobb captured three wickets for 10 runs and F. F. Kelly secured two for 11. The Manhattans were short handed, only six men turning up in time to bat in the first innings, and they were rather easily disposed of for 21 runs. The score:

MANHATTAN CRICKET CLUB.

A. Smedley, b Cobb	5
W. Adam, c Clark, b Kelly	0
W. S. Patmore, b Cobb	5
J. Yardley, b Cobb	0
R. J. Danby, c Griffith, b Kelly	7
C. N. White, not out	4
Total	21

F. A. Slade, A. Backus, J. Bradhus, G. Adam and A. Cleaver arrived too late to bat.

STATEN ISLAND.

A. Gunn, b Cleaver	45
C. P. Hurditch, b Adam	1
C. H. E. Griffith, c White, b Cleaver	48
D. G. Humble, not out	60
A. Van Laar, b Adam	12
R. W. R. Powell, b Patmore	8
F. E. Bousfield, not out	1
Byes	2
Leg bye	1
Total (5 wickets)	184

C. H. Clarke, A. J. G. Cook, F. F. Kelly and M. R. Cobb did not bat.

Brooklyn A had things all its own way in the league game with Montclair. The visiting captain won the toss and sent in the Brooklyns to bat. The first wicket fell when the score was near the half-century mark, and that was the only wicket that was captured by the Montclair team.

J. L. Poyer was again in evidence in a rattling innings of 58, not out, and he was ably supported by H. Allen, who hit all the bowlers to the tune of 37, not out. J. H. Tattersall was the only man to lose his wicket, which was captured by Bartlett, and he had contributed 26 to the total when he was disposed of.

For Montclair W. A. Gray played a sound game, and stayed in during nearly all of the innings. He scored 24 out of a total of 43. The best bowling figures were: H. Rushton, 3 for 20; J. L. Poyer, 3 for 23, and J. W. Bartlett, 1 for 28. The score:

BROOKLYN A.

J. L. Poyer, not out	58
J. H. Tattersall, c Whitehouse, b Bartlett	26
H. Allen, not out	37
Byes	2
Leg byes	2
Total (declared)	125

H. Rushton, S. S. Christy, F. R. Giles, W. B. King and S. B. Standfast did not bat.

MONTCLAIR CRICKET CLUB.

Captain T. S. White, b Poyer	8
G. A. Breeze, run out	2
W. A. Gray, b Rushton	24
J. W. Bartlett, b Poyer	0
A. C. Whitehouse, b Poyer	4
S. Smith, not out	3
G. Tolton, b Rushton	2
R. Turner, b Rushton	0
Total	43

In the league match between Team B of the Brooklyn Cricket Club and the first eleven of the Kings County Cricket Club, the former experienced little trouble in winning on totals of 123 to 80.

The Brooklyns were first at bat, and, thanks to good scores by O. Smith 28, G. G. France 23, W. B. Seale 18 not out, A. Lovell 17, and H. Poyer 16, succeeded in compiling what proved to be a fairly safe total. Of the Kings County bowlers, G. W. Barnes accomplished the greatest execution with six wickets for 50 runs.

For the losers the best stand was made by E. B. Reece, who put together 32 runs in good style. F. Gautier, with 16 not out, and J. Jordan, with 10, were the only other double figure scorers. Five wickets for 31 runs, credited to H. Poyer, was the best bowling feat on the Brooklyn side.

The only exciting finish witnessed at Prospect Park was in the league game between the second eleven of the Manhattan Cricket Club and Team C of the Brooklyn Cricket Club, the latter winning out by the narrow margin of 5 runs.

E. L. Foghill, who tallied 33 runs by vigorous cricket, was the only one to get into doubles for the Manhattans, who were all disposed of for 78 runs.

Upon the Brooklyns going to bat, the top men started off well enough. E. Greenidge scoring top figure of 22. E. H. Tunley supported him well with a useful 18, as did W. P. Charles, with 16. Then, however, came a streak of misfortune until at the last the tailenders made a stubborn resistance and hit off just enough runs to pass the opposing total by five.

There was much cheering on the part of the Brooklyn Cricket Club members when the third victory was thus put on record for that organization. In bowling, J. B. Barrow took five wickets for 18 runs, and E. Greenidge four for 20 for the winners, while J. Dixon was responsible for the dismissal of five Brooklyn batsmen at a cost of 20 runs.

ESSEX COUNTY BEATEN.

Thistles Win Association Match at Prospect Park.

Of the two New York Cricket Association games contested at Prospect Park yesterday, the better was that between the Thistles, of Brooklyn, and the Essex County eleven from Newark, N. J. The latter were first at bat, and hit up a total of 73, of which J. Spatcher contributed the lion's share of 27. The Thistles responded with a fine effort, aggregating 120 runs, the chief scorer being V. A. Nairn, with 46. This batsman also led with the ball, his three wickets costing only six runs. The score:

ESSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

W. C. Turton, b Humphreys	0
F. Birch, b Humphreys	11
J. Spatcher, b Nairn	27
F. Spatcher, st Burrows, b Humphreys	1
J. Ortega, b Murray	1
D. Piggins, b Nairn	2
W. Such, not out	8
A. Birch, c and b Nairn	2
Byes	20
No ball	1
Total	73

THISTLE CRICKET CLUB.

V. A. Nairn, b Piggins	46
A. L. Gresham, b Birch	8
F. A. Sargnt, st Ortega, b Birch	1
J. Burrows, st Ortega, b Birch	0
A. Murray, b Such	5
W. C. Anderson, c sub, b Piggins	24
J. M. Johnstone, b Piggins	15
R. O. Waithe, c and b Ortega	0
M. Fernandez, b Piggins	4
J. Humphreys, c sub, b Ortega	3
J. MacPhee, not out	2
Byes	11
No ball	1
Total	120

In the other New York Cricket Association championship fixture Team B of the West Indians easily disposed of Team B of the Columbia Oval Cricket Club to the tune of 98 to 29. E. Odlum gave the best exhibition of batting, scoring 25 before he was dismissed, while A. Kelsick gathered 17 and G. Roberts added 15. On the losing side A. Richardson, with 14, was the lone double figure man. A. Gage bowled grandly for the West Indians, taking six wickets at the low cost of 14. K. Irving captured five wickets for 24 runs for the losing team.

GOOD NEWS FOR POSTAL CLERKS.

Many Salaries Increased in the New York Postoffice.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, July 21.—Under the new appropriations in the Postoffice Supply act, Postmaster General Cortelyou has been enabled to make increases in the salaries of clerks in the New York Postoffice as follows: Three hundred and five clerks are raised in salary from $600 to $700; 172 clerks from $700 to $800; 98 from $800 to $900; 18 from $900 to $1,000; 20 from $1,000 to $1,100; 17 from $1,100 to $1,200.

These increases are made in accordance with the recommendations of Postmaster Willcox.

ARREST IN 4TH OF JULY SHOOTING CASE.

On the charge of being concerned in the shooting, on the Fourth of July, of Morris Shapiro, a seltzer water manufacturer, of No. 90 Sheriff street, Russell Bewerth, sixteen years old, of No. 893 East 134th street, was arrested at 94th street and Second avenue last evening. He denied the charge, but admitted, according to the police, that he was with the man who did the shooting. He gave the man's name, and the detectives expect to arrest the shooter. Shapiro was driving through 104th street, between First and Second avenues, when a revolver bullet fired from a window on the north side of the street struck him in the back of his head. He died in the Harlem Hospital that night.

GAS WELL NEAR ALBANY.

Men Boring for Water Make Unexpected Discovery.

Albany, July 21.—For hours a stream of natural gas has been spouting from a well on the farm of James Hilton, near Voorheesville, in this county, about twelve miles southwest of here. The gas was discovered while the well was being bored yesterday afternoon. It burst out with a terrific explosion, throwing stones and sand two hundred feet in the air.

This morning the pressure was somewhat reduced, but the gas still continues to rush from the well. The boring of the well had advanced about one hundred and fifty feet when the gas came. The men were looking for water. State Geologist Clarke was informed of the finding and displayed great interest in it. He will send an expert to Voorheesville to investigate. Slight traces of gas have been discovered in that neighborhood before, but it has never been utilized.

FOR QUICKER DELIVERIES

Movement Against Freight Delays Growing Powerful.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Richmond, Va., July 21.—The movement to force the railroads to make quicker deliveries of freight is spreading quickly over the entire country. The agitation originated in this city with a pamphlet by T. Peyton Giles and John Donnan, both well known business men. They have already received the unqualified indorsement of many large firms and corporations in twenty-five states of the Union, and will co-operate with them in bringing the matter to the attention of the Congress of the United States.

It is alleged in their circular that the transportation of freight by the railroads is slower than either canal or stage coach. The conditions have become worse instead of better within the last three years.

The actual movement contrasts strongly with the rates shown by the schedules and time tables of the railroads. It is pointed out that railroads always make the same excuse—lack of cars with which to move freight, but that they make no effort to better the conditions.

Various commercial bodies have adopted resolutions calling on Congress to pass a law making a time limit for all interstate shipments.

YELLOW FEVER IN CEIBA.

Warning from Spanish Honduras Sent to Louisiana.

New Orleans, July 21.—The existence of yellow fever in Ceiba, Spanish Honduras, was announced to-day to the Louisiana State Board of Health, by Surgeon General Wyman, of the United States Marine Hospital Service. The state board immediately warned all steamship companies doing a fruit business between that port and New Orleans to observe the strictest precautions.

All passenger traffic between here and Ceiba was stopped thirty days ago by quarantine order of the state board.

THE SAN JUAN-CAGUAS LINE.

Tobacco Company Withdraws, and American Railway Company Gets Franchise.

San Juan, P. R., July 21.—The Porto Rican-American Tobacco Company has withdrawn its application for a franchise to construct a railroad from San Juan to Caguas.

The American Railroad Company, of Porto Rico, has received a franchise to build this line, and will order 2,900 tons of rails in the United States. The rolling stock will be exclusively of American manufacture.

NATIONAL ARMY TEAM SELECTED.

Will Meet Service and State Teams at Sea Girt in September.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 21.—As a result of two months' work on the ranges at Fort Niagara, the make-up of the national army team has been decided upon by Major Z. W. Torrey, who was detailed for the work. The national team will be composed of twelve men who, at Sea Girt, N. J., early in September, will meet service teams and teams representing the different states in the annual shoot.

With possibly one or two changes the team will be made up as follows, the names being given in the order which they rank in the scoring:

Ordinance Sergeant Puckett, Plattsburg Barracks; Lieutenant Parker, 29th Infantry; Sergeant Alexander Sparrow, Engineering Corps; Captain Wolff, 4th Infantry; Sergeant Davidson, Coast Artillery; Sergeant William Tate, 25th Infantry; Lieutenant Shaw, 27th Infantry; Lieutenant Anding, 23d Infantry; Lieutenant Wheeler, 30th Infantry; Sergeant Oscar Fox, 25th Infantry; Sergeant McEachern, 22d Infantry; First Sergeant Augustino, Porto Rico Provisional Regiment.

The substitutes are Sergeant Skees, of the 23d Infantry, and Sergeant Grandy, of the 8th Infantry.

Sergeant William Tate and Sergeant Oscar Fox are Negroes, and Sergeant Augustino is a Porto Rican.

Washington, July 21.—It has been found to be impracticable to send teams from either the Military or Naval academy to the national rifle competition at Sea Girt next September, but the militia organizations of nearly all the states will be represented, there being already about forty teams registered, promising the liveliest competition in the history of the national match.

BIG JEWEL ROBBERY REPORTED.

Home of Alexander R. Peacock at Pittsburg Looted—Valet Missing.

Pittsburg, July 21.—It was reported to-day that the home of Alexander R. Peacock, formerly a prominent official of the Carnegie Steel Company, was robbed yesterday. The house, it is said, was completely ransacked, and jewelry and other articles valued at many thousands of dollars were stolen.

Frederick Bennett, a trusted valet of Mr. Peacock's, it is alleged, has disappeared, and an information charging him with larcency has been sworn out. Bennett came to Pittsburg from New York.

On account of the absence of Mr. Peacock it is impossible to learn just what was taken, but the aggregate value of the booty is said to exceed that obtained in any other robbery in this section in years.

THE PRINT CLOTH MARKET.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Fall River, Mass., July 21.—There has been fair trading in the print cloth market during the week, and the general tone has materially improved. Wide goods generally have advanced a full eighth of a cent a yard, although the local quotation for standard 38½-inch 64 by 64s has been advanced only a sixteenth. Narrow goods are still at the basis of 3⅜ cents for regulars, but they are firm, and the mills are slow sellers at the prices offered.

Sales are estimated at fully 250,000 pieces, and include both narrow odds and wide goods, with deliveries to extend through October.

Quotations are as follows: 28-inch 64 by 64s, 3⅜ cents; 28-inch 64 by 60s, 3¼ cents; 27-inch 64 by 60s, 3¼ cents; 27-inch 56 by 56s, 2¾ cents; 38½-inch 64 by 64s, 4 15-16 cents; 39-inch 68 by 72s, 5½ cents.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCK.

San Francisco, July 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks to-day were as follows:

Alta	.02	Justice	.04
Alpha Con	.09	Kentucky Con	.02
Andes	.08	L Wash Con	.07
Belcher	.22	Mexican	.67
Best & Belcher	.68	Occidental Con	.74
Bullion	.19	Ophir	3.35
Caledonia	.25	Overman	.12
Challenge Con	.12	Potosi	.12
Chollar	.11	Savage	.71
Confidence	.50	Sag Belcher	.04
Con Cal & Va	.91	Sierra Nevada	.19
Con Imperial	.01	Standard	2.00
Crown Point	.10	Union Con	.22
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