

Kankakee

Evening Herald.

KANKAKEE, ILLIOI. THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 12, 1896.

THE CYR FAMILY.

They Amaze the Big Audience Present Last Evening.

The world renowned Louis, Peter and Emilina Cyr presented feats of strength at the Armory last night such as no resident of Kankakee ever witnessed before. The great feat of one man pulling against two large draft horses weighing 2800 pounds, had been heard of through the newspapers, and regarded, almost, as absurd, but Louis Cyr, the strongest man in the world, removed all doubts as to the credibility of the performance by withstanding the strenuous efforts of the draft horses to pull the loops from his arms. Fourteen men, not boys, stood on a plank placed on the giant's back and were easily raised several inches.

The little girl, seven years of age, made the remarkable lift of 235 pounds from the floor, and it appears more wonderful when it is known that she only weighs sixty-five pounds. Peter Cyr, the champion middle weight lifter of the world, weighs but 165 pounds. He lifted 516 pounds several inches from the floor, with one finger, during the exhibition last night.

The crowd was large last night and the Armory will not hold the curious spectators tonight.

Rev. Father Granger is working night and day for the success of the enterprise, and his efforts are bound to win.

The price of admission will positively remain 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children throughout the engagement. Be sure and attend, thus aiding a worthy cause, by contributing the necessary funds, while seeing prodigious trials of strength. B

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KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 13, 1896.

THE STRONG MAN

and His Family Gave Their Second Exhibition Last Night.

The audience which attended the athletic exhibition of Louis Cyr and family at the Armory last night was somewhat larger than the preceding one.

If possible, the feats performed by the strong man, his brother Peter and 7-year old daughter, were more wonderful than those of the night before. Louis lifted his heaviest dumb bell with his left hand, an unusual act even for him.

Emeliana, the little girl added twenty-five pounds to the dead weight she lifted at the previous exhibition. The lifting of a number of men on the back of the latter day Atlas caught the crowd. The only possible draw back to the exhibition was the failure of the team of horses supplied by M. F. Baker, to pull together in the final test of strength.

Louis Cyr at present is burdened with from forty-five to fifty pounds of superfluous flesh. He will enter Monday to reduce his weight that he may be in the best possible condition when the contest in strength between him and August Johnson takes place, March 31, at the Central music hall, Chicago.

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KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 16, 1896.

CYR IN TRAINING.

Getting Ready For His Meet With August W. Johnson.

HOW THE STRONG MAN WILL REDUCE FLESH.

Rigid Exercise Lasting an Hour and a Half Repeated Three Times Daily.

Louis Cyr, the French Canadian athlete, who claims to be the strongest man in the world, not accepting Sandow, closed a four days engagement in Kankakee Saturday night. The engagement was scarcely as successful as had been anticipated by the Emergency hospital committee who undertook its management.

There is not enough of the element that cares for athletic contests or feats of strength in Kankakee to make an exhibition like the one given by Louis Cyr and his family sufficiently appreciated. In some towns where more attention is given to athletic sports or exhibitions, standing room in the Armory would have been at a premium.

Louis Cyr, his brother Peter, Mrs. Louis Cyr and her little daughter, Emeliana, left Kankakee this morning for Manteno, where they will give an exhibition tonight.

Tomorrow at Pullman, Mr. Cyr will enter upon his course of training for the contest in strength between him and August W. Johnson, for the championship of the world. The contest will take place March 31, at the Central music hall. The strong man will train rigidly until the date of the meeting with the Swedish athlete. His present weight is 345 pounds and he proposes to reduce it to 300 pounds. His brother Peter will assist him in training. Mr. Cyr during his training will partake of a special diet. He will deprive himself at breakfast of oatmeal of which he is very fond, eat no potatoes and confine himself to steak, dry bread and a cup of coffee. For dinner he will eat a sirloin steak, bread and a cup of tea, while his supper will be limited to cold meat and water. Seven hours sleep each night on a hard bed will be taken as an additional means of reducing the weight and hardening the frame of the modern Sampson.

Three times daily Johnson's competitor will exercise with 20 different dumb bells, weighing from eleven pounds upward. Twelve minutes will be devoted to this exercise followed by practicing the feats of strength enumerated in the articles of agreement of the match arranged for between the two athletes. This will conclude by jumping. Louis Cyr does no running but has a standing jump record of four feet. Each period of training will occupy an hour and a half.

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STRONG MEN ARRANGE A MATCH.
Johnson and Cyr Will Contest for a Big Stake and Championship.

August W. Johnson and Louis Cyr, the strong men, have been matched to engage in a contest of strength for \$1,000 a side, and the championship cup. The event, the first bona fide one of its kind held in Chicago, will take place the early part of April. The contestants have named the following list of tests:

August W. Johnson:

- Lifting heaviest bar-bell with two hands from floor above head at arms' length.
- Lifting heaviest bar-bell or short bell right and left hand jerked from shoulder.
- Lifting heaviest bar or short bell from floor above head with one arm from the ground with one hand.
- Lifting one dumb-bell in each hand from ground above head, both hands at the same time.
- Lifting dumb-bell in each hand from the ground and above head with slow push from the shoulder, then pick up from the ground a dumb-bell with right hand to arms' length above head.
- Heaviest back lift with or without harness.

Louis Cyr:

- Holding straight from shoulder the heaviest dumb-bell.
- Lifting the heaviest dumb-bell from the floor with both hands, then with one hand without artificial aid.
- Lifting with both hands from the floor the heaviest bar-bell at arms' length above head with slow push from shoulder.
- Lifting two dumb-bells, one in each hand, above head from shoulder with steady push, both bells at the same time.
- Put up with right hand the heaviest dumb-bell with steady push, while at the same time putting straight out at right angle from the body the heaviest back lift with or without harness.

THE SUNDAY TIMES-HERALD, CHICAGO, MARCH 29, 1896.

CLAIMS TO HAVE BROKEN RECORDS.
Louis Cyr in Great Form for His Contest With Johnson.

Louis Cyr and August W. Johnson will meet at Central Music Hall Tuesday night to settle the mooted question of superior strength. The stakes are said to be \$1,000 a side. Both men have trained hard, as no love is lost between them.

The report comes from Cyr's headquarters that he has recently broken his world's record of 301 pounds by raising at arm's length above his head a dumb-bell weighing 312 pounds. From beneath a platform he is said to have raised on his back 3,671 pounds of pig lead. With both hands he raised from the floor weights aggregating 1,142 pounds, and with his right 572 pounds. Cyr weighs 333 pounds himself, but it is said that he can clear a bar raised three feet eight inches on a stand. He expresses himself full of confidence in reference to the coming match. He always concludes his training exercise with work at ten-pound dumb-bells.

THE DAILY INTER OCEAN, WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, 1896.

CYR IS THE VICTOR
August W. Johnson Is Beaten at Central Music Hall.

QUIT IN FOURTH TEST
At That Point the Canadian Was 200 Pounds Ahead.

Show Was a Slow and Very Tedious One, with a Great Many Wrangles.

Louis Cyr of Canada is "champion strong man of the world." He won the title at Central Music Hall last evening from August W. Johnson. Johnson quit the match during the fourth test on the ground that he was being unfairly treated in the decisions of the referee. As a matter of fact if Mortimer Scanlan, ex-West Town assessor, who acted as referee of the match, appraised really values as honestly and conscientiously as he sat in judgment over the match of last night, he did not go far wrong. The position assumed by Johnson that he had been unfairly treated was heated at by his own friends. At the time Johnson defaulted Cyr was just 200 pounds to the good over his adversary.

Two thousand very much chagrined and tired admirers of physical strength left Central Music Hall at 2 o'clock this morning after watching the contest. There are many good things about a contest of strength under rules, but the waits are not of them. Six tests were submitted by each man, and at midnight Cyr had only got as far as his third. Wrangles between the opposing strong men were frequent, in which excited men from the audience took part. Long waits intervened between the trials and tests and from the well-filled house there were many disgusted departures. The agreement had it that each man was to submit and accept six tests, and the man lifting the greatest number of pounds, based on the aggregate of all the tests, was to be the winner.

The result of the interrupted match by tests follows:

| Tests-- | Johnson, (lbs.) | Cyr, (lbs.) |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| First..... | 301 | 317 |
| Second..... | 604 | 79 |
| Third..... | 180 | 2154 |
| Fourth..... | 127 1/2 | 1826 |
| Fifth..... | 324 | 339 1/2 |
| Sixth..... | 434 | 454 |
| Seventh..... | 168 1/2 | 15 |
| Eighth..... | 197 | 291 1/2 |
| Ninth..... | 204 | 515 1/2 |
| Total..... | 2,646 1/2 | 3,861 1/2 |

CHICAGO BOWLERS VICTORIOUS.
 Cystones Defeat Lind at Simon's



The Atlanteno Independent.

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THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

A WEIGHT LIFTING MATCH has at last been arranged between Louis Cyr, the Canadian giant, and A. W. Johnson, the Swede, which is to be decided in Chicago, Ill., on March 31, the place to be hereafter agreed upon. Each principal names half a dozen feats with dumb bells and bar bells, the one who shall lift the greatest number of pounds aggregated from all the feats performed to be declared the victor.

COULD LIFT A TEAM.

The Heavy Lifters Give an Exhibition of Strength Monday Evening—Healthy Boys.

Speaking of healthy boys, the Cyr brothers are in a fair state of preservation. Just to convince the people that his health was not bad, he lifted thirteen men on a platform, their combined weight being 3,149 pounds, three times in succession and as easily as the hired girl could drop a sad iron in a china closet and looked just as pleasant about it.

Louis Cyr weighs about 360 pounds. He does not seem to know the extent of his strength. He raised from the floor a barrel of sand and water weighing 350 pounds and placed it upon his shoulder with one hand. This feat was not only wonderful for strength displayed but for the ease in which he handled so bulky an object with one hand. He swung the little 300 pound dumb bells around as easily as a harvest hand would handle a steak at noon. The trick of pulling against two horses going in opposite directions, by putting his arms into straps hitched to a singletree, he accomplished without much of a strain, keeping both horses level.

The little 7-year-old girl is a wonder, she raised the weight of 360 pounds and swung it clear of the floor with no considerable effort.

Peter Cyr is a man of splendid development and probably more powerful for his size than his brother. He weighs 175 pounds and is nothing but bone and muscle. He raised 525 pounds of dumb bells from the floor with one finger and performed several feats of lifting heavy weights that were truly wonderful.

The three left Tuesday noon for Pullman where Louis Cyr goes into training for a heavy lifting contest March 31st, in Chicago against a man named Johnson for \$1000 a side.