

ARION STROTHER

No. 50809

State Certificate No. 1360. Renewal No. 1049. Division of Horse Breeding
 Arion Strother, 50809, was bred by Enoch Strother, Cresco, Iowa, and was foaled in 1909; is brown in color and of good individuality, and with the blood of high-class and fashionable trotting families necessary to make him a sire of style and speed.

His sire is Arion, 18,000 record 2.07%, the only harness horse in the history of the world that ever sold for \$125,000. Arion has the champion 2-year-old trotting stallion record of 2:10%, and the champion 3-year-old record of 2:1 1/2, both made with the old-fashioned high wheel sulky and on that basis has never been equalled.

Arion Strother, through his sire, combines the Electioneer blood with that of Nutwood, the greatest sire of producing dams, and Pilot Jr., thus making the world's greatest outcross of Wilkes mares.

Arion Strother's breeding on his sire's side is backed up by that of his dam, Dot Sprague, tracing to Princeps, sire and grandsire of 224 standard performers with records so low as 2:05%. His dam can be seen at Strother's barn, and her breeding combines the producing blood of the Geo. Wilkes, Gov. Sprague, Gold Dust and Hambletonian families. Only a few approved mares will be accepted.

Arion Strother is a strongly bred horse—one that breeds directly from himself and his ancestors. It is not what a horse might do under the most favorable circumstances, but what he has done in his first get—a ten-month-old colt—and I defy anyone to show a better individual, a better boned, a better gaited trotter, one that can step faster of it's age than Arionite. Arionite is now owned by me and can be seen at my barn.

Arion Strother will make the season of 1914 at the Strother barn Cresco, Iowa. Fee \$25.00 to insure a live foal. Mares sold or traded will be considered in foal and service fee immediately due.

OBITUARY.

Offen.
 Benjamin Offen was born in Kent, England, in 1825. He was the son of Benjamin and Mary Offen. He came to this country in 1849 and lived in the state of New York for three years, removing to the state of Illinois in the year 1852. In July, 1854, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Anna Gray.
 They removed to Howard county, Iowa, in 1856. Four children were born to this union, three of whom are living—Bennie E. Offen, Wilkins Offen and Mrs. Fannie G. Mintey. One child died when nine years of age. He is also survived by his wife.

He died Saturday, May 23, 1914. Funeral services were held in the Congregational church at 2:30 p. m., on Monday, Dr. D. T. Robertson officiating.
 The services were in charge of the Masonic lodge. Burial was at New Oregon.

Health a Factor in Success.
 The largest factor contributing to a man's success is undoubtedly health. It has been observed that a man is seldom sick when his bowels are regular—he is never well when they are constipated. For constipation you will find nothing quite so good as Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. They are sold by Fred Lowry.

New Cemetery Officers.
 At a recent meeting of the W. O. L. C. I. A. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
 President—Mrs. M. M. Moon.
 First Vice-President—Mrs. H. G. Addie.
 Second Vice-President—Mrs. H. E. Lomas.
 Third Vice-President—Mrs. W. B. Lent.
 Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. H. E. Morgan.
 Fifth Vice-President—Mrs. D. Amundson.
 Secretary—Mrs. C. E. Farnsworth.
 Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Huntington.
 Superintendent—Mrs. M. H. Culbert.

PLAIN DEALER

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1914
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Florence McCook, Editor-in-Chief.
 The program given by the musical organizations of the high school Friday evening proved very interesting to the audience and financially highly successful. Cresco high school pupils are to be congratulated on the unusual opportunities they are given to develop their musical ability, both vocal and instrumental, and we are glad to say that they have taken advantage of these opportunities this year to the extent of supporting four excellent musical organizations—the girls' glee club, boys' glee club, the orchestra and the band. All of these were well represented in the program Friday evening. The weather proved favorable for an outdoor performance, as had been planned, and this fact also added to the enjoyment of the occasion. The band was under the able direction of Mr. Thaler. They played several selections and all remarkably well. The work of the band has been very much interrupted this year, so that the ability shown speaks particularly well both for the boys and their director. The girls' glee club rendered a half dozen numbers of their favorite songs and were highly complimented by all. The audience is always pleased at the appearance of the boys' glee club with their rollicking college songs, and they were encored on every number. Miss Hughes has done excellent work with both these clubs, and they show the result of regular and thorough practice. Miss Connolly presented the orchestra in some new and very pleasing numbers. Near the close of the program when the audience might be expected to become tired, a little variety was introduced in negro make-up. They sang several plantation songs very effectively and amusingly. On the whole the program was such a success that we hope it will become an annual event hereafter.
 Dr. Robertson's address Sunday evening was on Self-Reliance. He presented this lecture in a very able manner, and we are sure that not only the graduates received suggestions from his ideas but the undergraduates and fathers and mothers as well.
 Mr. Cornish and his high school manual training boys showed us Monday morning just how quickly they could erect a stage. The stage is 18 by 30 and 3 feet off the ground. Everything was put up and ready for the performance in just an hour and ten minutes after the lumber was on the ground.
 The returns from the Music Fest were between 65 and 70 dollars. To the inquiring, it is stated that this money is to be spent in defraying the expenses of a band instructor and also to purchase new music. We hope that next year the people will support this event better. We are sure that out of town organizations are brought here which do not give as creditable a performance as was given Friday night. These other troops have taken in as much as a hundred dollars and the admission charged was much greater. Cresco high school has three very able musical directors and they have done remarkably well considering that nothing like this had been attempted until last year.
 Mention was made in the preceding write-up of the music fest of the solos that Miss Hughes sang and the reading by Paul Brown. These numbers were rendered in an excellent manner and both encored.
 Don't forget the ball game between Calmar and Cresco at the South Side ball park Friday afternoon at 3:15. There is going to be a hot game.
 School closes Friday, May 29th. Hurrah!

COUNTY NEWS.

CRESO CIRCUIT.
 Preaching services as follows every Sunday: Morning at 10:30 at Kendallville, afternoon at 2:30 at Albion, evening at Bonair at 7:30. S. S. at Kendallville 11:30; Albion 1:30; Bonair 11: a. m. Everybody welcome.
 Kendallville.
 There was no Sunday school or preaching services on account of the inclement weather.
 There will be a Memorial Day sermon next Sunday morning. Come and assist us in keeping this day.
 There was a meeting of the Ladies' Aid society at the home of Clinton Fifeid Wednesday last week.
 Quite a few from Kendallville were in attendance at the graduating exercises at Decorah Saturday. Several of the Kendallville scholars graduated this year.
 Lem Ludden who has been laid up for several days with rheumatism is able to be around again.
 Clinton Fifeid lost his most valuable horse recently.
 Albion.
 The Farmers' Club will meet as usual this month, Friday of this week. Papers are in preparation and the outlook is for the usual good meeting with program discussions and refreshments. Everybody welcome.
 Because of the inclement weather there were not very many in attendance at the services Sunday afternoon.
 There will be Memorial Sabbath services next Sunday at the regular preaching hour. Come and assist us in keeping this day.
 The program committee for Children's day are making arrangements for a good service to be held the second or third Sunday in June. Bear this in mind and be ready to attend.
 Bonair.
 Next Sunday is Memorial day. There will be an appropriate sermon. Come and worship with us.
 The church was well filled Sunday evening in spite of the threatening weather.
 The Sunday school hour has been changed from 11 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. The Sunday school is one of the largest for a church and community the size of these that we know anything about. The building is always full Sunday morning. Come.
 Epworth League services every Sunday evening at 7:15. Welcome.
 The annual meeting of the parsonage association will be held the first Monday evening in June in the church building. Let all members of the association be in attendance.

ACME.

Sam Schildkret's Hungarian Orchestra ought to draw a large crowd for Chautauqua at Cresco.
 Alice and Francis McGourty were passengers to Elma, Saturday.
 The circus at Cresco, Friday, June 5th, is being talked of considerably in our neighborhood, and very likely a large delegation will attend from this vicinity.
 A dance was given at Hank Roethler's, last Friday night; a most enjoyable time was reported by all who were present.
 Nora and Annie Enright and friends spent Sunday afternoon at the Chas. Neebe home.
 Ralph Dinger went to Elma, Wednesday.
 Francis McGourty was a passenger to Acme, Friday evening.
 Maude Bigley visited at the Dan Kennedy home, Saturday and Sunday.
 Mary Neebe visited in Elma a few days last week.
 Mrs. Smith and family accompanied by Kitty Hojan autoed to Osage, Friday.
 Sparks World Famous Shows will be at Cresco, June 5th.
 Ralph Dinger and Kitty McGourty attended the dance at Roethler's, Friday evening.
 Mary Murphy's school closed last Saturday.
 Don't forget the dance to be given in Plambeck's barn, June 5th.
 Emily Bunston and Wayne Heckman attended the dance at Gus. Lubbert's, last Friday evening.
WEST DAVIS CORNERS.
 Joe Wacha autoed to Alta Vista, Monday.
 Agnes Kubichek called on her sister, Mrs. Kakac, Monday; the latter accompanied her home.
 Archie Mohs spent Saturday evening at Davis Corners.
 Charley and Clara Ranc were pleasant callers at Wm. Jarosh's, Monday night.
 Frank Kubichek called on his brothers Joe and John, one night this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jarosh, J. W. Chitek and L. E. Ondrasek spent Sunday with the Ranc young folks; all enjoyed playing games.
 Harry Hauk and Mr. Karter attended the dance at Wm. Jarosh's, Saturday night till Sunday daylight.
 Frank Kubichek drove to Alta Vista, Monday.
 Charley Ranc called at Davis Corners, Monday last.
 Mike Bronner called at John Kubichek's, one night this week.
 Susie Urban is assisting her sister, Mrs. Tom Shinek, with housework.
BONAIR.
 The orders of the day are corn planting (when it don't rain) and Plain Dealer automobile contest. Next will be "Circus day" and Chautauqua. Get your corn in and let the ladies get into the Chautauqua—these are important—and you can go to the circus if you want to.
 Mr. and Mrs. Young were called to Grundy Center last week on account of the death of Mr. Young's mother.
 T. G. Thomas has purchased a new Ford auto.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Marcey were Cresco visitors Monday evening.
 We have been having some fine showers and those who had their corn in are indeed glad.
 For church announcement see "Cresco Circuit" news.
 The ladies who are assisting the parsonage fund will meet next week Tuesday with Mrs. Paul Auringer. All are invited.
Rheumatism Quickly Cured.
 "My sister's husband had an attack of rheumatism in his arm," writes a well known resident of Newton, Iowa. "I gave him a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment which he applied to his arm and on the next morning the rheumatism was gone." For chronic muscular rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold by Fred Lowry.

CRESO FRIDAY, JUNE 5

STREET PARADE 10:30 A. M.



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A GRAND FREE STREET PARADE DAILY AT 10:30 A. M.

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TWO PERFORMANCES DAILY—RAIN OR SHINE 2 AND 8 O'CLOCK DOORS TO MENAGERIE OPEN 1 HOUR EARLIER

"MARY"
 THE LARGEST, LIVING, LAND ANIMAL ON EARTH.
 3 INCHES TALLER THAN JUMBO AND WEIGHING OVER 5 TONS.
 A POSITIVE FEATURE AT EACH EXHIBITION.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County—ss.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.
 FRANK J. CHENEY.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.
 A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
 Sold by all Druggists.
 Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.
 Constipation causes headache, nausea, hiccups, languor, heart palpitation, digestive physics, gripes, sickness, weakens the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulents act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

CHESTER.
 Don't forget to hear the Famous Ben Greet players in the "Comedy of Errors," a Shakespearean play, at the Chautauqua in Cresco on Thursday evening, June 18th.
 Mr. Connolly of Calmar was in Chester this week in the interest of the Standard Oil Co.
 Mr. Oaks of Mason City, Agent for the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance Co., was in Chester and vicinity looking after the interests of the Company.
 Mesdames Barlow and Capper entertained a number of Chester gentlemen at the home of the latter on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Barlow and Mr. Capper's fiftieth birthday. We never observed the striking resemblance until we learned they were twins.
 Mrs. Winegar went to Lime Springs on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Miss Florence Nash who passed away in Minneapolis.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roberts attended the funeral at Lime Springs Thursday.
 The big circus at Cresco on Friday, June 5th, will undoubtedly draw a large crowd from this section. Reports speak very highly of this circus.
 John Graf, representative of Bell Bros. of Dubuque was in town Friday.
 Helen Winegar who has been in Rochester, Minn., for some time has returned home.
 Frank Tuller of Postville shipped a fine team of horses from Chester Saturday.
 Memorial services were held at the M. E. church Sunday.
 Ham Brown and George Fish of Cresco were in Chester Monday.
 C. T. McWilliams went to Cresco Monday.
 Miss Anna Ostrander went to Austin, Minn., Saturday.

Elephant Ball Game at the Circus Next Friday at Cresco.



Of the many stunts performed by the Sparks Circus herd of elephants the one that probably gets the most appreciation is the game of base ball played by these mighty and unweildy pachyderms. Every play is gone through with the most ludicrous manner, and the laughs furnished by this number will remain as a pleasant remembrance of the circus.
 All the accessories—pitcher, batter, catcher, umpire, fielders and their gloves, masks, bats and uniforms—are present, and "Big Mary" in the roll of batter seldom misses a home-run swat, and has thus established a 400 mark batting record for herself. Running the bases and the slide to home plate never fail to bring forth rounds of applause and laughter from the audience. Another funny situation is when the pitcher has two strikes on "Big Mary," he and the catcher get into an animated argument over the next ball to be served by the pitcher and trumpet into each others ears. This little piece of by-play always meets with the instant approval of the audience and adds greatly to the already funny number.
 This act was presented to New York City's delighted millions last winter and came in for more favorable newspaper comments than any animal act seen there in recent years. This feature is positively on the program of the Sparks World's Famous shows, which are billed to exhibit here next Friday, June 5th.