State's New Brand Law Pays Off on First Day

BATON ROUGE, La., Sept. 11- (AP)-The Louisiana Brand commission said today the state's new cattle inspection system paid off the first day it was in effect.

Commission Secretary Noah Ward reported a stolen cow was recovered at the West Monroe auction Sept. 1, the day the system was inaugurated, and that a man subsequently was convicted of the theft and sentenced to six years imprisonment.

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$50,000 Demanded for Mule Mother of Horse Colt in St. Martin Legal Tilt

(The Associated Press) St. Martinville, La., Nov. 24.—A weary-looking work mule which was pulling a wagon in a cane field two weeks ago today became the principal figure in a $50,000 damage suit in which a Negro tenant farmer demanded custody of the animal.

Eleven days ago, the mare mule gave birth to a horse colt, the third such incident in veterinary history and the first in Louisiana, according to local veterinarians.

Ace Miller, St. Martinville livestock trader, has claimed that Lou, the proud 20-year-old mama, belongs to him.

Now, Samuel Basile, a Negro tenant on the plantation of Henry Fornet of St. Martinville, has filed suit in civil court seeking $50,000 damages and legal ownership of Lou.

Basile contends Miller sold him the mare last September. Therefore, he asserts, he is entitled to ownership of the rare horse colt.

The tenant farmer also contends in his suit that Miller offered him “another mule in exchange for Lou and 10 per cent of any profit derived from exhibition of the mule and her colt.

Miller said that he had recently “loaned” Lou to Basile to aid the Negro “to lay away” his cane crop.

The mule and colt are now in possession of Miller.

Miller said he brought the mule and her offspring to his barn shortly after the colt was born to “give them care by a veterinarian.

Ward said five head of cattle, stolen in Louisiana two years ago, had been recovered in Texas. He said it was the first time, so far as commission so long had been returned missing so long had been returned to an owner in Louisiana.

The cattle, presumed to have been abandoned on an open range near Beaumont, were spotted by a Texas brand inspector who was unable to identify the “V-S” burned into their hides. He communicated with Ward, whose files produced the name of the owner, Aubrey J. Marceaux, Jr. of Kaplan.

Brand Goes Long Way In Identifying Stolen State Cattle

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