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## THE FORD TRACTOR Model B

Notwithstanding the recent heavy advances in the price of steel and iron, and practically all materials used in its construction, THE FORD TRACTOR, New Model "B," with its many up-to-date improvements, maintains its supremacy as the lowest priced serviceable tractor on the market.

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We stand upon the threshold of a new year, to bring, we trust, harder work than ever with its attendant mauling. But thus compelling our faithful fields to unlock their stores to us and to those dependent, to furnish cheer for the guest within our gates and help for our less fortunate brother, we shall find as always the complete satisfaction that CREATION is perfect and EARTH an admirable home.

Our best wishes to every sentient being!

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## COAL! COAL!

When in need of Coal that will burn, ring Telephone No. 1. Prompt delivery.

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## TIMES-PIC ANSWERS DR. PIERSON'S SUIT

Another chapter in the Times-Picayune-Pierson case was published in the New Orleans newspaper, last Sunday, when the answer of the Times-Picayune Publishing Co. to Dr. Pierson's libel suit was given to the public.

A general denial is entered as to the intention of defendants to injure Dr. Pierson. The position of the Times-Picayune in regard to publication of the series of articles leading to the suit is given in the following paragraph:

"Respondent avers that the said articles are just, fair and true comment and criticism of the officials and public acts of plaintiff and were published in the interest of the public, with good motives and for justifiable ends; that said articles were published in good faith and without malice in connection with a public institution for the information of the public and are privileged, and that respondent had ample grounds to believe and did honestly believe in the truth and justness of said critical comments."

The following instances are cited to sustain defendant's contention:

(a) Eugene Jurglewicz, a criminal insane person from the parish of Orleans, was kept in irons for several years; at first leg irons were clamped on him, which were into his flesh, necessitating his wrapping them with rags to avoid the chafing wounds. Jurglewicz escaped several times, but at no time did he attack any one or do any harm; when he was last returned to the hospital, not only was he fitted with shackles but his irons were added to and he was kept practically in solitary confinement. Besides the shackles on his legs, his hands were held apart by a steel rod bar, about ten inches long, and about his wrists were fastened cuffs that were cleaved to this bar; the result was that Jurglewicz could neither bring his hands nearer together than ten inches nor separate them further, and as separate members they had no side play because of the bar. To prevent him from raising his manacled hands to his head or face a trace chain was placed from hands to ankle iron, and he, therefore, could not raise his hands above his breast. A sleeping place was built for Jurglewicz of heavy plank; it was about eighteen inches high, about twenty-two inches wide and about as long as the body of the man; it was fitted with a lid on top which was stontly hinged. In this crib or den Jurglewicz was placed at night and the lid shut down and fastened with two stout locks and the shackles at his legs were chained to the foot of this crib or den. As the result of this treatment Jurglewicz was unable to take a bath, or be bathed, except at infrequent intervals, when the shackles were removed, and during the day in summer he sat around covered only by a night shirt, or what was known as a "monkey suit," and in winter by a blanket.

(b) Jules Stokely, an insane person sent from New Orleans, suffered a fracture of his leg, necessitating an amputation thereof, which operation was performed without complete anesthesia. The leg was thrown into the furnace and burned instead of buried.

(c) Mary Daigle, an insane girl, about sixteen years of age, while being bathed by an insane person, at the same place where a little girl had been severely scalded a fortnight before, was so severely burned by hot water that she died the next day, after having moaned and suffered for six hours through want of attention.

Maurie Yearson and Lucy Kelt were also scalded while being bathed by an insane person.

(d) That work done by insane persons, such as sewing, embroidering and fancy needlework of every description, was taken over by Dr. Pierson and his family and either used by them or sent to relatives or friends without compensation being made to the state or makers.

(e) That turkeys and hogs were sent by express to relatives and friends without the state being compensated therefor, the state paying the express charges.

(f) That the employees of the state and inmates of the asylum were used to make clothes, tennis trousers and golf hats for the friends and relatives of Dr. Pierson without compensation being made to the state or makers.

(g) That an employe of the asylum taught a child of Doctor Pierson without compensation to her or the state.

(h) That an employe of the asylum nursed the relatives of Doctor Pierson

without compensation to her or the state.

(i) That the office of assistant storekeeper was created in order to give a position to a relative of Doctor Pierson.

(j) That regular employes were discharged from service, in order to employ members of a circus band at an increased expense.

(k) That a printing outfit was purchased with state money and has never been used.

(l) That a well was drilled and polluted water from the laundry was used in the flushing of same while it was being bored, thereby polluting the well and thus making it so insanitary that it is useless and an absolute loss to the state.

(m) That insane persons are used in the institutional drug stores to fill prescriptions and to deliver narcotics and deadly drugs.

(n) That attendants give hyperdermic injections of morphine, etc.

(o) That inmates of the asylum are whipped with strips cut from rubber hose.

(p) That a carpenter and inmate of the asylum was sent to Natchitoches to work for Doctor Pierson without compensation to the state or the carpenter.

(q) That an annual picnic is given at an expense of several hundred dollars without the asylum obtaining any advantage or benefit therefrom.

Concerning Dr. Pierson's promised statement to the public, the Times-Picayune says:

"When these articles were begun, Dr. Pierson asked that the public suspend judgment until publication was completed, when he promised fully to answer and vindicate himself.

"Upon the request of Dr. Pierson, The Times-Picayune reprinted a set of resolutions passed by the board of administration of the insane asylum. These had been printed on the day after their adoption in The Times-Picayune.

"The editor of The Times-Picayune, on the day following, wrote Dr. Pierson, noting the public appeal for a suspension of judgment, and offered to print any statement Dr. Pierson should wish published, making the reservation only that the statement in defense should not exceed ten thousand words.

"The series was suspended to permit Dr. Pierson to explain his side.

"Dr. Pierson failed to answer the charges but, instead, filed suit for one hundred thousand dollars against the Times-Picayune."

### PROGRESSIVE, NOT A WHITE MAN'S PARTY.

(Pointe Coupee Banner.)

What causes us surprise is that in the light of present experiences, Mr. Parker did not four years ago make a desperate attempt to "seize" the G. G. convention and dictate his own nomination for governor. The ambition was at that time lurking, but the time was not propitious. Then came the "Moose" call of Teddy Roosevelt, and true to his promise, "I" Parker answered.

Teddy had failed to control the Republican national convention and dictate his own nomination as the Republican candidate for president. He and his Republican supporters bolted and formed the Progressive party. When that party met in national convention, its complexion was badly mixed. Negroes were plentiful in its councils. "Teddy" in an effort to capture the negro support of the country, stepped to the front of the platform, a negro on each side of him, and with his arms around the necks of both, he tenderly exclaimed: "My friends, these two brothers are the equals of every man in this convention!" participating therein, John M. Parker did not rise to his feet and deny the assestion of his "hero," yet he has the assurance and temerity to yell "the Progressive party is a white man's party." Parker stands registered in the political records of this State as a Progressive and not as an Independent, the latter being "neither fish nor fowl." Every man who votes for him must necessarily leave the white man's party and endorse the principles of Progressive-Republicanism and all that it stands for. This is patent.

In the Third district they say tariff is the issue in this campaign, and voting for Parker is indorsing the tariff on sugar. Yet, outside of that over-rated district, Mr. Parker's supporters say he is a Democrat and against the bosses. If there are any bosses to surpass those in Lafourche, their names should be published. No wonder the "short ballot" is a part of their platform.—A Democrat Because of Moose Bosses, in Times-Picayune.

A term in office will in most cases kill the reform bug in a man.

## FAIR ASSOCIATION TO BE ORGANIZED

When people of sound judgment and undoubted business ability are willing to put up money on a proposition, it must be a good proposition. That is what is happening in the case of the parish fair. Pledges of cooperation and financial help are coming in from all sides. The following list of pledges will give you an idea of the men who will back up the fair movement:

Parker Stock Farm.....	\$100.00
Woodlawn Farm.....	25.00
Chas. Weydert.....	10.00
The True Democrat.....	10.00
C. Folkes, Sr.....	5.00
G. L. Plettinger.....	2.50

Financial assistance will also be given by M. & E. Wolf, Dr. R. E. Lewis, and others.

Many interesting and encouraging letters have been received relative to the parish fair.

A meeting is called for Saturday, March 18, 3 p. m., at the court house, for the purpose of organizing a Parish Fair Association. All interested are cordially invited to attend and participate in the discussions and business transactions.

Superintendent R. E. Crump has had some large placards printed which bear the following message to the people of the parish:

"A parish fair would be helpful to West Feliciana Parish for the following reasons:

"1. It would advertise the resources of the parish. The best of the exhibits would be sent to the State Fair at Shreveport and other fairs. West Feliciana would be placed on the map.

"2. It would stimulate the production of better crops, pure-bred animals—pigs, cows, horses, sheep, goats, chickens, etc.

"3. It would increase the value of farm lands, and town and country property, by bringing new people to the parish and creating a greater demand for our farms and other property. A large population produces the 'unearned increment' in value of lands.

"4. It would be a great educative agent, giving an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and plans, contrasting what can be done with what some are doing, breaking down the prejudice of the country against the town, encouraging the 'get together' idea. We are too much isolated from each other. We need to work for the interests of all. An opportunity would be afforded the farmers to hear lectures by experts from the Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture.

"5. It would be an occasion for the purchase and sale of the best breeds of animals, giving opportunity to stock the farms with good animals and furnishing a medium of exchange to prevent in-breeding, etc.

"These are but a few of the possible advantages. The greater advantages cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

### "WILL YOU HELP?"

At Angola there has been a constant patrol of 140 men in the day and almost as large a force at night have been watching and strengthening the levee. There were two wave washes at Angola, which, but for prompt work might have proved serious.

The automobile is rapidly entering the realm of farm mechanics.

## NOTICE TO CATTLE OWNERS.

St. Francisville, La., Feb. 28, 1916. Cattle owners in parishes having a considerable portion of its acreage under water as a consequence of the recent overflow should take advantage of this condition and rid their pastures of the Texas fever, or cattle tick.

Pastures that have been inundated for a few weeks will be entirely clean of this infection, all eggs and seed ticks will have been destroyed; consequently if all cattle from these localities are properly disinfected, thus destroying all the ticks on the animals before they are allowed to return to the range, these particular pastures will be free from ticks indefinitely, provided that in the future no ticky cattle, horses, or mules are allowed access to them without first being dipped. The best method of destroying the ticks is by means of the arsenical dip and where dipping vats are any way accessible these should be used, the animals should be dipped twice within a period of from 3 to 7 days apart, after which it will be absolutely safe to return them to the clean range. This should be done immediately after the second dipping, unless the cattle are obliged to swim a stream, when it is advisable to defer moving for about 2 hours after final dipping.

Planters having but few cattle and no available dipping vat may use soap emulsion, which consists of 1 lb. soap (either laundry or soft) dissolved in a gallon of water by heating, allow to cool and add 1 quart of coal oil to each gallon of the preparation. This is an effective germicide and may be used for lice or ticks on all farm animals. It should be applied thoroughly, using a cloth.

The above is suggested as a cheap, easy and effective method of ridding pastures of ticks, without the necessity of a season's dipping. Where a considerable portion of a parish is overflowed, influence should be brought to bear upon the Police Jury that they adopt regulations protecting the territory. It frequently happens that the overflow covers territory that is, under ordinary conditions, the hardest to clean by dipping methods, as it is often composed of many acres of open range, cattle are more or less wild as a consequence, and it is with difficulty that all cattle can be collected every dipping day, which procedure is of course necessary under ordinary conditions to destroy all ticks in a pasture.

The overflow occurring at such an early date there would be but slight tick development and it should prove exceptionally easy with the cooperation of all the planters in these overflow sections to clean and keep clean their pastures.

Any further information furnished upon application.

L. N. JARGO, Veterinary Insp.,  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

### GET PURE-BRED SETTING OF EGGS TO START WITH.

"The best and quickest way to get a start in the raising of pure-bred poultry is to secure a setting of pure-bred eggs," says A. F. Rolf, of the Live Stock Extension Service, L. S. U. "By his method one can have a pure-bred flock from the start, whereas, if only a pure-bred male is added to the flock here will always be mongrel stock."

The farmer who drives his horses until they are foaming with sweat and then stands them in the cold winds has certainly lost the milk of human kindness.

To the Independent, True Democrats of the Parish of West Feliciana:

We will hold a meeting of the Independent Democrats of the Parish, for the purpose of organizing a

**Parish Parker Club**

at the Court House, on Saturday, March 11, at 8 p. m.

All respectfully invited to attend.

E. I. DANIEL.