

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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Litwalton, 3rd Sun. T— 4th Sun.  
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Ira, 1st Sun. Holly Tank, 2nd Sun.  
Tahoka, 4th Sun.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dillard of near Petersburg spent a couple of nights with the Editor this week. Mr. Dillard has sold his place near Petersburg and has been looking over our part of the county with a view to locating. Mr. Dillard's family are old friends of the editor in, fact almost kinfolks.

Boy's and men's sweaters, and men's overshirts at Wells & Welchers. You just ought to see them.

About ten days ago a fire mysteriously broke out in J. I. Wilburns pasture right on the edge of the big burn, willing hands and quick work soon put a end to it. There was no apparent reason for the breaking out in that place.

W. L. Davis has moved to the country and will occupy Tom Owen's place for the insuring year.

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We are always receiving, and selling, fresh, pure drugs at Taylor's, west side square.

## For District Attorney.

We are authorized to announce A. W. Callahan, of Tulia, the County Attorney of Swisher county, as a candidate for the office of District Attorney for this the 64th Judicial District. Mr. Callahan is well qualified to fill this office with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He promises the voters that he will do his best to see that the law is enforced with impartiality and vigor.

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## Road Notice to Non-Resident Land Owners.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, } ss.  
County of Lynn

We the undersigned Jury of Freeholders, citizens of said Lynn County, Texas, duly appointed by the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County, Texas, at its November Term, 1905, to view and establish a First class Road from N. E. Corner of Survey 32, in Blk. 8, E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co. and the S. E. Cor. of Sur. 17. Thence East on section lines to the East line of Lynn County and having been duly sworn as the law directs, hereby give notice that we will on the Sixth day of February, 1906, assemble at the point described above and thence proceed to survey, locate view, mark out and establish said road, beginning at the N. E. Cor. of Sur. 32, blk. 8, E. L. & R. R. Ry. Co. and the S. E. Cor. of Sur. 17. Thence East on section lines to the East boundary line of Lynn County. Said road will be laid off by or through the following lands —

| Abstract, | Survey. |
|-----------|---------|
| 124       | 101     |
| 205       | 439     |
| 56        | 437     |
| 281       | 407     |
| 166       | 409     |
| 323       | 435     |
| 514       | 438     |
| 33        | 403     |

And we do hereby notify the said unknown owners or their agents or attorneys and any and all persons owning lands through which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.

Witness our hands this 11th day of January, A. D. 1906.

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| T. J. MITCHELL  | JURORS<br>OF<br>VIEW. |
| H. E. BALDRIDGE |                       |
| G. T. BEACH     |                       |
| M. M. REDWINE   |                       |
| B. H. BLACK     |                       |

Mr. Phenix is living in the Davis house in the east side of town.

Wednesday about noon we saw the men on the square begin to mill around like ants or sheep when excited and we went out to see what was the matter. Looking south we soon saw the cause of the stir; about a mile south of town smoke was rising from a small prairie fire, which as the wind was from the southwest was rapidly growing larger. There was a call for brooms, and soon 30 or 35 men collected at the fire and swept it out by the time it had burned 40 acres. No one knows how it started.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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L. N. Sartin of Itan is here this week on a prospecting tour. He is stopping with hi friend A. S. Coughran of this place. Mr. Satin was formely of Scurry County.

Mrs. McLoud, gave the usual week end party last week.

A Mr. Everet has bought one of Mr. Black's section and bought A. V. Taylor's residence of this place and moved it to his place in the country.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1906.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For District Judge, 64th Jud. Dist  
L. S. KINDER.

For District Attorney, 64th Jud. Dist.  
C. S. WILLIAMS.  
A. W. CALLAHAN.

For County and District Clerk.  
C. E. BROWN.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
C. H. DOAK.

For Tax Assessor.  
LEWIS ROBINSON.

The following are the rates for announcing candidates in the Lynn County News:

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| For District Judge . . . .   | \$20.00 |
| For District Attorney . . .  | 10.00   |
| For County Offices . . . .   | 10.00   |
| For Precinct Offices . . . . | 5.00    |

Announcement fee must be paid in advance.

We have been having the prettiest weather this week.

The new business house on the west corner on the north side of the public square is growing fast. This building that W. K. Ray is having built, is 24x60 feet boxed and weather boarded with paper between which will make a nice addition to Tahoka. Judge Perryman's office was moved to the west side to make room for this building.

When you have to buy drugs, you want a pure, strong, cheap, compound. That is just what you can get at Taylor's Drug Store.

Lewis Robinson went to Lubbock the first of last week to spend some time, as his father is coming to spend the rest of the winter on the Plains. Mrs. Crie gave Lewis a farewell party which was attended by both young and old. We shall miss him sadly during his sojourn in Lubbock, but we are consoled by the fact that he will return when grass rises.

PIANOS, ORGANS, SHEET-MUSIC,  
Everything in the music line,  
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### THE RAILROAD.

Deed and abstracts of title are being made to right-of-way for use by the Gulf, Santa Fe and Northwestern Railway Co.

As reported last week, the forfeit conditioned on building the road \$5,000.00, has been provided for. A little hitch occurred on this score Monday but now all is running smoothly and you might say ready for the grading to begin.

It has been several times stated upon seemingly good authority that work on the grade would begin this month, but it is hardly likely to commence prior to March as but little if any headway could be made through February, unless that month is altogether different in the way of mildness from what it usually is on the Plains. In fact there is plenty of time to complete the work, beginning in the spring and it's money in the contractor's pockets to delay until that time, and he certainly knows it as well as anybody.

Those folks who are betting that this road doesn't build through this year, and there are quite a number of them, are going to be fooled this time sure—it's going. —Canyon City News.

Beginning Monday Jan. 29 1906, we will sell flour at these prices:

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Upper Crust                    | } — — — \$3.30 |
| Snow White                     |                |
| Pride of Texas                 |                |
| White Cream                    | } — — — \$3.10 |
| Pride of America               |                |
| Corn Meal, in 35lb. sacks 75c. |                |

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### Work Nearly Completed.

H. McCaffrey left Thursday to have the cattle guards along the automobile route completed.

There will be 15 cattle guards along the route which will make it possible to dispense with gates. Work on the road will be completed between here and Lamesa this week and Mr. Holloway expects to be able by the first of next week to carry passengers to Lamesa and return. —Big Springs Herald.

### Notice to Wood Haulers

Any one cutting or hauling wood out of the Llano Pasture in Garza County will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

No one has any permission to get wood in this pasture.

J. T. Lofton,  
Manager.

An exchange tells of a printing office up north that opened with a prayer. This is a rare exception to the rule, as from time immemorial it has been the custom for the office to be opened by the "Devil" and closed by the sheriff.

We wish all our Customers  
a happy New Year for 1906.

Say! Have you seen that new complete, line of men's and boy's clothing now at Conway's store?

Well Sir, you had better get you and the boys a new suit now, or you won't be in time to get one.

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### For County and District Clerk.

In this issue we are authorized to announce Mr. C. E. Brown as a candidate for County and District Clerk of Lynn County Texas. Mr. Brown is a native Texan, having been born in Palestine, Texas, in 1867, where he lived 24 years, moving from there to Wichita, Texas, and after living there eight or nine years he moved to Haskell county. His next move brought him to Lynn county three years ago last November, and since two years ago last October, he has served as deputy in the sheriff's office. Mr. Brown invites the closest inquiry into his record as a citizen and as an official. Since he has been in the sheriff's office they have rendered the regular reports to the commissioners court and two yearly reports. Mr. Brown solicits your votes and if elected promises fair treatment to all.

### NOTICE.

Having out many small accounts I respectfully urge all those indebted to me, to call around and settle. —C. H. Peters, Leather Dealer.

Mr. George Riley who has been back to Tennessee spending Christmas with home folks arrived in Tahoka Tuesday. Mr. Riley reports a splendid time at home and an enjoyable trip. He says the old folks think a heap of the Lynn County News and look forward eagerly to its weekly visits and that they ask him all about the various persons they had read about in the paper. There are many of our citizens who have old folks and relatives whose hearts would be gladdened by the weekly visit of the news. Just try 3 months and see if it is not so.

If I was wearing shoes like you are, I would go to Wells & Welch and get me a new pair. Do it now while their stock is complete. You had better hurry up.

When you find yourself in need of a  
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**W. T. PETTY,**  
Manager.

### Terminus for Central.

It is now talked among reliable authority that the Texas Central Railroad will not stop at White Flat as heretofore understood that it would, but will build on to a point 6 1/2 miles north of Snyder where the terminus will be made, and a town to be called Togo be built.

Let's have a road that close if we can't get one closer, but by all means live it closer. It seems that Snyder has let the matter of securing a good road go by default many months while other West Texas towns are bestirring themselves and as result a number of them are getting roads. The citizens of Snyder should look into this matter. —The Coming West.

Get your express at Simmons stable

## THAT WATCH OF YOURS

is in many respects similar to a railway engine. Let an engine be run without oil or cleaning and before long it will stop dead. Upon examination it will be found that the friction and wear and tear has ruined the machinery, and it is fit only for the old iron heap. Likewise your watch: you put it in your pocket and while there is a kick in it, you, in your mistaken economy, do not consult the watchmaker and consequently rob your watch of years of good service and also much of its former accuracy. The time-keeping qualities of a good watch are maintained and often improved by timely and skilful attention. If you want your watch to be true to you, you must be true to your watch.

I am thoroughly equipped with up-to-date tools and a knowledge of clocks and watches, and would appreciate the patronage of the good people of Lynn County. Just leave the timepiece or other repairs in the jewelry line at the Tahoka Drug Store where it will be sent directly to me.

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Gail to Big Springs \$2.50; round trip \$4. Same both ways.

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Why wouldn't it be a good idea to watch the don's house? It has long been whispered abroad that he is in the habit of uttering rebellious sentiments. Yes, that is what I will do. Keep an eye upon the movements of the father; perchance thereby ensnare the son, and in so doing compel the haughty daughter to listen to my suit which now she spurns."

Having arrived at this conclusion, the miscreant Cuban drained his glass to the bottom, arose, and, tightening his sword-belt, proceeded toward the doorway.

As the officer was stepping out upon the street he encountered a man somewhat shabbily dressed, who was shuffling along barefooted, and probably wending his way homeward.

Not a sign of recognition passed between the two individuals, but when they had separated perhaps ten feet, Coras paused, turned, and called in a low voice: "Jose, Jose Calvo. Come here, I want you."

Hearing his name mentioned, the person addressed halted, then retraced his steps. "What does the senior want with Jose Calvo? He has done naught for many months that would warrant placing him in the calaboose."

"Hush, fool. Who wants to place you in the calaboose? I have some work for you to perform. Draw hither, within the shade, where we shall not attract the attention of every passer-

"True, it might excite remark were the rich Senior Coras seen in conversation with a man who has been stamped as villain throughout all Havana," replied the other, with a low chuckle.

"Be quiet, idiot, and know that were you not a villain I should have no use for you at this time. Say, would you like to earn a dozen or so piasters?"

"Would I, indeed! And as many more as the generosity of the senior should see fit to bestow. But what is it that is required? Surely the service of the poniard is not wanted for the price offered convinces me of that fact. Nor can it be the abduction of some fair senorita, for the very same reason. It must be the chastising of some school boy, which the senior wishes performed by deputy."

"Have done with your nonsense, Jose, and listen to what I have to say."

"Ah, yes, I will listen; but it has not been many years since that if a Coras should call to me upon the street and offer me a dozen piasters to perform some dirty work, I would have flayed him with my riding whip, or made my co-chillo and his delicate flesh intimately acquainted. But proceed."

"Yes, but since Jose Calvo has seen the inside of the walls of Moro castle things have slightly changed. Here is the money. I presume you will feel better about undertaking the work if paid in advance."

"Certainly, I should feel easier, senior. Not that I doubt your honesty, senior, oh no! but a man can never tell what

may happen in these stirring times—and the mendicant dropped the loose coin into one of the capacious pockets of his linen trousers. "Go on, senior, I listen."

"The work is very simple, and a job in which you run no risk of being interfered with by either police or soldiers. I want you to shadow the house of Don Manuel Ceballos."

"Oh, the father of Senior Francisco?"

"The same. Watch it closely. If perchance any parties should enter it as it were, stealthily bring me word at once. I will remain here in this cafe, from which you saw me come out a few moments since."

"And is that all, senior?" asked Calvo.

"That is all."

"Well, surely a man may do that and work little harm either to himself or anyone else. Adios, senior!" and with that Jose Calvo turned and walked somewhat quickly away down the street, while Felipe Coras entered the saloon, muttering to himself:

"Although nothing may come from it, still it would be better for him to be seen about the place than myself."

Jose had proceeded perhaps five blocks when he observed an officer of the citizen police standing on a brilliantly lighted corner. As though to escape observation Calvo drew his tattered straw hat down over his face, bent his head and hurried on.

"Ah! Buenos noches, Good evening, Calvo! Why pass an old acquaintance in such haste, and without offering a salute?" called out the Cuban in uniform, kindly.

"Buenos noches, Senior Hazas," returned Jose Calvo, halting. "I did not think that you would care to recognize upon the streets of Havana one who had fallen so low in the social scale as I have, and therefore I passed as I did, lest you should have spurned me."

"Spurned you? An old friend? No, no; because Dame Fortune has seen fit to deal harshly with you it is no reason that I should forget what you have been! Ay, and what you may yet become!"

"Ah, senior! Those are the first kind words which have fallen on my ear for many, many months, but they only serve to make me feel my degradation the more. I pray you, let me go. I

fain would forget the past, forget you and all the friends of my halcyon days, and live only in the miserable present."

"Jose!" replied the other, exceedingly touched by the despairing tone of the outcast. "Have you never thought that there still might be a duty remaining for you to perform? A duty, which, if performed in the right spirit, would lead you onward to a noble and honorable career?"

"What can it be, senior," asked Calvo, quickly, arousing himself and resuming somewhat of his old-time dignity.

"Jose," whispered the officer, "we were boys and schoolmates together. I know your disposition as a brother would and I will speak fearlessly to you. Cuba, poor, bleeding Cuba needs your assistance. Needs the strength of your firm right arm! Say, shall your country call in vain in the hour of her need?"

"My country! My country! A Cuban has no country! The Spaniard is the master and the Cuban is the slave!"

"And you are willing to live and die as such. Oh, Jose, do not tell me that you have fallen so low. All other faults your friends would willingly overlook, but that, turning against our beloved cause, will ostracize you forever from the society of men!"

A momentary pause succeeded this burst of patriotic enthusiasm, after which Calvo looked his friend squarely in the face and said:

"Senior Hazas! If Cuba will deign to accept what little I have to offer, which is naught but life, it shall be hers, and that whenever she may demand it."

"I knew it! I knew it!" exclaimed the young officer, grasping the hand of the vagrant. "The manhood in Jose Calvo's bosom has been but slumbering, and now that it is awakened he will prove a credit and an honor to Cuba and her cause! Here, take this, it may prove useful to you," and he thrust a purse into the other's hand. "Call upon me to-morrow evening at my hotel. Not until late, for I am to be on duty in this locality all night, and will need rest the earlier part of the day."

"Thanks, senior, thanks! Not for the money alone, for that is only a kindly offering from a former comrade! But, for the cheering and ennobling words which you have this night breathed into the ear of one who is the most miserable of God's creatures! Adios, senior! Adios!"—and Jose Calvo went his way, revolving in his mind whom he would serve.

### CHAPTER III. SETTING THE TRAP.

Again the chimes ring out in the cathedral tower, but this time they mark the hour of midnight.

The hanging lamp which was wont to burn bright before the arched doorway of the palatial residence of Don Manuel Ceballos, had in some manner become extinguished, and no one in the vicinity, not even the "watch," seemed inclined to relight it. Nor did there appear to be any necessity for the illumination as the passers-by were few.

Shortly after the bells had ceased their vibrations, if one had been playing the spy, he would have seen the form of a man glide stealthily along the street, keeping well in the shadows of the buildings, pause at the doorway of the mansion and knock gently for admittance.

One would then have heard the door open and might have observed the new-comer place some dark object before his face, and have caught the words: "Cuba or Death."

Fully a dozen of these mysterious characters could have been counted.

They were counted, and by Jose Calvo, who, unobserved by any of the patriots, had crept near enough to hear the countersign, see the mask, cover the features of the applicant for admission, but not so close as to recognize a single individual.

"Ah!" muttered the spy, "this then is what Felipe Coras suspected. A secret meeting of the patriots! But why should he, a native-born Cuban, wish aught of harm to his countrymen? It must be revenge! Yes, revenge! and, to my way of thinking, his vindictiveness points

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"WHO WANTS TO PLACE YOU IN THE CALABOOSE?"

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directly to Don Manuel Ceballos or his son Francisco. And does he expect me to play the despicable part of an informer? Though why should he not? I have fallen to the very lowest stratum of society and may well be considered capable of performing so dastardly an act. But, by the good name of my fathers, he shall see I have not lost all the attributes of manhood! Valdes Hazas shall know of this night's work, and that, too, at once, if I can find him. He, at least, I can trust."

Having arrived at this decision, the poor man hurried back to the corner of the streets where he had encountered the officer who had spoken to him such kindly and encouraging words. That he would meet him in that neighborhood he was sure, for he knew that the citizen-police man's patrol would detain him in this locality.

Nor was Jose Calvo astray in his calculations, for there, in the glare of the gas lamps, still stood the young Cuban, restlessly toying with the hilt of his sword and with seeming carelessness scrutinizing the faces of the nocturnal revelers as they passed.

The innocent did not approach close to Hazas, but stood a little apart until he could, without too much demonstration, attract the attention of the officer.

He was not kept long waiting, for the sharp eyes of the Cuban were owing incessantly over every object within the range of his vision, and when he detected the barefooted individual standing somewhat in the shade, he moved forward as though to inquire into the business of such a suspicious-looking character.

"Will the señor draw a little apart," began Jose, in a whisper, "that we may not be seen or overheard? I have startling news to impart."

"A few steps will take us to the calaboose," replied Hazas, in the same guarded tone.

"No, no—not there!" quickly returned the other with a shudder, as though the very mention of the place conjured up untold horrors to his imagination.

"Then tell me what you have to say where we stand. We shall not be disturbed at this hour."

"Very well, señor. Now listen closely. Are you aware that there is a meeting of the friends of Cuba being held in the city limits to-night?"

"Is it so?" queried the officer, with deep interest. "How learned you that?"

"I was employed by that villain, Felipe Coras, to shadow the house of Don Manuel Ceballos and note if aught strange occurred in the vicinity and report to him the result of my observation."

"And what saw you?" quickly asked the other.

"Several men demand admittance, place masks before their faces, give a countersign and enter."

"The countersign was?"

"Cuba or Death."

"The fools! How could they be so careless!" muttered the young man under his breath. "But, Jose, can you be trusted?" he went on, his fingers nervously clutching the handle of his revolver.

"Else why should I have sought you out, instead of going at once to the man who has already paid me a few piasters to bring him the information?"

"True! I might have known that, with all your faults, you would not be disloyal to Cuba. But what is to be done? Oh, that Francisco were here to advise us."

"If I mistake not, the man whose name you but now mentioned has been standing upon the opposite side of the street for the last five minutes, señor," and Jose, with a slight motion of his head, indicated the direction in which he wished his companion to look.

"The saints be praised! 'Tis he!" joyfully exclaimed Valdes Hazas, recognizing at once the form of his friend and comrade. "You remain here while I speak with him." So saying, the officer hurried leisurely across the thoroughfare, as though he had no other

object in view than to report to his superior the trivial events of his watch.

That Francisco was startled at the information which Valdes had to give him, it is needless to say. He paused for a moment in deep thought ere he opened his lips.

"Can the man who has broken faith with one employer be trusted to prove true to another?" he asked.

"I will wager my life, Francisco, that Jose Calvo is loyal to our cause—" was the prompt reply.

"Then tell him at once to seek out this traitor to his country, Coras, and let him state truthfully all that he has seen and heard, regarding the meeting! But let him add this. That he had overheard remarks which led him to believe that this was only a preliminary gathering to make arrangements for a larger one to follow in a few days, at which many hundreds of our people would be assembled. This, you see, Hazas, will serve to whet the villain's curiosity, if I judge the man aright. He will not attempt to bring the Spanish soldiers down upon my father's house to-night, but will endeavor to gain admittance himself and thereby learn where and when the next meeting is to be held so that he may lead the Castilian minions to a sure and successful victory."

"But if he gains admittance and learns aught of our plans?" asked Hazas, quickly.

"I trust that he will succeed in the former, but have little fear of his accomplishing the latter object," was the grim reply. "Now then, bear my instructions to Jose Calvo, and tell him that if he proves faithful, he can ever rely upon Francisco Ceballos as his friend. When you have dispatched him upon his mission, hasten to join me at the don's house."

"I will be there as soon as yourself, Francisco," replied Valdes, as he turned to recross the street, while his companion walked leisurely toward his father's mansion, despite the fact that his mind was racked with alarm and consternation at the startling information conveyed to him by his comrade.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### THE FISH SWALLOWS THE BAIT.

Although it was two o'clock in the morning Felipe Coras was still seated in the cafe, but he had plenty of company, for the place was nearly filled by the "guided youth" of Havana, who are ever wont to turn night into day. He paid little attention to his surroundings, however, but smoked one cigarette after another in silence. The recreant Cuban had, since we last saw him, indulged in a few glasses of light wine, but not sufficient by any means to deprive him of his faculties.

That he was growing impatient at something could be seen by the manner in which he twisted his mustache, and restlessly tapped the marble floor with the sole of his dainty patent-leather boot.

"How long does the fool think I want him to remain on the watch before he comes to report? If anything has transpired, it must have done so ere this," muttered Coras, angrily, to himself, as he arose and walked to the door of the cafe to take a look down the street.

But just as he stepped out upon the sidewalk, Jose Calvo put in an appearance.

"By all the fiends, man, where have you been? Did you suppose I wanted you to keep me waiting here until daylight?" demanded the officer.

"I have been standing here for some time, expecting the señor to emerge," was the humble reply. "How would it have looked for such a miserable appearing being as I to accost in a public cafe a gentleman of your standing?"

"Well, well! What have you learned?" interrupted the other impatiently.

"A great deal, señor, a great deal, and that which may be of interest to you."

"Ah! say you so? What is it? Speak quickly!"

"I have seen this night"—began Jose—"a number of men, wearing black masks over their faces, stealthily enter

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| 102       | 203     |
| 146       | 17      |
| 166       | 409     |
| 235       | 415     |
| 241       | 417     |
| 209       | 81      |

And we do hereby notify the said unknown owners or their agents or attorneys and any and all persons owning lands the which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.

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