

Lawrence 72.7, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1859

Hon Charles Robinson

Dear Sir

Legislation has just got well  
underway, after being clogged for  
two weeks by political strife  
and I trust now something will be  
done. A large majority of the  
House, call themselves "Radicals"  
and thus far have shown themselves  
"Jim Lane Montgomery men," they are  
composed of good honest material,  
but thus far, have been led by the  
nose by an extreme Leavenworth  
and Lawrence, <sup>outside</sup> influence calling  
stoutly Republicanism. From such  
Republicanism good Lord deliver us,  
There are a set of men in this  
Territory claiming to belong to the only  
pure political Church, that take it  
upon themselves to lead in or out  
of party at pleasure, all those that

do not subscribe to their faith  
and practice in every particular,  
under their guidance Roberts, Wright  
and myself are all led out of  
what they call the Republican party,  
and by their placing, are rank  
members of the opposition, poor  
fellows! In the beautiful language  
of the poet, I am led to exclaim,  
"let 'em rip"!

I am desirous of knowing whether  
you desire any particular  
legislation touching R Road matters,  
Allen of Lawrence has introduced  
in the Council several bills  
amending R R Charters so that  
Lawrence shall be made a point  
in them all, personally, I have no  
particular objection to their passage,  
but I fear any action of that  
kind may prejudice our cause  
at Washington. Therefore I desire  
at once your opinion on this  
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The R.R.s - are the M & N Mountain  
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Leavenworth and Ft. Gibson and  
I believe one other,  
The attempt to amend the  
R.R. Charter without the consent  
of its incorporators after they  
have obtained "vested rights" by  
answering the provisions of law is  
in my mind simply ridiculous,  
Still ~~at~~ our action will reach  
Washington - as, any number of  
jealous eyes and ears are  
watching. pen in hand to inform  
against their own interests,  
I think Lawrence stands more  
in danger of herself than of any  
other point or people,  
A few days before the opening of the  
Legislature a R.R. convention was  
called here expressly (as I know)  
to help the "South Side" Kansas  
City project, and had it not been  
for the active efforts of a few  
of us it would have carried