

Alson C. Davis to John A. Halderman

Alson C. Davis, a Democrat legislator and party leader from Leavenworth (later Wyandotte) County, writes from Wyandotte that he strongly favors "the establishment of a first class democratic paper" in Leavenworth, Kansas Territory. Davis believes this was vital "to the Cincinnati Platform Democracy," and is willing to pledge an additional \$400 to the cause. A Mr. Beach had previously offered to give John Halderman "a bonus of two thousand dollars" with which to start such a newspaper.

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Hon. J. A. Halderman
Leavenworth
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Dear Sir

I understood from Mr. Beach that he made you a proposition to start a paper at Leavenworth on receiving a bonus of two thousand dollars - I regard the establishment of a first class democratic paper at some point in the territory of so much importance to the Cincinnati Platform Democracy at the present time that I am willing and anxious to join my fellow Democrats in any feasible energetic plan to give the party a Territorial Organ - Under all the circumstances I have thought the offer of Mr. Beach, to be all that could be desired, or asked, if he will but carry out his part of the program me and give us a satisfactory paper - Feeling that I have taken some pains (during the short time which I have had) to ascertain public

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Sentiment in our little town and I am prepared to say that I am ready to assume four hundred dollars of the proposed doing in behalf of Wyandott. I think I can raise it, but whether I can or not I will hold myself responsible for that amount. This is all it seems to me that could be expected when you come to consider that we have yet to assume the establishment of a local press etc. If we are to have a territorial organ at all. We want it at once do we not? Immediate action seems to me very desirable. How long Mr. Beach will hold himself ~~bound~~ bound by his offer I do not know, but I am clearly of opinion that if he is to come at all he may as well come on and help organize and get in motion -

Will you have the kindness to write me at once what you are doing. In haste
Sincerely Yours
A.C. Davis