

KANSAS TERRITORY

Early letter reporting the discovery of gold

El Dorado, May 26, 1858

Dear Cousin Your letter arrived this afternoon, and as I felt like writing and thought I would see if you would answer it this time. It is real lonesome here. I suppose you have heard before this of the Gold being found near the Rocky-Mountains. One Train bound for that place has gone through here, and another expected daily, and others are getting groups from all parts of the territory I understand.

You ought to have been here to have see how "crazy" most all of the young men around here were to go., more especially those that couldn't and then I suppose the fever would have carried you off as it did a number from here. It seems very contagious and after the arrival of the Train spreads rapidly. If you come I suppose you will be for going to the Rocky-Mountains after Gold. Wont You?

I ain't quite sure, that all of us here will catch the "Gold Fever" and go to the Mountains in the Spring.

Your affectionate Cousin, Augustus Stewart



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