

**Jones & Russell
Pikes Peak Express Co.**



Denver City via Leavenworth City to Stouts P. O. Ohio

Letter to E. P. Stout from his uncle who just arrived on the Jones & Russell Express coach at Leavenworth City. The news is good from the mines and winter is cold but pleasant. Denver City has had several large fires that burned a large grocery store.

January 12, 1860

As temed [esteemed Nephew]

Although you and B. J have not answered my last I considered to write you a short letter, my health about as usual, no news in our city of any especial interest, times still very dull. We had extremely cold and pleasant winter weather. We have had 2 serious fires in the past ten days destroying a splendid flowering mill and one of the largest grocery stores in the city to loss to some 60, thousand dollars -- the news from the mines continues flattering.

The Pikes Peak (Jones & Russell Express) is still running most of the time comes and goes full of passengers. the last one there that went out took an Episcopalian Minister and his 3 daughters all young woman and nice for Denver City. They are carrying out passengers for 100\$ hundred.



January 13, 1860 Leavenworth City, Kansas Territory To E. P. Stout, Stouts P. O.
Adams County, Ohio Entered the mail at Leavenworth City on January 18, 1860 with 3 cent dull red #26

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agreement and they passed it over his head
by a two third vote when a portion of the
the democrats was absent the democratic rump
still remain in Seecompton but not enough to make
a count I believe there is enough Reput at Lawrence
to pass bills by a 2/3 majority, if so old Law
Signature will not be necessary I send you a
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E. C. Stout

Letter to Mr. E. P. Stout

Leavenworth City, Jany, 12, 1860

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I was told yesterday that Jewitt has sold 1,200\$ dollars worth of property to different men of our city since he came in he also sold to Clark from Brown Co. a Banker and a banker of this place a comer lot for 600\$ dollars he is going to build and start a bank on it in fact all the news from there are most encouraging, an acquaintance of Nye went out a few weeks since he write back to a friend of if a man had 1000 then this winter he could make a nice thing out of it speculating in property.

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They are now carrying out passengers for 100\$ hundred. Write to me when you intend to start and what way you design going and whither B J thinks of going out in Spring if David or Will is going back let me know what has come of Jonathan Taylor. I have heard from him, give my best regards to Mrs. Stout. and all enquiring friends.

I have no especial news. a part of our legislature are sitting at Lawrence and a fragment at Le Compton of the Republicans adjourned to Lawrence the Gov. the visited the adjournment and they proposed it over his head by a two thirds vote while a portion of the democrats was absent the democratic rump still remain in Le Compton, but not enough to make quorum. I believe this is enough Report at Lawrence to pass bills I believe there is enough Report at Lawrence to pass bills by a 2/3 majority if so old James Signature will not be necessary. I send you a paper write on receipt.

Ever yours
E. C. Stout

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