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INTRODUCTION

Letters written by Brouster to his family in St. Louis County, MO, while on an overland trip to the California gold fields in 1850 and while mining for gold in various parts of California.

Trip from home to St. Joseph, Missouri, via Jefferson City, Boonville, and Lexington; high prices and large number of California-bound men in St. Joseph; trip from St. Joseph to Fort Laramie, with description of prairie and Iowa and Sioux Indians; trip from Fort Laramie to California, with description of Salt Lake City and Mormons; mention of other St. Louis Countians in the area; explanation of various methods of mining; uncertainty of mining and discouragement of many; prices in California; prevalence of stealing; hopes of returning home. Included are two poems about the gold rush.

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