

*[Letter from Llewellyn Drinkwater to Olive Knight; Llewellyn is ill and is in Hot Springs to try and get better; he is married to Nellie Knight, Arno's youngest sister]*

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Dear Sister:

I received your long looked for letter today. And I will be prompt in answering to it. Although I have written three letters today I think I can stand one more. Last night and today have been the coldest yet this winter. But we would not call it cold north but it is as cold as I want to see while I am taking hot baths. I don't bathe any cold or rainy days in fact I have only taken a few baths for the last month untill lately now I bathe every pleasant day. I am slowly getting over my lameness I gained fast for a spell after I stopped bathing. As every one does if they are benefitted at all. While one is bathing if there is any rheumatis about them they are sore as a boil all over. I think I have got the best Dr. there is in the country for a case like mine. My trouble is rheumatic Arthritis and cronic at that. And if I am cured at all it will be my persistent bathing and the best medical treatment combined. I follow his directions in all things. I saw him yesterday. He thinks I am doing well. But I cant stay here as long as he thinks I aught to. I cant tell how long I will be here but I want to take a good many baths before I leave. It will depend upon what kind of weather we have if good I shall bathe every day and do my picking up after I leave. I shall go to Fort Payne on my way home but staying here so long will prevent me earning any thing there. I hear from Will Pierce often. He is very anxious for me to come there to settle. We have a good pleasant room and lots of sunlight. It has cost me 150 dollars since I started out. And I have been prudent and saving in every way. If I had a fortune and it was necessary I would give it all to be as well as I was two years ago. It is much easier to get sick than it is well as many find to there sorrow. Especially lots who come to Hot Springs. But I think if I ever get all right I will take better care of my self. And I want to charge you to take better care of yourself than you have in the past. I have lived in a town for three months that might be called one immense hosbittle. And I have had ample time to think seriously

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I have taken of my stomach is one direct cause of my being here. I have no doubt but what I inherited the germs of disease but proper care would have

warded it off for many years at least. Do not think I want to prove by writing as I do for I never was so much in earnest in my life. I believe and I believe if every one would do as well by himself as he knows how to there would be less sickness and suffering That is saying that the care

it is possible to arrange a diet for the human stomach so that with proper care and rest it would be impossible to have the rheumatiz

Well Dear Sister I will not write more now to you as I want to write Arno a few words write soon and write all the news.

Your Loving Brother Llewellyn.

Dear Brother:

I will write you a few lines before I put away my pen. I would like to know all the news about town as springs come about. What is the talk about town officers the next meeting is not far off. I shant be there to vote this spring in fact I probably will never vote in L. again but I feel an interest in what is going on just the same. If my vote was necessary to beat A.F. Hurd or A.A. Knight I would come all the way from Ark. to accomplish that little trick. Write me what the talk is and if court is the third Tues. in April or the first. I didn't know but what it might be my luck to be drawn on the Jury if it was the last of Apr. instead of the first I would be at home. But if it was the first of Apr. I should hardly be there unless it was a warm early spring. How is Bub [?]. And does he tell A.H. Miller how to vote on all the great questions that arises in the maine Lo [?]. If I had room and wasn't so sleepy I would tell you something about the poor collared man but I will give a history of them in my next. Please write soon and write lots as I have time to read all my letters. From your Loving brother Lew.