

*[Letter from Llewellyn Drinkwater to Arno Knight; Arno is working in Colorado]*

Lincolnville

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Dear friend Arno:

I received your welcome letter last night. And was very glad to hear from you. I had a reply to your last letter all written should have mailed it today. I will now write a good long one in reply to your last to. I have been very busy this fall, and a little neglectful or I should have answered your letter before. I wish you to believe that that is the reason I did not write. Not that I did not wish to hear from you. I will try and do better in the future.

I am glad Ernest has left the mountains, and got business in town. I sincerely hope he will prosper beyond his expectations. I think he is deserving of success. I wrote him Friday and shall write again to day.

As for your friends getting up a subscription for you perhaps they ment well enough. But I think they did rong in starting any thing of the kind without your consent. I did not like the idea when I herd of it but knew you would put a stop to it when you herd of it. We have not been out in company but we have herd it thrown up, not by decent people of coarse but by all the gossiping old hags of Lincolnville and by some that were not so old. I feel as though I would like to read a part of your letter to them and see what they thought of it. As for you we understand your situation. Cruel misfortune has met you on every hand. I for one admire your courage and persever and surmounting your misfortunes. God grant that your train of misfortunes is exosted and that providence holds for you (in the future) good health and good luck. And may you in the near future be the possessor of property and comfort. You do not say how you are get along whither you are able to walk or not I should be pleased to know.

Before this reaches you, you will probably hear of your sisters marriage. She was married one week ago today. I was very much surprised when I herd of it. I think it will be a surprise to every one.

Well you have lost one sister haven't you. It wouldn't be surprising if I lost one in the same way before long. Well my best wishes for your sister are that She will be happy!

Old Monterey still survives and flourishes to I begin to think that it is one of those situations that never dies.

They have reorganized the grange and taken in some new members.

You say you have written three letters to Olive without receiveing a reply. Perhaps her reason is similar to mine lack of time and neglect Write soon. Your truly

L.W. Drinkwater