

Dear Papa

Both your letters also the will and codicil arrived safely and I am very much ashamed of myself for not having written you sooner, but somehow or other do not seem to have been able to accomplish very much in that line.

Have been away from Wellsville almost continually for the last month so that in fact I almost feel a stranger here. As we have shops and men scattered over a distance of two hundred miles it takes a good deal of travelling [sic] to visit them all occasionally [sic].

Suppose you know that you have a granddaughter. Had a note from Jim some time ago announcing the fact and saying that every one [sic] was getting along nicely. We havent [sic] heard yet what her name is but am feeling very much puffed up at the idea of being uncles.

Expect to run in to New York next Saturday and stay over Sunday with Jean and Rob and incidentally do some spring shopping.

Spring is here at last and a person can go out of doors without an overcoat and still not freeze which is very much appreciated by us all. The birds are here too and the leaves showing some signs of opening so that we feel winter is over. It has not been nearly as sever as the previous one but it has been bad enough.

Matters in the railroad have been going along very smoothly and I believe that we are commencing the busy season which are the months during which the great lakes are navigable, with the locomotives and such portions of the equipment as I am responsible for in first class condition and better than they have been for several years.

Am sorry to hear that you have been having so much cold weather and snow, It must be particularly unpleasant in a semi tropical country where they are not prepared for it.

On account of Geo. Le Boutiller [sic] having been transferred in Cincinnati we expect to give up the house in which we have been living and try to find a half way [sic] more comfortable boarding here toward the end of the month. As there is only one fellow left besides myself it is rather expensive to run the place particularly as I am away fully half of the time.

Whichever one of the boys it was that wrote you about my shortage of hair must have exaggerated. I certainly have not as much as before the fever, but there is still plenty left and fully as much as the average citizen [comes ?]. Took dinner last Thursday evening with the doctor at the Mercy Hospital and saw a few familiar faced among the nurses. Your friend the "ex gyreur" who wrote you once or twice while I was sick appeared at the office here sometime ago as I assigned him to a certain department he "touched" me for five dollars as he claimed to be "dead broke" and that is the last I have seen or heard of him. Guess that I am pretty easy but I will know better next time.

No special news of any kind so good bye for the present.

Love to Margaret and yourself.

Affectionately

Will

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