



## WIFE SUES IS OWN DIVORCE LAWYER

### Husband, Attorney, too, Pleads His Side.

## LITIGANTS WED 30 YEARS AGO

### W. A. Leet, Plaintiff, and Spouse Are Grandparents.

## MAN OFFERS WOMAN ALL

### Portland Portia Professes Love for Mate, Who Says Home Life Is Unbearable—Novel Case Is Under Adjudication.

Married 30 years and professing love for her husband, Mrs. Catherine Leet, an attorney and wife of an attorney, pleaded her own case yesterday in the divorce court.

Adding further novelty to the case Attorney W. A. Leet, the husband suing to sever his marriage ties, offers to give his wife every cent of his money, every inch of his property if a divorce decree is granted. The litigants are grandparents, their daughter's son being 7 years old.

Mrs. Leet filed all the legal documents in her defense and signed them as her own attorney.

The Leets were married in Ovid, Mich., in 1880. The husband testified yesterday that his home has become so unbearable that he has been compelled to leave it and live elsewhere, pending the settlement of the divorce proceedings. Judge Cleland, after listening to the evidence, took the case under advisement.

### Couple Had Only Quarrels.

In the testimony submitted yesterday there was nothing to show that either the husband or the wife had done anything more seriously wrong than to quarrel with the other. The husband declared that his wife had accused him of being unfaithful to her, while she, in turn, declared that she had absolute faith in his moral character and did not believe that he had committed any wrong.

### LAD EATS CANDY; SLEEPS

#### Pendleton Boy in Comatose Condition Four Days; Puzzles Doctors.

PENDLETON, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Local physicians are baffled by the case of George Moran, the 4-year-old son of O. R. & N. Section Foreman M. Moran, of this city. The boy was given a quantity of candy by a friend Sunday and has been in a sound sleep or comatose condition since eating it.

Physicians have been able sufficient to administer medicine, but after four days he seems no nearer an awakening than he was at the beginning. Other than to say that the "sleeping sickness" was caused by the poison in the candy, the doctors are unable to make satisfactory explanation.

## ROUTE IN AIR ESTABLISHED

### Dirigible Balloon Will Carry People Regularly From Munich.

MUNICH, Bavaria, March 9.—The first regular air navigation service in Europe will be inaugurated on May 15. Regular trips will be made from this city alternately to Stranberg and Oberammergau. A dirigible balloon of the Passau type and driven by two motors of 100-horsepower each will be used.

## BABIES EAGERLY CLAIMED

### Carload of New York Orphans Welcomed in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—This was the day they came home. A carload of little tots arrived today from New York, with a group of orphan asylums, with an eager crowd of claimants awaiting their arrival.

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## BATTLESHIPS SHOW SPEED

### Some Faster After Years' Service Than on First Trial.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Admiral Schreeder has pleased the Naval officials by a report on the trials of the battleships completed since the death of Guantanamo. The remarkable showing was made that ships 11 years old, like the Wisconsin, were capable of exceeding their contract speed, which is regarded as a high testimonial to the efficiency of the engineer forces and to the care taken of the machinery.

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### FUGITIVE FROM CALDWELL, DRUNK, SWAPS COAT.

### Wife of Companion Finds Baker City Girl's Missive Referring to Flight—Arrest Follows.

COLUMA, Cal., March 9.—(Special.)—A letter written by Miss Ruth Hemple, of Baker City, Or., to her brother enclosing \$50 for him to use in paying justice by fleeing to Central America, was discovered for embelishment or forgery committed in Caldwell, Idaho, was the cause of landing the brother in prison here to await the arrival of a warrant from Idaho. However, it was the brother's fault.

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### \$10.675 a Hundredweight Chicago Price, Lambs \$9.65, Cattle Jump.

CHICAGO, March 9.—(Special.)—Not since the cow jumped over the moon have Chicago stockyards known such high prices as developed today. Hogs indulged in their daily flight and made a new record. Cattle sold to 10 cents and 15 cents; sheep did likewise, while lambs did a bit of record making themselves, touching \$9.65.

## EXILE SYSTEM CURTAILED

### Duma Cuts Down Appropriation for Administration.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—The budget committee of the Duma has struck at the root of the system of Siberian exile by cutting the appropriation for the administration of the system to \$4,500.

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## BURKHARDT FALLS WITH AEROPLANE

### PORTLAND AVIATOR, HOWEVER, ESCAPES INJURY AT ALBANY.

### Inspired by Hamilton's Performances Here, Inventor Flies, Only to Drop Thirty Feet.

ALBANY, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—After testing the engine of his machine on a run of ground runs the past two days, John C. Burkhardt, of Portland, today attempted flight, the machine rising to a height of 30 feet, when it careened and fell on its side, breaking one runner, Burkhardt escaped injury.

## MACON QUESTIONS PEARY'S PROOFS

### Sub-Committee Votes to Deny Reward.

### SUDDEN SPEED SUSPICIOUS

### Greatest Marches, Singularly, Made After Bartlett Left.

### SHACKLETON IS QUOTED

### Inference Given That 26 Miles a Day, Reported by Explorer, Exceeds Limit of Human Endurance in Polar Region.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—By substantially a unanimous vote today, the subcommittee of the House committee on naval affairs decided against bestowing a substantial reward upon Commander Robert E. Peary until he has submitted openly proofs that he reached the North Pole.

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