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The Famous Organ Suits.
The suits brought by Messrs Dorrance and Wiest against a number of people who participated in or were spectators of the trials of those gentlemen for taking and carrying away the organ from the schoolhouse last winter had a troublous career in district court this week. The defendants are very numerous and included several who were not even distantly connected with the matter. The cases met difficulties in court from the start. Mr. W. A. Bell appeared for the defendants and demurred to the complaints on the ground that if they were true no judgment could be recovered on them. This view the court sustained and the complaints were held bad. The plaintiffs then amended their complaints but the court also held the amended complaints bad. In order to stay in court and have law suits on their hands the plaintiffs again amended and to this complaint the defendants resolved to answer, although it is little different from the first statement of grievances. The whole thing is rather amusing than otherwise, and the defendants are now resolved to fight the matter on its merits, which from all appearances will be in no wise hard to do. In the organ case the plaintiffs got a disagreement once, and two verdicts were rendered, one binding them guilty as charged and the other acquitting them, but stipulating the return of the property alleged in the criminal complaint to have been stolen. Taking into consideration all the circumstances, including the bringing in of defendants whom plaintiffs had every reason to believe took no part in the criminal trial, the suits are just attempts to intimidate the community in general. If such is the case a real good tryout in court is the proper solution. The cases have been the standing joke of the county for months.

Mysterious Withdrawal.
The government's purpose in withdrawing from entry a tract of land in northern Lake county is a subject of speculation. The land is said to be sagebrush land, much of it being covered with an exceedingly heavy growth of tall brush. Water can be obtained by digging several feet in the location. Those who are familiar with the agricultural possibilities of lands bearing a rank growth of sagebrush say that grain and hay could be raised on the land without irrigation. Its isolation has been the only reason why this land has not been taken up for farming purposes. The intention of the government in making withdrawal is not apparent. As the land has no timber, it is believed by some that it has been applied for under the Carey act for irrigation.

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They All Attended.
A lover of trouble from this place wrote to the district attorney for this district and informed him that during the melee at the "organ" trial last winter a knife had been used to commit an assault. The county authorities were convinced that there was no truth in the statement but complied with the order of the district attorney that an investigation be made. A number of witnesses were summoned to the county seat and examined before the grand jury. It was clearly established that no weapon had been used on that occasion and the district attorney was a good deal displeased that he had been so misled. The only result of the joker's statement to the authorities was that a large number of our citizens were on the county payroll for several days.

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An Interesting Article.
W. A. Laidlaw has an article in the May number of the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin in which he gives some very interesting statistics concerning the results of irrigation in the United States. Among other things he says:
On the authority of the United States census for 1890, the important statement is made that there were in 1889 hardly more than 3,000,000 acres of land in the country which had felt the transforming touch of irrigation. Of these, a little more than a million acres were in California, while Colorado included 890,000 acres. The total value of these lands were placed at \$296,850,000, averaging \$83.28 per acre. The irrigated lands of Utah were valued at \$84.25 per acre, while those of the Golden State averaged \$150 per acre. The aggregate cost of the entire irrigated area reached the sum of \$77,490,000, and the net profit to the farm-

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ers and owners of the irrigation ditches was \$219,370,000. This enormous cost was due to an extensive system of pipes underground, tending toward a great economy of water usage and the prevention of loss by seepage. In some of the fruitgrowing districts of California water rights cost as much as \$500 per acre, though the average cost was \$39.28 per acre.

News of the Week.
Fifty men are now working on the railroad extension to Dufur and two more men will be at work within a few days.
Two carloads of Oregon horses are on their way to Japan for cavalry purposes. They were purchased by J. L. Barlow of Victoria, B. C. Prices were \$100 and upwards.

The Japs are poor horsemen and want none but the best horses.
Crook county has settled its state taxes with the state treasurer by the payment of \$15,925. This is the full taxes levied on the county for state purposes.
A Canning, a Crook county sheepman pleaded guilty to the charge of carelessly permitting fires in a forest reserve and was fined \$100, which he paid. This may cause Canning's permit to graze on the reserve to be revoked.
Lake county is gaining an undesirable reputation for lawlessness. A report states that a band of 2300 sheep was exterminated by a crowd of ten masked men. This is the second event of this kind to happen in that county within a short space of time.