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 Postoffice receipts for year ending
 November 30, 1911, show increase of 15
 per cent.

**PIANO RECITAL
 DELIGHTS AUDIENCE**

A brilliant piano recital was given in the Natatorium last evening by Olga Steeb, who is without question one of the very greatest musical artists who has visited the Pacific coast. Although but a bit more than a girl there is a maturity and repose, and a command of the resources of the instrument such as one could scarcely expect in a person twice her years. Her power is something extraordinary and the delicacy of her touch is just as surprising as her power. Besides these features there is the most marvelous certainty in her finger technique which is as swift as lightning, an authoritative style and a most remarkably music nature, all combining to give the listener a most delightful and thoroughly charming impression.

The program consisted of the Prelude and Fugue in E flat of Bach-Busoni which was read in magnificent style; a group of dainty pieces, the Paradise Toccata, the Hydantante with variations and the exquisite little Fairy Tale of Raff which made a most distinct hit with the audience; then came the big Tragic Sonata of MacDowell, receiving a most memorable performance, then the closing group, including the Etude in D flat and the Spasmo of Liszt and the famous Blue Danube Waltz of Strauss transcribed for the piano by Schulz-Evler.

COMMUNICATION.
 To the Editor: I think the stand taken by the Mail Tribune and Judge Ton Velle is a good one in regard to the extra school supervisors.

Of course it is out of the question for all people to look at any question the same. But, this is certainly one in which the taxpayers should sit up and take notice, and consider as to whether the benefit (if) is worth anything like the money expended.

For my part it is immaterial whether it costs \$1.75 or \$3.85 per capita to maintain the extra school supervisors. I don't consider it worth 10 cents per capita to instruct my children to seal their drinking cups in lye water for fear of swallowing a germ, and to place a slip of paper with their name on it, on their hat hook to insure hanging their hat always on the same hook, I presume for the same reason.

Or to wrangle with the school board to try and induce them to buy a set of pictures from him to hang in the school house.

The supervisor's diary published was a fair sample of the work being done, up this way.

The argument that the supervisors will so improve the rural school as to stop the drift of country children to town schools is too lame to stand alone; this trouble lies in the fact that in most rural schools they can only go to the eighth grade, consequently have to go to town or elsewhere to take up higher studies, and an extra supervisor for each district would not help this condition.

Until we get more high schools in the rural districts we can't expect anything else but to send the children to where they are.

D. W. STURESS.
 Beagie, Ore.

**John A. Perl
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 28 S. BARTLETT
 Phones M. 471 and 473
 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

ONE MILLION GOATS IN AMERICA

IN the current issue of Farm and Fireside appears a most interesting article about goats—an article full of facts about the commercial possibilities of raising these animals. There are a million Angora goats in America and yet we import annually over thirty per cent of the mohair used in our domestic manufactures. There is no reason why our farmers cannot maintain enough goats to supply our domestic trade with superior mohair. Especially favorable is southern Oregon to goat raising, especially in the outlying foothills. Following is an extract from the article:

"The banner goat farm of America is located in Texas, and numbers ten thousand head of grade and pure-bred Angoras. Last year the owner of this ranch realized a net profit of one dollar per animal from his flock. There are several other pretentious goat-farms throughout New Mexico, California and Oregon. The largest goat-ranch in the Mississippi valley has two thousand head, but the average flock in this country is from one hundred to five hundred animals.

"The custom is to shear the goats early in April. Ordinary hair sells for thirty-five to fifty-five cents a pound. This common grade of mohair, which commands no especially high price, is that whose length is less than twelve inches; the ordinary fleece of one year's growth measures about ten inches in length. The average mature doe will shear from six to nine pounds of mohair each year, while the full-grown buck will yield from ten to fifteen pounds. Previous to shearing, the flock is graded into classes of does, bucks, kids and wethers. The fleeces are marketed according to this classification. The American Angora Goat association maintains a special mohair warehouse in Boston, where the fleeces of practically all the Angoras in this country are marketed. At this depot the fleeces are carefully cleaned, regraded if necessary, and baled ready for consignment to the manufacturing plants, where the raw mohair is converted into clothing, rugs, book-bindings, shoes and gloves.

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**ONE-THIRD STATE
 IN FOREST RESERVE**

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—Nearly one-third of the total area of Oregon is included in forest reserves, according to figures compiled and made public by the secretary of state's office. There are 61,188,480 acres in the state, of which 16,023,420 are in forest reserves.

In all there are 18 forest reserves within the state, as follows:

Cascade, 1,097,700 acres; Crater, 7,919,400 acres; Deschutes, 942,020 acres; Fremont, 852,000 acres; Klamath, 9290 acres; Malheur, 1,262,840 acres; Minam, 448,230 acres; Ochoco, 819,050 acres; Oregon, 1,141,120 acres; Paulina, 1,333,260 acres; Santiam, 710,170 acres; Siskiyou, 1,87,990 acres; Siuslaw, 821,000 acres; Umatilla, 566,920 acres; Umpqua, 1,195,440 acres; Willowa, 1,097,670 acres; Wenaha, 472,000 acres; Wiltman, 949,230 acres.

**CALIFORNIA SOLONS WANT
 GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH**

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 25.—The California assembly went on record today as favoring the establishment of a government owned postal telegraph system to be operated in connection with the mail service, when it adopted a joint resolution requesting congress to enact such legislation.

The memorial sets forth that the government could undoubtedly operate a public telegraph service at rates considerably below those charged by private corporations, as well as provide better facilities.

**TO LECTURE ON
 POULTRY RAISING**

Prof. James Dryden, head of the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college, will visit Medford during the next few days and give an illustrated lecture on poultry raising.

At the State fair next fall there will be a fine list of prizes on poultry. The classification in this department will be much larger than last year, prizes being given practically on all the leading standard breeds. A large number of these prizes are pure bred poultry donated by the best poultry fanciers of the state, and will afford a splendid opportunity for school children to get a start in the poultry business.

In connection with his lecture, Prof. Dryden has a fine collection of stereopticon views which makes this lecture very interesting and instructive.

**MANY STATES MAY LOSE
 VOTE FOR PRESIDENT**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico and North Dakota today stand a chance of not having their presidential votes counted when congress officially declares Woodrow Wilson elected president of the United States. Unless the messengers from these states bearing the official count of votes for presidential electors arrive before Monday they will not be considered.

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**SLIDES HIT RAILROADS
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NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 25.—After three weeks of the heaviest snow fall in years in the Yakima and Kittitas valleys and the entire east slope of the Cascades, this valley was struck today by a Chinook, which is taking the snow off the levels and starting slides on all three of the railroads crossing the Cascades.

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