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ent time the appointment of a "farm superintendent at Washington, has some reason to believe that the man who understands farming both in theory and practice.

ESPERANTO AT THE UNIVERSITY.
The proposal to install a course in Esperanto at the State University cannot be regarded with very much enthusiasm. The new language is not in itself well adapted for scholastic and educational purposes. Such literature as it possesses is infantile in quality. To be sure, it has translations of some good pieces, but we are convinced that nobody who has perused them in Esperanto ever desires to repeat the sad experience. Its vocabulary is limited and barbarous.

DRY DOCK RATES.
The drastic cut in drydock rates made by the Port of Portland, ought to attract considerable shipping to the port. The new rates are so much lower than those of any other port that there should now be sufficient business to keep the dock busy all the time. Naturally there will be very little profit in operating the dock at the new rates, but it should be remembered that the dock was not built for profit-making. It was built as a necessary adjunct to other port improvements undertaken by the Port of Portland for the exclusive purpose of making this an attractive port for shipping.

UNITING THE FRUITGROWERS.
The orchardists who have met in Portland for the purpose of uniting their various associations in harmonious effort have undertaken a great and beneficial task. The immediate aim of these enlightened producers is to solve the universal language in which they are confronted with what appears to be the danger of over-production. They understand that the danger is more imaginary than real. The market would absorb all the fruit that can be produced and a good deal more if it were properly marketed.

RAILROAD SECURITIES.
The railroad commission is asking for more power to be used in part for "control of the issuance of stocks, bonds and other securities of public service corporations in the interest of the public and the investors therein."

RECORD FOREIGN TRADE.
Foreign trade for the year 1910 established a new record, the total value of exports and imports being \$4,427,218,832. This record, however, was accomplished by imports; the exports fell slightly below the total for 1907, when the figures were \$1,923,426,203 compared with \$1,864,411,370 for the year just closed.

CHARITY AND INEXCUSABLE THEFT.
A few days ago a sentence of 90 days' imprisonment was imposed in the Municipal Court on a young man, whose uncle is the head of a bank in Eugene, Oregon, and who holds a prominent position in a large mining company in Montana.

GOVERNMENT FARMERS.
The appointment of John P. Irish, of Klamath Falls, to be farm superintendent of the Department of Agriculture recalls a name once mighty in the annals of the state. Irish was the first of the "farmers" who were appointed to the position in 1889.

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