Home Course In Modern Agriculture

IV. - Water In Its Relation to Plant Growth By C. V. GREGORY, Africultural Division, lowa State College Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association

YE have already learned something of the value of water as a plant food. This is only one of its minor uses, In addition to the water which is decomposed by the plant and used in making starch and other products, many times as much is used for other purposes. One of the principal of these is dissolving plant food and carrying it upward to the leaves. After reaching the leaves most of the water is evaporated, leaving in the leaf cells the materials which it brought

The cells of which the leaves are made are very delicate and depend for is seriously checked.

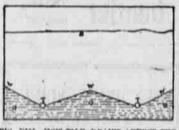
their stiffness on the water which they contain. Without this water they would collapse in the same way a bicycle tire does when the air is let out. This is the very thing that happens when the leaves wilt. The rise of water from the roots has been checked in some way, and as evaporation still continues the leaf cells become partly emptied and shrink up.

The leaves are not entirely helpless at such a time, however. On each side of the tiny pores on the underside of the leaf is a cell known as a guard cell. When the supply of moisture begins to fall, these guard cells shrink up and in doing so close the openings, thus checking evaporation. In some plants, like corn, the leaves curl up at such a time, thus still further, lessening the rate of evaporation. Of course when a leaf is wilted in this manner the work of building up plant tissues is seriously checked. This often happens during the dry weather of July and August, when the soll becomes so dry that the roots have difficulty in obtaining the needed moisture. The checking of development which results often reduces the yield of corn as much as twenty to thirty bushels per acre and that of other crops in proportion. For every pound of dry matter in a mature plant from 300 to 500 pounds of water have been brought up by the roots and evaporated from the leaves. One of the most important factors in the production of maximum crop is the maintenance of a plentiful water supply within easy reach of the roots.

There are three classes of water in the soil. The first is known as ground water and is that water which collects in a hole dug in a wet soil or runs off through the tile in drained land. The second is the capillary water and is that which is left between the soil particles after the ground water has been drawn off. The ground water is affected by gravitation, while the capillary water is

If a sample of soil that looks perfectly dry is placed in an oven and heated for some time it will be found that is has lost considerably in weight, owing to moisture being driven off. This is the third class, or hydroscopic course, is of no value to the plant, since the roots cannot extract moisture from an air dry soil. Neither can they use the ground water. This is really a damage in the upper two or three feet of soil, since it so fills the spaces that

the roots cannot get enough air. During a rain the ground water passing through the soil draws considerable air with it. As soon as the



PIG. VIII-HOW TILE DRAINS APPROT THE WATER TABLE. [S, surface of the ground; W, water ta-ble; G, ground water; T, tile drains.]

soll becomes saturated, however, sothat the water is no longer moving, tiling to a contractor rather than to atthe air soon becomes used up, and the tempt to do it yourself. There are recrop will turn yellow and cease to liable thers in almost every locality grow. The remedy, of course, is to who can be depended upon to lay the provide drains to remove the ground tile to grade and do a first class job in water quickly.

roots can use is the capillary water. for a lifetime or longer if properly put When this is present in the right in. When the go within fifteen or amount, it fills about half of the twenty feet of trees the joints should spaces between the soil particles. The be cemented. Otherwise the tree roots the rest are filled with air. The water | will find their way through the joints easily dissolves plant food from the and fill up the crains to such an extent soil grains which it surrounds. Thus that the flow of water will be cut off. the two essentials for rapid root de- The most important part of a drainvelopment, air and plant food, are age system is the outlet. The tile present in the proper amounts and in should empty into a stream if possible. more is brought up by capillarity from | be avoided, as this cheeks the current the supply in the subsoil in the man- and causes the drain to partly fill up ner noted in article No. 2.

The place where the capillary water joins the ground water is called the as fist as it is used by the roots.

In dry weather the water table lowers rapidly, but the roots are also The greatest damage from drought warming of the soil in the spring.



comes when a sudden dry period follows a few weeks of excessive rainfall. The abundance of moisture during the early part of the season has kept the plants from sending their roots down very deep. When dry weather does come, the soil bakes and cracks and evaporation goes on very rapidly. This, together with the demands made by the plants, lowers the water table so rapidly that root growth cannot keep pace with it. As a result the capillary moisture within reach of the roots is not replaced as fast as it

Fields with a clay subsoil withstand dry weather much better than those with a subsoil of sand or gravel. The latter, because of their looser texture,



FIG. IX-COVERING THE TILE DITCH. allow the water to filter down out of

the rain has fallen, however, it belongs to him to do with as he sees fit. The way be handles it from this time on determines to a large extent the size of the crop he will harvest when fall comes

The first problem is to get rid of the surplus ground water quickly, and the second is to waste as little of the capillary water as possible. An endeavor should be made to lower the water table to three or four feet below the surface as soon as possible after each rain. If this can be accomplished in two or three days the growth of the crop will be interfered with very little. A few soils are so well drained naturally that little artificial drainage

is necessary. On almost any farm there are hills and ridges where the natural drainage is sufficient. The hollows between these elevations, however, and all the flat fields will yield much larger crops if tiled.

The distance a line of tile will "draw" is in sandy soils often as far as 100 feet on each side, while in heavy clay soils it may not be more than sixteen feet. This distance is also affected by the depth of the tile. The deeper they CANBY, - are placed the farther they will draw Tile are usually placed at an average depth of about three feet, though in many instances four would be better. The extra cost of digging the ditch a foot deeper is something of an objection, but is balanced by the fact that the lines of the do not need to be as close together. Deep tile are not as easily displaced by freezing, and a deeper feeding ground for the roots is

provided. A mistake made more frequently than that of not putting the drains in deep enough is that of using too small The character of the soil, the fall and the amount of surface drained are the factors which largely determine the proper size to use. Almost every book or bulletin of tile drainage gives tables for figuring the size of tile required under various conditions. If there is any doubt it always pays to get a size too large rather than a size too small, even if the cost is a little

more, It is usually better to let the job of every particular. Only the hard burn-The only kind of water which the ed tile should be used. These will last

a readily available form. As fast as Water should not be allowed to stand the water is taken up by the roots over the mouth of the outlet if it can with siit, thus reducing its capacity just that much.

With a therough system of tile drainwater table. If this water table is age in good working order the problem too high, the feeding ground of the of getting rid of surplus water is roots is greatly restricted, since they solved. Tiling also helps to solve the cannot go below it. If, on the other problem of lack of water. The roots hand, the water fable is too deep, go down so much deeper in a tiled capfliarity cannot bring the water up soil that they are in position to withstand a drought better than if they were a foot or two farther above the water table. Removing the surplus growing downward at the same time, water by drainage also hastens the

,Twas a Glorious Victory.

There's rejoicing in Fedoria, Tenn. man's life has been saved, and new Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper of deadly long hemorrhages. "I could not walk or get about." he writes, and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore diseased lungs, Coughs, Colds, Hemorrhages, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Asthama or any Bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50e and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by Jones Drug Co.

Mrs. Martin returned home from traveling and sight-seeing.
cMinnville and Ogwego Friday, Wallace Woodcox was an Oregon

Mrs. Martin returned and Onwego Friday, Wallace Woodcox was an Orogon McMinnville and Onwego Friday, City visitor Monday, where she had been for some time. City visitor Monday, Charles Bradtl, Joe Beveik and Charles Bradtle Bradtle

Portland the first of the week. Saturday evening while Mr. and money.

Mrs. Ed Bradti were at the latter's Mr. nearly every drawer in the house was birthday, gone through. Nothing was taken ex. Mrs. Henge, nee Mlss Daisy Phelps, cept a bracelet. It is probable that well-known here, died at the home the thieves were frightened and the of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps bracelet was thrown away as it was found by Arthur Seaton. Mrs. Bradti tain View cemetery on Sunday afterwas told who found it and described noon.

ver Sunday William Gilmore left Monday for Washington, where he expects to pend the summer.

Victor Carothers assisted by some men of Barton, shipped a car load flome of Mr. Hanson on the 4th inst. of ties from New Era Monday. Grandpa Kyle is wearing a 10x12 is used, and the growth of the plants Mrs. Stillwell went to Portland smile nowadays.

Tuesday and expects to spend a few Elmer Veteto is ceiling the inter-

Ruby Smith was an Oregon City initor Sunday.

Woodburn visitors Saturday and Sunday, and while they were gone they had visitors. On Saturday evening some one broke into the house and turned things up-side down but did not take anything.

Robert Coe, of Portland, was in overhead in the churc Canby on Sunday and took his famvisiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Coe. Everything is in readiness for the Poultry show to be given in the Knight building opposite the depot, under the auspices of the Clackamas and Marlon County Association. An admission of 15 cents will be charged for adults, and 10 cents for children. Premiums and ribbons will be awarded by the Judge, Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, on Friday morning.

Mark Robbins has returned from allow the water to filter down out of reach instead of retaining it for future use, as do the clay soils.

The farmer cannot influence the amount of rainfall, of course. After property in Canby and use the race track on the fair grounds. Before going to Arizona he owned a farm at Marquam, but disposed of that before leaving.

George Knight went to Portland on usiness Tuesday.

G. W. Kesselring and R. S. Coe place this week.

ere among the Oregon City visitors C. N. Wait was in Oregon City on for the year. business trip Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. Kocher were in

Portland on Tuesday. Millard Lee, the promoter of the Canby Canal Company made a busi-ness trip to Oregon City Tuesday.

Notice. Beginning February 1, 1909, the Pho-C. W. DAMM, Canby, Oregon.

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**CANBY. visitor Tuesday.
Robert J. Brown has sold his 279
acre farm to a Mr. Riverman, recently the dance Saturday evening out near from California for \$20,000 cash.

James Adkins' mill. Robert will spend considerable time

Frank Wirfs attended the shooting Mr. Wang made a business trip to match at Hubbard Sunday and came home with five geese and some pot

Mr. and Mrs. Pagel, of Portland, parents home for supper, their house Mr. and Mrs. August Bremer of Needy was broken into. The intruders and others gave Mr. August Bremer climbed through the back window and Sr., a surprise Sunday in honor of his

E. Davenport visited his parents ing a wire partition fence between their farms.

A sneak thief stole some tools, from the Japs that are cutting wood for Herman Mader recently. A bouncing boy arrived at the

for of the W. C. T. U. hall. Mrs. Kate Schaver and her brother Martin Stauber, left Tuesday for Che-

Several from here attended the bas | Willamette Hall, ket social at Central Point church last Priday and report a splendid time, with the exception of a shortage of coffee, as a pot of coffee was press-ed into service as a fire extinguisher

overhead in the church. No damage dental work done in Oregon City.
Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts, of Milwankee, are visiting the latter's par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McArthur, this

Hobert Eastman, of Firwood, was een on our streets last Friday. Ernest Criteser was in Oreogn City Tuesday on business.

J. L. Hoffman went down to War-

renton last week to look at a span of horses that was offered for sale, but did not buy. Charles Bradtl wants to buy a good

BARLOW.

James Erickson has bought 37 acres of Jake Reuck's farm, including the

Fred Armstrong left Wednesday for Eastern Oregon, where he will remain Will Jesse and wife, of Pullman,

Wash, arrived in Barlow, Tuesday evening to visit Will's parents. The Synod Lutheran Ladles' Aid meets with Mrs. Ekern Wednesday.

The Busy Bee Sewing Society met with Miss Cora Berg February 4. Mr. Rymerson has traded his farm for a store in Pendleton, and extograph Studio will be open daily expects to leave Barlow with his fam-cept Tuesday and Thursday of each ily in about two weeks. We wish Mr. Rymerson success, but are sorry to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Erickson were Oregon City visitors Tuesday.

Miss Laura Ekern, of Oreogn City, the right prices, came home Friday, returning Sunday. C. G. Tull, Henry Gilbertson and Bernard Berg, were visiting in Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Lindahl, of Woodburn, was visiting Mrs. Quint Sunday, Mrs. An-

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the choice of any mens' or young mens' \$5.00 pure worsted pants.

the choice of any mens' or young men's \$4 cordurey, peg-top pants.

the choice of any mens' or young mens' \$4.00 worsted or cassi-

WIND UP

Canby and Southern Clackamas na B. Wooster also visited Mrs. Quint one day last week.

Mrs. Sheppard and daughter Bessle, are visiting relatives in Oregon City

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Mrs. Quint's daughter, Mrs. Chase and granddaughter, Mrs. Correll, enuntered a very severe storm before they arrived home. The wind blew so Dregon Lawmakers in Session hard going from Omaha, Neb., to Sloux City, lows, that it rocked the train, and they expected every mo-ment to be blown over. They were hadly scared and probably thought that Oregon is not the worst place in the world. They at last arrived home safe. Mrs. Quint had not seen her FEW MEASURES ARE PASSED daughter for ten years and Mrs. Irwin had not met her sister for 17

Charles Harding made a business trip to Portland Tuesday, D. O. Freeman made a business trip o Salem last week.

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> Bishop Scadding's Lectures to Begin Scadding, which was postponed on United States senator, little or nothaccount of the severe storm in January will begin next week. The first lecture will be given Monday evening, has been accomplished. Practically February 15; the second on Tuesday the only legislation the two houses

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Mrs. Burgoyne and daughter Carrie are visiting in Portland this week.

Miss Lilah Dustin is having some dental work done in Oregon City.

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Salem, Feb. 9 .- The legislature Next Monday.

The course of lectures by Bishop but, aside from the election of a ing of real importance to the state Martin Stander, left Thomas for the Stander, left Thomas for Coleman was a Canby visitor halfs. Wash, where the former will evening, February 16, and the third seem to have interested themselves fonday. The lectures will all be given at grab" bills. These salary grabs have affected only counties, however, and have not dipped into the state treas-

One very apparent reason why the house does not accomplish much is the inclination of so many members to stand in the limelight and talk on, all measures. If some method could be devised to apply a little gag rule and stop the constant flow of words among young children, but is pleasant business might be expedited.

and safe for them to take. For sale In the senate the number

In the senate the number of orators seems to be more limited. The motion for the "previous question," which shuts off debate, is made fre-January 1, one light Jersey yearling quently, and this enables the senate to keep up with its work. Bacept shoulder, some white on left flank. while the proportional representa-Reward for information leading to tional bill was being killed and the return. Phone Pacific Farmers 63. governor's vetoes discussed, the flow of oratory has been about normal

The session will close February 20, so but ten working days remain. Much, however, may be accomplished in the remaining days of the session if both houses get down to systematic business-like methods and eliminate the oratory.

Few Bills Are Passed.

Besides the "salary grab" bills a small number of unimportant ones | relieve the congestion in the supreme have been passed by the house and senate and a few measures of real consequence have passed one body, but not the other. The bill to abolish compulsory pilotage at the mouth | its present form. This is their only of the Columbia river has got through the house, but has not reached the senate. This will meet little or no opposition in the upper The measure is backed by body. the Portland Chamber of Commerce money and we are doing it. You are The bill to create ports has passed certain to get what you want here at and the free-lock bill will be with amendments.

The water code, one of the big measures, is fought by the corporations, although it is reported a tentative agreement has been reached of the railroad commission to street railways; the bill compelling railroads to connect with industry switches and the bill declaring longdistance telephone companies common carriers and compelling them to give service to local independent companies. There is a measure taxing the gross earnings of railroads, and another providing for a constitutional convention, neither of which have received full action. The fish legislation for the Columbia will probably mass, despite the lobby which will fight it.

Tax on Railroad Earnings.

Railroad legislation is becoming more prominent during the past few A piece of legislation to make E. H. Harriman, and other raliroad Interests, sit up and notice Oregon, has appeared in the legislature. A bill has been introduced in the house which proposes a tax of 1 per cent on the gross earnings of all railroads in Oregon on the business done within the state. It is, with the exception of the amendment to the inheritance tax law, the first substantial attempt to raise new revenue for the state. Revenue-producing measures rarely receive as much consideration as appropriation bills.

The bill follows closely the law in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Minnesota, Vermont, Maine, Maryland and Ohio.

In view of the statutes in Eastern states, where similar laws are enforced, and a late decision of our supreme court upholding the law taxing the earnings of telegraph and telephone companies, there is very little doubt but that the proposed law would be held constitutional.

There are two sections of particular interest in the bill. The first imposes the tax, or license fee, and the second is the definition of what constitutes a railroad corporation, and, therefore, is liable to the taxation under the act.

State May Build Railroads.

Another bill said to be aimed at Harriman is a proposed constitutional amendment and bill introduced by Speaker McArthur, authorfring construction of new railroads by the state and its credit, or by

Concert and Dance.

The "Concert Band," an organization of Oregon City music lovers, has cards out for its first concert and ball to be given on Tuesday evening, February 23, at the armory hall for the grand march will start at 9:30.

The committee in charge consists of Dr. Clyde Mount, E. G. Roberts, B. any county or city or district the legislature may create. This comes near being government ownership,

inasmuch as it is state ownership. The constitutional amendment is to be submitted to the people in November, 1910, so as to remove present prohibitions against the state's aiding any railroad through state The bill creates a "commission of highways" of nine members, appointed by the governor, to prepare a plan of railroad construction, ownership, operation and financing, so as to supply the state with railroads where Harriman and other railroad magnates have failed to build. The commission is to report to the governor and the next legislature. The bill appropriates \$5000 for the work of the commission,

The conflicting interests that have been at war over the question of water legislation have reached a practical agreement, and it is expected that the conservation commission's bill, with a few amendments, will be passed. Upon the proposition that there must be legislation there was no discussion.

While the owners of power plants and the commission have not finally agreed upon one section of the bill, that protecting vested rights, it was said that there is no doubt that an agreement will be reached. This section will define vested rights so as to protect the use of water where already put to beneficial use by riparian owners or lessees, or where riparian owners or leusees are proceeding in good faith to develop their powers, or where appropriators are proceeding in good faith to put the water to beneficial use.

It is stated from what seems an authoritative source that Governor Chamberlain will take steps to help the passage of the water code if the legislature should seem unwilling to pass it, and this, it is thought, had an effect in bringing the conflicting interests together.

Justice Bill May Fail.

It is very evident that the bill increasing the number of justices of the supreme court to five will have hard sledding, especially if an attempt is made to rush it through with an emergency clause, which would prevent the use of the referendum on the measure.

One thing which complicates the situation is the fact that the people of Oregon declared themselves by a large majority against increasing the number of justices.

It is the early expiration of the official life of the two supreme court commissioners, appointed in 1907 to court, which is made by the proponents of the emergency clause on the bill their chief argument for sending it through both houses in substantial argument for doing something which the people have said they do not want, and for doing it in such a manner that the people will have nothing to say about it.

Call for Money Appalling.

The ways and means committees are appalled by the enormous call for appropriations. Senate appro priation bills aggregate \$1,200,00 and house bills \$1,800,000, while by the conflicting interests Other budget amounts to \$3,400,000. The big measures are extending power total of all cash calls is \$5,500,000. the secretary of state's recommended making allowance for fuplications of the house, the senate and the secretary of state.

The largest single item is an estimated \$600,000 for Johnson's road bill. The committees have hardly yet got down to the meat of the subject. They have been devoting their time mostly to necessary items for state departments and institu-

Anti-Statement Measure Killed

After two hours' debate, the antistatement bill, introduced by Representatives Brooke and Bean, failed to pass the house by a vote of 27 to 32, one absent.

With the exception of Brady and Richardson, the 25 Statement Republican members voted with the seven Democrats against the bill. The opposition was further strengthened by Farrel and Leinenweber, unpledged representatives. The other 25 anti-Statement Republicans voted solidly for the bill which made it a misdemeanor for any candidate for office to make a pre-election pledge, the performance of which would be in violation of the state or federal constitutions

Flat Salary for State Printer.

Threatened punishment of State Printer Duniway by the anti-Statement forces in the legislature for his Statement One activity, made its appearance in the house when Representative Bean introduced a bill placing the state printer on a flat salary.

The bill provides that a state printing board shall be created, consisting of the governor, state treasurer and chief justice of the supreme court, which shall serve without additional compensation.

Provision is made in the bill by which the present incumbent of this office shall, after July 1, next, receive a salary of \$4000 per annum in full payment of his services during the remainder of the term to which he has been elected.

After a spirited debate the bill was referred to the judiciary committee, the revision of laws committee and the printing committee, shting jointly, with instructions to present a report to the house.

Tom Trembath Candidate for Assistant Fire Chief.

The Columbia Hook & Ladder Company met at its headquarters on Friday evening, and after business of benefit of McLoughlin Institute. In importance was brought up for disaddition to the works of the masters cussion, the nomination for an assistby the band, several vocal numbers ant fire chief was taken up. Tom by local talent will be rendered. The Trembath was nominated. The election, which takes place on the first Monday in March, promises to be lively.

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