

SAVING OF \$775,000 STATE DRAFTED

Mr. Kozier Points Out Ways to Reduce Expenses.

ECONOMIES ARE ADVISED

Elimination of One-fourth Mill Road Levy and Cutting State Aid Tax Are Suggested.

POSSIBLE TAX REDUCTIONS POINTED OUT BY SECRETARY OF STATE.

Table listing various tax reduction proposals and their estimated savings, such as 'Eliminate one-fourth mill annual levy for road purposes, saving annually \$250,000'.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)

How the state may save approximately \$775,000 annually without impairing or slowing down the state departments or institutions was pointed out by Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, in a statement issued here today.

Stopping Bounties Proposed. "During the present time in which our taxes seem unnecessarily burdensome, it occurs to me that it is possible for us to dispense with some items which we are now carrying or provide for their payment in some other way than through the direct property tax without impairing the public service."

Large Sum Required. "For the years 1921 and 1922 there was appropriated \$190,000 for paying the state's one-half of the bounties to be paid during that period. This sum is not sufficient by approximately \$35,000, as nearly as may now be estimated, for the judgment of the people, through the legislature, the present bounty law is repealed, items to cover such further expenses may be eliminated from the biennial appropriation bills and just to that extent will our annual tax burden be lessened. It is estimated, on the basis of bounties paid during the past few years under the existing law, that approximately \$110,000 will be necessary to pay the state's half of all bounties earned during the years 1923 and 1924."

By amending existing laws creating and defining the duties and powers of these three activities so that their administrative expenses shall be paid out of their revenues an additional saving of approximately \$250,000 can be effected without, in my judgment,

RAILWAYS TO BOOST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Hill System Joins Forces for Development Work.

MILLION TO BE SPENT

Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific Preparing for 3-Year Programme.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25.—To advertise the resources, development and economic possibilities of the Pacific northwest states, \$1,000,000 has been appropriated by the Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroad companies. The campaign will open early in 1923, already having been done.

Discontinuing Levy Advised. "The receipts from motor vehicle licenses for 1922, which have been and will be transferred to the state highway fund, will amount to over \$2,500,000 for such year, and from the gasoline tax to over \$1,000,000, making a total of substantially \$3,500,000 which provides a margin of more than \$1,500,000 annually for the annual requirements of the highway fund, and for the payment of our present bonded obligations for roads and highways."

Five States Will Benefit. The scope of the campaign is to cover the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. The size of the appropriation and the text of the announcement indicate a definite commitment of the three companies to the most extensive educational campaign ever undertaken by American railroads. The purpose is to put the Pacific northwest prominently before the nation and the world from the viewpoint of the investor, the homemaker and the tourist.

National Publicity Planned. It is the belief of the Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific that the natural development due to the inherent economic possibilities of the northwest can be hastened by consistent and well-thought-out publicity. It is believed that through such measures the northwest can be established in the national consciousness as a section holding out great appeal to any man who desires to improve his condition.

Experts to Gather Facts. The Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific are sending their special representatives, Carl McQuinn and Marian Smith, into the northwest territory to gather information. They will take them over the entire territory. They will make a general study of the industries and natural resources forming the basis of the great wealth of the northwest. The facts developed from this investigation will supplement the information now in the possession of the railroads and will be used as a basis for the campaign.

Photographs Are Completed. The visit of these representatives follows close upon completion of a large amount of work by a group of camera men headed by Robert W. Mills. For several weeks this group has been filming agricultural, industrial and scenic views, obtaining many thousands of feet. Mr. Mills and his associates left last week for the east, where the films will be developed in natural colors. They are to be circulated throughout the east and middle west, and certain of the industrial pictures will be given to eastern universities for research work.

Term to be Served Out. OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—In an abstract opinion on a point never ruled on by the courts, Attorney-General Thompson held today that a county commissioner appointed to fill a vacancy on the board, the term for which ordinarily would not have expired until 1923, would serve out the term of his predecessor. In Benton county a new commission was elected November 7 and is disputing the seat with the appointed commissioner. Under the attorney-general's ruling, the appointed commissioner who has held office since last April, will continue to serve until January, 1923, unless the courts hold otherwise.

Factory to Reopen Soon. BROWNSVILLE, Or., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—According to J. L. Bowman, owner of the woolen mills here, by the first of the year the mill will be manufacturing woolen goods as in days of yore. All of the machinery with the exception of one machine, which will be here in a few days, is on hand, and the looms have been tried out and found to work satisfactorily. The woolen mill store, in charge of H. A. Walker, will open up before the holidays.

Two Ask Divorces. An uncontrolled temper and "excessive use of intoxicating liquor" are two of the faults which make it impossible for her to live longer with John P. Cassidy, stated Elizabeth H. Cassidy in a divorce complaint filed in the circuit court yesterday. The wife asked to be declared the owner of real estate, which she lays claim to. The pair

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