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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The discerning reader will lay down the president's message with the impression of a significant change in the presidential mood. Here is a state paper deserving to be read by every citizen.

AN EFFECTUAL REMEDY FOR "TAX DODGING."

We have for several years studied the subject of assessment and taxation and have observed the effect of many laws enacted by our legislatures for the purpose of bringing about a fair listing of all property subject to assessment and taxation in this State.

If all property were assessed and listed at its true cash value it would not require anyone to pay a greater sum than he now pays, but, on account of new properties which would be added to the roll which now escape taxation, many would not be compelled to pay as much taxes as they do now.

This notorious usage of "tax dodging" has become a most virulent ulcer upon our body politic. An Oregon tax-roll is the eighth great wonder of the world. Its study proves to one that conscience has been often discarded, and that many must surely trust that their Maker on that final day of judgment in casting up the final account of their deeds done on this earth will forget to scan these tax-rolls.

If newspapers of each county would publish a list of each taxpayer's property, as given to the assessor, it would strike many a good and well meaning citizen with consternation, and we would find that the tax-roll of next year would be increased manifold over that of our present year.

enforced or executed they will not accomplish the purpose for which they are intended. If the people are kept in ignorance as to the manner in which an officer performs the duties imposed upon him by law, and the people are also kept in ignorance of the evasion of such laws by those whose duty it is to observe them, then favorites, ward strikers, political bosses, and unscrupulous persons will evade our laws with impunity.

Tweed and his gang bribed judges and legislatures, laws were passed in their interest, public treasuries were pillaged by them, and decisions were rendered in their favor, and no such complete and extensive plan of fraud and public spoliation was ever devised in any country, yet publicity brought about the downfall of this powerful ring.

We would, therefore recommend complete publicity as a certain remedy against the practice of tax-dodging. The assessment of each person liable to assessment in a county should be published as is done in several other states, before the county board of equalization meets, in the leading newspapers published in the county.

Our state has a law requiring publicity in the allowance of bills against counties. This law was enacted in 1891, and requires that all bills presented to or allowed by a county, excepting where the charges are fixed by law, to be published in a leading newspaper of such county.

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nished the news to their readers. The legislature can place proper safeguards upon this law which we propose against the evasion of the assessment laws, by prescribing prices for publication, so that little expense will be entailed in its operation.—Oregon Law School Journal.

OUR PRESIDENT.

The following paragraph from President Roosevelt's comment on the law is a true indication of the high moral character of the head of our government and shows the decided stand he takes for a good, clean government. He says: "No crime calls for sterner reprobation than the crime of the corrupt politician in public life, and of the man who seeks to corrupt him. The bribe giver and the bribe taker are equally guilty. Both alike sin against the primary law of the state's safety."

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for furnishing 35 cords, 16 in pine wood for heater. Wood to be cut from growing timber and delivered and neatly corded in the Court House wood-shed not later than Sept. 1, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the town treasury for the redemption of the following warrants: Nos. 993, 994, 998, 1001, 1005, 1009, 1010, 1011. Interest will cease from this date.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced.

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