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Giddy Claude Ingalls, of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, jabs us facetiously for disposing of a bathtub. We had worn it out and wanted a new one. Claude will never have to dispose of his.

Dresses worn by students at Walla Walla college must not be more than 12 inches from the floor. Won't the students appear ridiculous with dresses a foot longer than those other girls are wearing?

Governor Pierce Takes Us To Task

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of the people the idea that he was promising a 50 per cent reduction in all taxes. When he got before an audience and, after lulling them with dulcet, lachrymal tones, dramatically tore a tax receipt in two to illustrate what he would do to taxes, he did not say that he referred only to state taxes. That he gave the impression that he intended to cut all taxes in two was well illustrated by a letter in The Oregonian following Pierce's inauguration. Two farm-

ers wished The Oregonian to settle a dispute. One argued that the 50 per cent reduction was to go into effect in 1924, the other that it would not go into effect until 1925.

No, we haven't on our desk a copy of the 1925 Commonwealth Review referred to by the governor, but we have a copy of the voters' pamphlet for the special election of November 6, 1925. In that we find that Walter M. Pierce signed his name to a statement, which he probably had not read, in which it was stated that 4 per cent of the taxpaying ability of the state, with an income of \$7,063,268 was paying 80 per cent of the taxes, or \$41,117,568. He has not yet answered our question, asked at the time, as to how seven millions could pay forty-one millions. Suppose that it were true that 4 per cent of the taxpaying ability pays 80 per cent of the taxes. Why then isn't the governor willing to accept The Sentinel's proposal that we have an income tax with a property tax offset? If 4 per cent of the taxpaying ability is paying 80 per cent of the taxes, a property tax offset would make no difference, for it is quite plain that people with an income of \$7,000,000, after paying \$41,000,000 in taxes, would report no net income.

We are pleased to give Governor Pierce credit for what he has done to reduce taxes. But we told him when he went into office that taxes will be higher when he goes out than they were when he went in, and the prospect is that such will be the case. They might be yet higher except for the efforts of the governor. Even Governor Pierce, as we told him when he was a candidate for office, can have no influence upon county, city and school district taxes, and these have increased more than the state tax has been reduced.

There actually has been, during Governor Pierce's administration, a reduction of state taxes of nearly \$2,000,000. Of this amount, a cut of \$540,000 was made by Roy Ritner, acting governor, and Secretary of State Koser a month before Pierce took office; the 1923 legislature passed an income tax which produced a million and a half applicable to 1924 taxes, and the legislature has greatly reduced its appropriations. Thus it will

be seen that Governor Pierce had considerable help in his tax reduction campaign up to this point.

Where Governor Pierce made a killing was in controlling the state levying board in 1924, when the board refused to levy sufficient tax to support the state government, planning by that action to force the legislature to enact special taxation measures. Thus far Pierce was successful, the legislature did provide the special taxation measures and Governor Pierce might have been able to point to a real reduction in taxation had he not vetoed the special election bill. The tobacco tax law and the law taking 10 per cent of fees and licenses collected by state commissions were immediately referred and have not gone into effect. Thus Governor Pierce lost, by his own cost, a real opportunity to show a reduction in property taxes.

For next year the state tax will have to be increased to take care of the deficit for this year, with the result that Governor Pierce goes out of office even the state tax, which he admits he agreed to cut in half, will be higher than when he went into office, and all through his own ill-considered action in vetoing the bill that would have permitted the voters to put the special taxes into effect.

The governor's statement that with the income tax in effect taxes would be \$3,000,000 less this year can hardly be defended. Did we have the income tax we should pay our bills this year, instead of putting them off until next year. The tax levy against property would remain the same.

L. W. Peters Again Injures Self.

Pretty soon L. W. Peters will learn to leave axes and other dangerous weapons alone. Only a few weeks ago he nearly severed several fingers while cutting some kindling at home, and now he has cut a gash in his left foot. The accident happened at the Blue Mountain Lumber company's mill, of which he is manager.

Fire at McKibben House.

The McKibben house at the corner of Tenth street and Jefferson avenue was injured by a blue fire Sunday forenoon. The greater damage was from water. The McKibben and Yancey families had moved out several days before and the Cappions family were moving in but had not unpacked and were able to remove all their goods.

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Society

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Miss Lula Currin was hostess Friday evening to the Jaker club. Following the usual evening of five hundred supper was served. A profusion of gaily colored autumn flowers made the rooms attractive. Special guests were Mrs. O. M. Kem, Mrs. Lydia Stouffer, Mrs. J. P. Graham, Mrs. H. A. Miller, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Miss Belle Burkholder and Mrs. Mentor Bonney, the last named being from Eugene.

Mrs. Roy Short, Mrs. Andrew Brund and Mrs. H. K. Metcalf were hostesses Thursday afternoon to the Constellation club. Decorations of scarlet tinted autumn leaves and fall flowers made the rooms attractive. Luncheon was served cafeteria style. Names were drawn for the annual Christmas gift exchange.

The Keepers of the Den met Thursday at Hotel Bartell for their regular weekly luncheon. Discussion centered on the question of getting a suitable location for the city rubbish dump. The club will seek aid of other organizations in securing a new site.

Mrs. Lester W. Childs entertained Saturday evening at 6 o'clock with a three-course dinner in honor of the 74th birthday anniversary of her father, S. W. Boyd. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Keyes and Mr. and Mrs. Irl Groves.

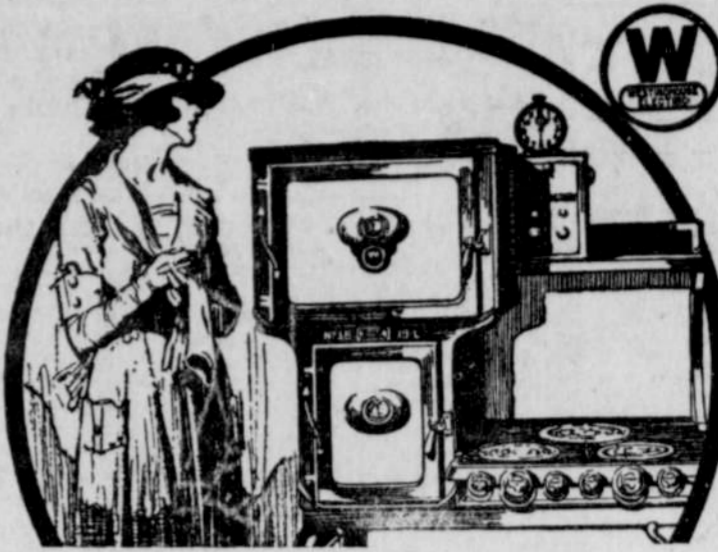
Mrs. Ray Nelson will entertain members of the American Legion auxiliary Wednesday evening. They will devote the time to making rag rugs for war veterans in government hospitals.

The Royal Neighbors of America will give a social dance at the Armory Saturday night, October 17.

Obedience
I do not know of anyone who makes us feel more than Milton does the grandeur of the ends which we ought to keep always before us, and therefore our own pettiness and want of courage and nobleness in pursuing them. I believe he failed to discern many of the intermediate relations which God has established between Himself and us; but I know no one who teaches us more habitually that disobedience to the divine will is the seat of all misery to men.—F. D. Maurice, in "The Friendship of Books."

These Sadder Days
On the whole, these are much sadder ages than the early ones; not sadder in a noble and deep way—the way of ennui, and jaded intellect, and uncomfortableness of soul and body. Not that we are without festivity, but festivity more or less forced, mistaken, embittered, incomplete, not of the heart. And the profoundest reason of this darkness of heart is, I believe, our want of faith.—Ruskin.

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