THE BEND BULLETIN


LEGISLATING FROM EXPERIENCE
For nine years Oregon, in common with the oth For nine years Oregon, in common with the other states
of the union, has been learning about unemployment com-
pensation. When Oregon's first unemployment compensation pensation. When Oregon's first unemployment compensation
law was enacted in 1985, knowledge of the subject was largely theoretica. Since then experience has been the teacher. Th
theoretical approach has gradually given way to the practica theoretical approach has gradually given way to the practica in the light of this progress. In every session of the legislatur
since the passage of the first bill amendatory measures have since the passage of the first bill
been proposed and some enacted.
These, naturally enough, have not always been worthy
ane Some have continued to be largely in renfection of theory or
of mere desire. Some have resulted from an imperfect understanding of the significance of accumulated experience or
from a too hasty interpretation of experience too short to b from a too hasty interpretation of experience too short to be has been employed and the errors have pointed the need fo still more amendatory legislation.
Some of the bills presented
Some of the bills presented at the present session seek to
enact still more errors. One of these has already been dis enact still more errors. One of these has already been dis
cussed in this column. There are others which are remedial cussed in this column. There are others which are remediar has taught. Outstanding among measures of this type i senate bill no. 186 .
Briefly, the changes which this bill proposes are the elimination of the "floor and ceiling" clause from the law, th
elimination, also, of all employer "contribution" rates abov elimination, also, of all employer contribution rates abov
$2.7 \%$ and provision that an employer whose excess of con
tributions over unemployment benefits charged against hin is $14 \%$ of his three year average taxable payroll may enjo All of these changes are justified. They will be of benefit to employers and hence will tend to encourage the continuation
of industry and employment at a future time when continua tion of induastry and employment may be of the greatest in
portance. In this respect, it is hardly necessary to point ou portance, in this respect, it is hardly necessary to point o
they are in the interest of labor as well as in the interest
Nor need anyone fear that the adequacy of the fund fron
which which unemployment benefits are paid will be in any way
endangered. The fund's total today is $\$ 69,000,000$. By 1946 endangered. The fund's total today is $\$ 63,000,000$. By 1946
when. it is proposed, the amendments would become effective it,will have reached close to $\$ 80,000,000$, or more than enough
to provide for two years of estimated maximum benefits to provide for two yenrs of estimated maximum benefits
should a sudden and general condition of unemployment be faced. The change to a $2.7 \%$ top employer contribution rate
will not influence the condition of the fund, for $2.7 \%$ is the
highest rate now in effect The addition of a $1 /$. wil not infuence the condition of the fund, for $2.7 \%$ is the
highest rate now in effect. The addition of a $1 / / \%$ rate to the
present schedule would affect only a very small group of em ployers, but would provide a greater incentive to the type of
business management which endeavors to insure continued business management which endeavors to insure continued
and steady employment, an objective much more to be desired
than benefits for non vision, which has as its purpose the automatic raising of ployer rates on depletion of the fund, has been proved to b application is based, would make it operative while the leve
of the fund was stil far above that needed to meet all con
ceivable demands. Elimination of this provision would aic greatly in stabilization of industry.
Not to be overlooked is the fact that all of these change ture of the Oregon law since its enactment.
rating is meant merely that to the extent th. reduces the need for unemployment benefits his rates for payment to the unemployment fund are likewis
have pointed out earlier the eminent fairness mose as well as to employer, but it is more than this-it is Senate bill 136 maintains, increcases the statute.
sorce. It remove
some the unnecessary provisions in the old law, It recog nizes and puts into practice the lessons that
taught. It is a good bill, deserving of passage

We have been trying to make a gag for this column ove
the fact that on the eastern front the Russians are fightin the fact that on the eastern front the Russians are fightin
over the Oder while on the west we are trying for Cologne. S
far we have been unsuccessful You Marshal Zhukov has clamped a p
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## Bend's Yesterdays

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Worship God In God's Way CHURCH OF CHRIST

Charles E. Boardman

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



## Washington 'Column

 By pete Eam Washington, D. C. - The 79thcongress will probably have before
it this year no domestic issue of
greater importance than Its own retorm.
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members more money, giving them pensions to boot, and pro-
viding them with more help at
higher pay so they can do more work and keep a better check on
the rest of the government. The
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## DONATE <br> YOUR UNNEEDED <br> CLOTHES <br> TO THE NEEDY RUSSIANS

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