

WMAKERS IN CALIFORNIA DELAY ACTION

By ARCHIE WELLS
SACRAMENTO, March 8 (AP)—Covering for positions on legislative calendar continuing today delaying consideration of any major measure of session.

Warren administration forces continued to urge settlement of issue of whether the \$115,000 of state tax cuts effective by the last legislature are to be continued another two years or taking the \$100,000,000 such as the \$100,000,000 aid to cities and counties financing public projects.

Assemblyman Gardner Johnson (R), Berkeley, author of the measure in the lower house succeeded in postponing action on the requested endorsement of the administration bills to keep taxes at the present level by a republican caucus on a later unspecified date.

Johnson took the position that tax rates could not be determined until expenditures are known and, with a substitute motion in the caucus, defeated assemblyman Walter J. Fourn's move for party approval of his carrying out the governor's recommendations for keeping tax cuts in effect two years.

Johnson, however, disclosed he would ask the assembly ways and means committee to set his measures for hearing within a few days.

Meanwhile health insurance measure by-passed, more or less by common consent, until later in the month.

Assembly Speaker Charles Lybrand expressed the opinion that the governor's tax measures and the \$100,000,000 budget will be under consideration ahead of other major measures.

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Boy Blamed For Train Derailment

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—A train derailment was blamed today on a 13-year-old boy who had obtained a switch key and lock.

Police said the boy admitted

unlocking a switch February 20 on the Peppo interurban line to Oregon City. The switch headed the train onto a siding where it struck a derail button.

Another train was derailed in the same spot March 2; and on two other occasions an operator saw the open switch in time to halt. The 13-year-old, held for

juvenile authorities, insisted he only unlocked the switch once.

Invention of roller skates netted a profit of \$1,000,000 for the inventor.

Wood shavings, not sawdust, is the material used to cover circus arenas.

Former Slave to Give Earnings to Red Cross

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—A 92-year-old former negro slave who marched through Georgia as a drummer with Sherman's army, will give his March 15th

earning as a bootblack to the Red Cross again this year.

Tom Howell said 20 cent shaves should double his last year's donation of \$18, collected on 10-cent polishing jobs.

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Four-H News

The 4-H Cooking club of Ma... organized February 20. Officers elected are as follows: President, Rosalie Fales; Secretary, Nancy Hendrix; yell leader, Ellen McAuliffe and reporter, Marie Fields.

Marie Fields, News Reporter.

Nisei to Meet Gresham Friday

GRESHAM, Ore., March 8 (AP)—Those who do not oppose return of Japanese-Americans to Pacific coast will meet Friday night in Gresham, where a group recently assembled to oppose the Nisei.

The meeting will be led by 20 business men, professional workers, educators, miners and farmers of Clackamas and Multnomah counties. Speakers will include former Governor Charles A. Sprague.

SUICIDE PACT

IN GERMANY, March 8 (AP)—William J. O'Connor, of Milwaukee, said today that when a platoon began closing in on a group of Germans, officers took careful aim and killed each other.

California scientists have found that X-rays increase the effect of certain poisons as much as 25 per cent.

Patton's Swim Across Sure River Proved It Possible

BALTIMORE, March 8 (AP)—When Lt. Gen. George S. Patton ordered thousands of his men to swim across the swift and cold Sure river with their equipment, he knew it could be done—and just to prove it, he did.

The story of Patton's inspiring swim across the 150-foot Sure, a water obstacle under heavy enemy fire near the meeting place of the Luxembourg, German and Belgian borders, was told by one of the men who followed him—Sgt. Thomas J. Defibaugh of Cumberland, Md.

Defibaugh said that despite the hail of enemy machine gun and artillery fire, the Sure had to be crossed quickly so that the fourth division could take the town of Bettendorf on the opposite bank, relieving pressure on the trapped American forces at Bastogne last December.

The soldier, touring Baltimore war plants with other Bastogne heroes, said the troops first began to cross the river in three-man boats. Chunks of ice in the water gave evidence of the Sure's temperature.

"After a while, however," Defibaugh said, "Gen. Patton called the boats back and ordered the men to swim across with rifles, bazookas and everything they could carry because they were 'sitting pigeons' for the Germans while in the boats, sitting two or three feet out of the water."

General Patton reasoned that troops swimming the river would present much smaller targets to the enemy.

To show his men that the river could be swum, Gen. Patton jumped into the water and swam to the opposite bank and then

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