

WORLD'S LONGEST SUSPENSION BRIDGE WILL SPAN GOLDEN GATE

An idea of the size of the bridge now under construction that will connect San Francisco with the mainland can be obtained from the architect's design of one of the piers (left) that will support the longest suspension span (4200) in the world while at the right is a view of one of the 740 foot high towers. The bridge as it will look is shown in the center. The view is from Land's End, on a municipal golf course on the San Francisco side. (Associated Press Photo)

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Extension of the salary schedule of 5 to 30 per cent applied to state officers by the legislature of cities and counties was advocated by the executive as "not only an economy measure in the literal sense to the taxpayers but also as a matter of fairness and justice."

Pointing out that Oregon's total property tax approximates \$41,500,000, of which only \$3,000,000 is for state purposes, the governor called attention to the fact that "more than 90 per cent of the entire property tax load is made up of local levies."

"To me it seems entirely illogical that these 2700 local subdivisions which derive their existence and power from the state, should not have the right to levy on the taxpayers of the state burdens of destruction proportionate and to incur indebtedness that threatens bankruptcy and confiscation."

"On the contrary, it seems to me entirely logical that when power is given by these political subdivisions and privileges conferred by general law are exercised or abused, other laws may be enacted restraining and controlling the exercise of such privileges or powers for the benefit of the people as a whole."

that each local community may decide for itself how much money will spend and what obligations will assume, the fact nevertheless remains that such an expression of opinion is essentially the same

"Without some control over local taxes and indebtedness, home rule, in my opinion, is merely a vain thing which frequently results in harm to the state.

"With proper controls, however, there may be provided the process of law and the practical means whereby the real substance of home rule may be preserved and protected, not only for the benefit of the local governments but for the interests of the state as a whole.

"A number of states have enacted legislation controlling local tax levies and expenditures. Such legislation has resulted not only in savings of millions of dollars to the taxpayers but in placing the various local governments on a sound financial basis. Until similar legislation is enacted in Oregon no appreciable reduction in taxes can be achieved.

"I respectfully recommend that during the deliberations to give this subject earnest and serious consideration.

"May I suggest as an initial step in this needed program of rigid retrenchment in local government that you enact legislation extending the salary reduction schedule raised by the 1929 constitution until you have adopted for state officials the salaries of the officials of the

only by the reduction of the expenses of government. You have made an earnest effort to reduce the cost of state government and to reduce state taxes, which represent only 10 per cent of the

load on property. If the taxpayers of the state are to have any relief it must come from a substantial reduction of local tax levies which represent 90 per cent of Oregon's annual tax bill."

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lin, who refrained from using tobacco and liquor until he became 21 years old, was 21 years of age so he could inherit \$12,000, the price of fame. He seldom without the company of agent, salesman or promoter, says. In addition, his mail is loaded with scores of letters from all over the country.
