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## Wings Over Salem

When airmen of the 54th pursuit squadron
first "sat down" in Salem earlier this week
there were moments of trepidation lest they receive an unfavorable impression of Salem's
flying weather. One or two mornings were marked by fog blankets which of course were
very unusual, and regrettably so But since
then Old Sol has favored us with his brightest respondent has been up and stirring-and we men have been duly appreciative, and that
when occasion arises, they will relay that im-
pression to the officials who might be interested in knowing about it.
 points. For this brief period at least In time-Salem has been able to feel that it
has a definite part has a definite part in the actual, terminal phase
of defense. Many of its citizens have availed
themselves of the opportunity to be "raillird" spectators of this activity, and a greater num-
ber will enjoy this privilege today. Special
preparations for such enjoyment preparations for such enjoyment have
made, and a general invitation issued. Training of the defense forces also has,
for the ommunities where units are stationed,
a social report. Opportunity to engage in this
phase of the program also has been appreciated
by Salem people, and to date their efforts ap. pear
arm.
or roar, depending upon the distance, over Sa-
lem as these men prepare for the serious busi-
ness of defending the nation. Salem civilians
are promptty thrilled at the sight, and duly
conscious of the skill and daring represented
in this training program and of the high qual-
ity of the men chosen to participate. It is Sa-
lem's hope that throughout a major part of the
emergency no matter how long it continues,
there will be army "wings over Satem.".

## Secession Fantasy

Humor, provided it has that biting, vin-
egary essence, may successfully be employed
to win a serious altercation or attain a serlous
objective. Humor lacking that quality ""gentle" humor may we say, had best be left out of
argmentataion less it divert the listener's train
of thought. But fatal to any such effort is the employs it seem ludicrously fut
manner of scolding Donald Duck.
secede has been viewed as humor of that spe-
cific brand; funny in somewhat the same sense
that of his pellet ifter it has left the clubhead.
It seems that Gilbert E . Gable of Cur
county was serious in district for which he in his complaint that 1 booster wo
not getting the attention, consideration and state department of geology and mineral
dustries adopting the "secession" device in obtaining
publicity for his plaint. People took notice and publicity for his plaint. People took notice and
laughed and dismissed the matter a a h hoax. It the state, except in southwestern Oregon, are
even yet aware that Gable was trying to put Even though Mr. Gable "missed the bus"
he is entitled to an answer. Curry county has
the mineral resources. It will
 headed by Senator W. H. Strayer which super-
vises it, ,t point out just what has been donee
to survey and make known the extent of these resources. But if the whole truth comes out,
we are confident it will develop that Mr.
Gable's peeve, it he is entitled to one, should be and actually is directed almost wholly at
OPM and the other federal agencies which might have taken cognizance of mineral re-
sources in this state but apparently, to date,
have not.

## "Equality" in Russia

## Marshall Semeon Timoshenko has been demoted from supreme command of the armies

 demoted from supreme command of the armiesdefending Moscow. General Gregory Zhukov
has replaced him. By indirection the com has replaceed him. By indirection the con in his makeup of "boastfulness or or ostentation." ability as a soldier, it must be judged superior the the
Red armies were just a trifle shy of enthusing for fighting under his coimmand-that they ob-
jected to his well-authenticated "boastfulness
A generation of Russians has grown up chort of that ideal their nation's economic and
political system may have fallen. But there is at least a third detail in which a community
may insist upon equality; the social side It malis down to a mere matter of acting as though
oquality existed between individuols eltons and exise ordinary, social amenities and a proper modesty of deportment, And unfortun-
tely, it's a matter in which passing laws is not
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The McMinnville News-Reporter "has teats the custom of holding formal "mortgage burninge" Its ides is that an organization

News Behind The News


Panl Mallon from Britain will help farther.
The west can sit back and relax onow if it ever
feared possibilityof restriction. Only danger there
was that its normal supply might be diverted tem-
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## Editorial Comment



For a Mighty Excellent Cause-"Extra Duty"
Bits for Breakfast

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