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the same date in 1917. If other factors in the cost of living have advanced at the same rate, the workingman whose wages are now 30 per cent higher is no better off than he was four years ago...

WHEN SECRETS PLEASE PACIFISTS.

It is impossible to please the pacifists, or those persons who hide disloyalty to American interests under a cloak of pacifism. They have constantly asserted that wars are the result of secret diplomacy and the open dealing of statesmen could give the people an opportunity to express their opinion and would prevent diplomats from getting two nations into a position from which there was no escape.

FIGHTING JOE LANE.

Two or three writers in the newspapers have discovered a sort of similarity between the attitude of Senator Harry Lane in the present National crisis and that of his grandfather, Senator Joseph Lane immediately prior to the Civil War. These letters have started a train of historical reminiscences and historical citations, one of which, written by Robert L. Down, is published in the Oregonian today.

THE BACK-YARD GARDEN AGAIN.

After a winter of buying vegetables at prices worthy of precious stones, it is to be expected that people will turn with a will this Spring to the back-yard garden, whose season for planting is close at hand.

THE HOUSE OF TORTURE.

Any doubt which may have lingered in the minds of some citizens of Oregon as to the imperative necessity of erecting a new penitentiary should be removed by reading the description of the present building by one of the convicts, which was published in the Sunday Oregonian.

embargo on the West's development, for the obstructionist derives his chief support from the East.

How to Keep Well.

Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and prevention of disease, in matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations.

WHEN YELLOW FEVER IS BANISHED.

I CANNOT understand why you say, grandpa, that life is safer than it was. We have diphtheria, scarlet fever, and consumption everywhere. We cannot do as we please sometimes for fear of catching some disease.

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