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LET THEM BE PUBLISHED.

When the idea was first conceived of pensioning old or disabled soldiers it was the intention that the pension should be a reward, cheerfully given by a grateful people, to those who offered their lives to save the nation from disunion and became disabled in the service.

While no loyal citizen objects to giving pensions to those who are deserving, there is strong objection to paying a single one who is not entitled to it, and besides the people have a right to know whom they are taxed to support.

BROKEN PLEDGES.

The more that is seen of the failure of parties to carry out the principles enunciated in their platforms, the more one becomes convinced of the growing tendency to gain power by promising principles with no intention of carrying them out.

THE LABORER'S LOT.

That there is something out of joint in the industrial system of the country cannot be denied when the men who work hardest get the least of the comforts and necessities of life, while those who do not work at all get the most.

TO COME IN BROKEN DREAMS

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Love is the Key.

Love is the key to a woman's life. Her fondest hopes rest upon the tender emotion, her highest pride is in her capacity to love. The love which makes a happy wife, but which makes a heartless woman, is the same love.

WILL BENEFIT ALL.

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Investigating business and industry in silver standard country. When he returns we may expect some reliable information as to the condition of affairs there. If Bryan finds things in as deplorable a state in Mexico as some of our gold friends would make them appear, he no doubt will say so, and will advise that silver agitation in the United States cease.

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