

*Bixby's Retreat.*

Merry Christmas!

Smile pleasantly, even though your debts are unpaid, and rejoice to realize the fact that you are to brighten the lives of the old folks at home.

Surely laurels are twined for our genius, Prof Davis  
To him must the trophies be given  
He's computed a scheme by which he can save us  
Without storing treasures in Heaven

Had the Commandant been at the elocutionary entertainment Thursday evening, he need not have trusted to the "sand" of those who swiped the cheese and paraffine from Armory.

She has outgrown the day of Preps,  
Has our progressive school  
But now her higher classman steps  
In and plays the — fool  
The actors are more blooded braves  
And made of way up stuff  
With leaders such as Cuba craves  
Lord Parmelee and Shuff.  
They guy the people on the stage  
And munch their cheese and throw  
Great hunks of it — excuse my rage  
Nor care where it may go —  
Then at the probing they are mute  
The cheese could not be stiffer  
Nor have the back bone to salute  
With Garringer and Miller.

There was grace and pose and humor  
In that elocution show  
But the best part was the pulling  
Of the cork by Jesse Rowe.  
Until I got to Congress where  
The sparkling biters freely flow  
I'll see nothing like that pulling  
Of the cork by Jesse Rowe.

*MY ELECTION BET.*

I wagered her a five pound box  
Of candy, against a kiss,  
That Bill McKinley'd win the race,—  
She was a charming miss!  
"You've won this time," she cried in sorrow,  
"And Bryan's work is done,  
But I'm loyal still, so collect your bill,  
At the rate of sixteen to one!"

*COLLEGE VERSE.*

Write a stick of college verse  
Make the meter bad or worse,  
Fill it up with accents terse  
But write a stick of college verse.

*ON THE SIDE.*

It has been said that lawyers are the salt of the earth—wonder how many earn their salt.

A Kentucky election isn't a patching to ours. We can beat them any day.

"His honor is as untarnished as the sun," said Flaherty. "In fact 'tis brighter for the sun has spots on it."

"What Brutus is this?" asked Dennison when one of his opponents touched him in a tender spot.

Don't address the "chairman," address the "presidents" advised Killen when an anxious member was in doubt.

Coleman says the secretary's book would have been in two pieces if Fishue had persisted in trying to take it away from him when he wanted to see it.

What's the matter with Goodner? He's all right. Who's all right? GOODNER.

The three visitors were paralyzed with fear.

And now the Journal and the Post have written up the "scrap" and things are worse twisted than they were before.

"Of course we don't want to have those affidavits read, because we have everything to lose and nothing to gain by it." —Flaherty. Some people are naturally truthful.

The 7:30 business was strictly legal, if not in accordance with custom.

*They Eat Crow.*

The HESPERIAN association will meet Tuesday Jan. 5, 1897, at 1:30 p. m. to consider the legality of the recently adopted constitution. This call is made in compliance with the request of the following gentlemen: Boomer, Reedy, Seanson, Harding, Maguire, Mumford, Hawxby, Meier, Sackett, Hollingworth, Warren, Allen, Perry, Lien and others.

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