Anecdote of President Pritchett.

Fifteen or sixteen years ago the railroad managers of the country agreed that conditions demanded standard time, and to effect this they cut the map of the United States into sections on north and south lines, and by this arrangement when it was one o’clock in any part of a section, it was to be one o’clock in all parts of that section; so the railroad managers theorized. But would the millions of people who had been going by “sun time” all their lives consent to change their watches and clocks and adopt the new-fangled idea? Failure was predicted. Eighteen miles east of St. Louis was the locality where central time was sun time. No change was needed. But eastward to Cincinnati and westward into the plains country of Kansas every timepiece would be off from a minute to half an hour when the innovation started. The railroad people went to Professor Pritchett, then at Washington University, St. Louis, and asked him to become the time starter for the Mississippi Valley. A day was set for the institution of central time. Into the professor’s rooms at the university were run telegraph wires connecting with railroad systems east, west, north and south. Professor Pritchett’s plans were described in detail and copied into papers all through the valley. Long lists of cities and towns were gotten out, with the changes in minutes and seconds noted for each. The programme was thoroughly exploited. The whole population became interested. The day came, and at twelve meridian, by the observation at the university, Professor Pritchett’s telegraph instruments clicked. Thousands of station clocks were set. Every railroad watch was adjusted. The people followed. Within a week, from Ohio to Colorado, central time was the only time. The introduction of the change was marvellous.—Ex.

H. C. Pearson, one of the Board of Editors of The Tech, made a visit to the Institute last week.

Invitations for Class Day are not to be obtained by members of the Senior Class until class dues are paid, and applications will not be received until this is done.

Tickets for the Sophomore-Freshman Baseball game are for sale by members of the two teams at twenty-five cents and will be on sale at the South End grounds.

An informal dinner of the Chauncy-Hall Club was held at the Savoy Hotel on Friday evening, May 11th. The dinner was attended by several members of the club and was a very enthusiastic affair.

The final number of the present volume of The Tech will be issued during the first week of June and will be the regular Class Day number, containing the exercises of Class Day and Commencement Day.

The locomotive option spent last Thursday at the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, in Providence, under the guidance of Professor Lanza. Some of the men also visited the works of the Brown and Sharpe Co.

The progress of the theses in the engineering departments is considered very unsatisfactory this year. With a few exceptions, the experimental work is scarcely complete, and never before has there been such crowding at the last of the term in everything.

H. H. Saylor, 1902, who was until recently Assistant Editor of The Tech, has, after several weeks in the hospital, left, on