BASE BALL.

SEASON OPENS WITH THREE GAMES.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

The first base ball game of the season will be played with the Cedar Rapids Legionaries on Wednesday. It will be followed by two more contests with the same team on Thursday and Friday. It is due to say that the work in these three games will largely determine the personnel and positions on the Van Cynthia team which will come into line with the aggregate college forces, with the other local teams, during the rest of the season. The game Wednesday will also be the first of the season which will be played among the men who have played here before will be found Hill, Lusher, Lyford and Whitney, who played on the U. I. U. foot ball team last fall, and also the Cedar Rapids team. It is understood that the team is a strong one, and our boys will naturally expect a decided advantage.

Among our players, in the practice work already done, there have been practical ones who have shown their natural ability as long as the base, Mozer at third, and Storey in the left field. Of the players there are very few candidates for the place in the hole. Reynolds and Hier will be at the center, and it is expected that Yates and Williams will be behind plate. Wamp and Lovers are on the first base and second base, and it seems that Remley will appear. There are three candidates for short-stop, Okey, Williams, and Albritton.

Judging from the practice work our team this year will be an unusually strong one, and leaders of the national game may anticipate some hot spurs on the U. I. U. diamond.

FINGER-PRINTS.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE GIVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STUDENTS IN THE U. I. U.

Mackay is constantly attracted by the strange, the weird and the impossible. Strange facts and figures of nature possess a fascination that is almost beyond belief. The crowd, not extremely large, but nevertheless select, which listened to Professor Velahm's interesting and instructive lecture on "Finger-Prints," last evening, was certainly well repaid, not only by the consciousness of having helped athletics in U. I. U., but also by the fact that a considerable amount of useful knowledge is added to their store.

After a short, felicitous introductory speech by Dr. Shimberg, Mr. Velahm began his lecture by saying that the subject, "Finger-Prints," is not an absolute new one, but has been employed in different forms of identification by Sir Wm. Herschel and by Thompson, in the U. S. Survey, for similar purposes. The great advantage, however, on the one hand, is Sir Francis Galton, who has written several works on it.

The lecture on finger-prints was illustrated with slides, of which the first represented a print of the hand and of the foot. In the palm of the hand are found lines or folds in the skin. Since these are subject to change, they do not form a safe method of identifying persons, but are used mainly by gypsies and fortune tellers. A change to them would mean a change in fortune, and it is currently reported that the pulse of the Treasurer of the Athletic Union, is changing because of the kindness of Professor Velahm in helping out the Administration. These lines, however, do not form the subject matter of "Finger-Prints," but the little papillary ridges upon the fingers are used. There are many varying patterns of the arrangements on these ridges upon the fingers. Three general classes are formed as a beginning for further classifications. They are subdivided and further classified by noting singular points, etc., until a very fine degree of classification is reached by going to scientific, which may be issued by any expert in identifying a person. The impressions at the fingers are taken by inking them and then pressing them on a sensitized tablet or by pressing them upon wax, a smoked surface, glass, etc. The use of finger prints depends upon the identification of the individual, and it has been in operation in many cases, and has been the subject of much study and development. The recognition of the individual is a fact which has been lowered from the stage of science to that of art. It has been done plentifully by the Government, in the case of individuals who have committed certain offenses, and also in cases of personal identification. It is not only by the police, but also by the military, that finger prints have been employed in the case of individuals who have been found in travelers. The importance of the subject in the field of criminal investigation makes it the subject of much study and development. The classification of the individual is a fact which has been the subject of much study and development. In the last half, based on the previous talk, it is seen that the classification of the individual is a fact which has been the subject of much study and development. So that what is called the thumb or the finger is the subject matter which is the subject of much study and development.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIALISM.

A SCHOLARLY ADDRESS BY M. HENRY KAHN.

Hon. Henry Kahn addressed the Southwestern Iowa Teacher's Association on the subject of "Educational Socialism." The speaker said in part that socialism is not communism; it does not seek to tear down; it seeks to elevate and to elevate and to elevate.

To make perfect is the name of the game. He did not allow that it is only our own country, but the whole world. In the true sense we are all socialists. Socialism stands for everything which unites the east and the west, the north and the south. There are no inherent evils in society. The way to be written out is the way of the people, of the people's law, there is no case for revolution. Socialism seeks to build up to that perfect stature. The nature of the land is to be brought in touch with the schools. Our forefathers erected this great temple, and it remains for us to put in the windows, door, altar, and pulpit, "who shall be servants." The part of education is to enable people to go on doing better. Trusts are a menace to our people, but there is one trust, the trust of the American people of the public schools, which will stimulate all other trusts.

The future of the school system is in the hands of the teacher, not the politicians. Nothing better will come until the time is ripe. The time is not now, there are no two persons alike, man, woman, male or white, female, black, or Fili­pino, whose finger-prints are the same. The prints on the toe may also be used so if two similar finger-prints are ever found on the same toe the marks will never be found. Many practical uses may be made of the study of fingerprints. They are useful in identifying property, where other means of identification are wanting, in the use of finger-print is upon the air. Still, exchange, checks, and so on can be rendered much more convenient by the use of fingerprints. Lost children, relatives, and friends can be identified by this means, provided a fiducial card is taken before their departure. Throughout life the fingerprint remains the same. All races and nationalities have them in all their various patterns. It is thought that a much larger use of this fact will be made in the future, and this another mystery of nature is to be observed the will of man. The Dual Meet.

The dual meet was received from Grandon this morning by Manager McDonald that Grinnell is willing to participate in a dual meet held here this spring. This solution of the difficulty that has existed between Iowa and Grinnell over the location of the meeting is a happy one, and will in the end doubtless be to the advantage of both parties. The friends of both institutions will be glad to learn that an agreement has been reached.

Suggestions were also made looking forward to the formation of a temm, something like a dual league between the two schools. Negotiations will be pushed, and it is hoped an agreement of mutual advantage will be reached to the satisfaction of both parties.

Educational Socialism.

On April 21, a vigorous discussion concerning the application of mathematics to sociology will be held in the classroom of the Department of Mathematics. The discussion will be opened by the presentation of a paper by Dr. E. C. Brown, who will read a paper on "The Fundamental Principles of Mathematical Sociology." The paper will be followed by a discussion among the students and faculty.

The meeting is open to all members of the college community, and all are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion. The event promises to be a stimulating and thought-provoking evening, and is not to be missed by anyone interested in the intersection of mathematics and sociology. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM in room 105 in the science building. Refreshments will be provided.

Base Ball Season.

All men who expect to play foot ball next season, and all who expect to take part in spring sports, and the putting contest, will meet in Professor Loso lecture room, in the Central building, at 7 o'clock (Tuesday) evening.

Whitney Society.

At the regular meeting of the Whitney Society, Monday evening, Mr. How read a paper on "The Settlement Movement in English Literature." The society voted to hold its last meeting for the academic year on Monday, April 18th.

President Harper, of Chicago, recently delivered a lecture at the University of California on the "Four Term System," an Illinois Chicago.
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S. U. I. has been honored by their presence as visitors. It is needless to suggest that the presence of so many faithful workers has been a source of inspiration and benefit to the entire student body. The many addresses upon live topics, in which all are more or less interested, have been of permanent value to those who were privileged to hear them. We desire to thank the management of the Association which secured the meeting for our 'Vesey city, and for the good we have received because of your action. To the alumni we would extend our thanks for the good you kind deeds and wishes for prosperity have done, and to all we would extend a hearty welcome to come again.

In addition to the benefits coming to S. U. I. from the fact that the South-eastern Teachers’ Association was held in this city, it may not be out of place to suggest that the average teacher who attended the convention was benefited by his visit to the University, by seeing the work that is done here, and coming in contact with a life different from the usual round of school duties in his place of employment. We trust that we have shown you a living example of earnest, conscientious work and application, which will be of benefit to you. Further, we hope that the closer acquaintance you have made with the school has increased your love and respect for the great institution maintained by the people of the State of Iowa for the purpose of affording to all a chance to secure good education. We appreciate the favor and the honor you have conferred on us by coming to the homes of S. U. I. We trust you will again favor us, should opportunity offer whereby you can benefit us by extending a knowledge of the work done by our institution.

A proposition has been made in the Michigan legislature to remove the School of Mines at Houghton to Ann Arbor, and attach it to the university.

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In the University the remainder of the
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Will Graves, a former student, now studying law in Ackley, was in town yesterday.

Mare Johnson, C. E. S., has charge of the Freeman Engineering class for a few days.

Carrie Rule, Latin teacher in East
des Moines High School, visited her
brothers over Sunday.

The Irving lately returned to the
the old customs of beginning their
regular programs at 8 o'clock.

I. C. Welty, C. J., was a candidate for county attorney before the Republican primaries of Story county.

Professor C. E. Wilson is able to
meet classes this year. He gave the
jump sparsely at the same time on the board of the"Germans Verein" before the student.

The chairman of the Committee on Religious Meetings announced Sunday that for the remainder of the spring term the regular Sunday Y. M. C. A. meetings would be held at 5 p.m.

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