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**BANKERS' ASSOCIATION MEET.**

Held Successful Meeting at La Salle—Dwight Man Elected President.

The Corn Belt Group of the Illinois Bankers' Association consisting of the counties of La Salle, Grundy, Livingston, McLean, Kankakee, Ford, Iroquois, Putnam and DeWitt held their annual convention at La Salle on June 5th and 6th, at which John J. Doherty, Cashier of the First National Bank of Dwight was elected President. The convention was the largest and most successful ever held in this Group and nearly every bank in the district was represented as well as all of the prominent banks of Chicago and St. Louis.

The address of welcome was delivered by Honorable Doyle, Mayor of La Salle and responded to by C. R. Tombaugh, of Pontiac. Chas. E. Hook, of Ottawa, addressed the convention on Bank Taxation and Frank W. Aldrich, of McLean, on County Federa-



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tion. John J. Doherty spoke on "The justifiable rate of interest of Savings Deposits." Honorable Robert W. Bonyne, of Colorado, member of the United States Monetary Commission, made an eloquent address on "Our National Reserve Association." Mr. Bonyne is one of the most prominent students of finance in the world and is an orator of nation wide reputation. The La Salle Commercial Association turned out in full force to greet the bankers and make them welcome and after the adjournment of the convention the visitors were taken by automobiles to Deer Park, where dinner was served. The Illinois Athletic Club and the Chicago Motor Club held their annual run to La Salle on the second day of the Bankers' Convention and took dinner with the Bankers' Association and La Salle Commercial Association.

Mr. C. J. Ahern, of Dwight, took a prominent part in the Convention at both sessions, answering all of the legal questions which were part of the



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general discussion. Mr. Ahern was particularly well informed on the Employers' Liability Law which only recently was put in force and is of special interest to bankers. Mr. Ahern

was kept very busy during the discussion of legal points and proved himself to be well informed on every topic.

The following account of the Thursday session was taken from the La Salle Tribune:

With the selection of Bloomington as the place of meeting next year and with the election of officers, the heavy work of the convention of Group V of the Illinois Bankers came to a close. The officers elected to serve during the ensuing year are as follows:

President—J. J. Doherty, Dwight. Vice President—Stuart Duncan, La Salle.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. B. Hackett, Bloomington.

Executive Committee—Joseph Montelme, Piper City; T. M. Walsh, Campus; H. W. Lukins, Streator; D. A. Henneberry, Minooka; R. R. Meents, Ashton; H. T. Swiger, Weldon; F. H. Lorner, Towanda; W. C. Patterson, Hennepin.

State Vice President—R. N. Crawford, Mendota.

Member State Committee for Three Years—C. E. Hook, Ottawa.

Thursday morning's session opened at 10:10 in Music Hall, there being then present about one hundred bankers, but this number was increased later by arrivals at frequent intervals. In the absence of the president, the meeting was called to order and presided over by J. J. Doherty, of Dwight, vice president of the organization. After the Confrey orchestra had played a selection, Rev. F. S. Fleming, pastor of St. Paul's church, offered an invocation.

The chairman then introduced Hon. Thomas F. Doyle, mayor of La Salle, who, in a characteristic speech, gave cordial welcome to the delegates and warmed up into a most eloquent description of the greatness of La Salle and of the beauty of its environs. Referring to the usual practice of presenting the keys of the city to visitors, he suggested that, inasmuch as the bankers had already got about everything in sight, they would not wait for the keys to be given them, but would help themselves. After a few pleasantries of this kind, Mr. Doyle seriously discussed La Salle, educationally, industrially, religiously, morally and commercially, making an evidently profound impression upon his hearers. He told of the thousands of clocks that are manufactured here, of the plows, the zinc, the ship davits, the cement, the coal that is mined. He referred to the soundness and solidity of our banks and to the up-to-dateness of our other commercial institutions. He told of the churches, of the excellence of the schools and of the many other advantages that are offered to those who would reside in the city of La Salle. He referred to the cosmopolitan nature of the population and, in an eloquent period, showed how they were assimilated in the process of the "melting pot."

Mayor Doyle's tribute to the beauty and grandeur of nature's handiwork in this vicinity was probably the most eloquent portion of his speech. Incidental to this description, the speaker quoted from M. C. O'Byrne's poem, "Marquette's Vision." Concluding, Doyle declared that he was proud of the city of La Salle and believed that every citizen had just cause to boast of its greatness. Prolonged applause marked the end of one of the best welcoming speeches that was ever delivered in this city.

The chairman announced that Mr. E. D. Durban, of Onarga, Ill., who was to have made the response to the address of welcome, was unavoidably detained and unable to be present. He therefore introduced C. R. Tombaugh, of Pontiac. Mr. Tombaugh said that La Salle had every reason to be proud of its achievements and that he and his fellow bankers rejoiced in the prosperity of its citizens. He said they all had reason to feel very kindly to La Salle, but that no doubt that at the conclusion of this convention their feelings would be more friendly than ever. He cordially thanked the mayor and the citizens for their hearty greetings and hoped the Group V might be privileged at some future time to return and hold another meeting in La Salle.

The minutes were then read by Stuart Duncan, secretary of the organization, and were adopted without alteration.

A La Salle quartette, consisting of Messrs. Fleming, Opdycke, Jones and Hazen, and accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Neely, rendered several selections, being warmly applauded and encored. And then there were loud calls for "The Sunbeam Serenaders," a jolly bunch of bankers, who, notwithstanding the "kidding" of their associates, sang very well. They rendered three or four catchy selections, accompanied by the full orchestra.

On motion the chair was instructed to appoint a committee on good roads to co-operate with the Illinois Bankers' Association in securing state road legislation.

Then a resolution was introduced to the effect that all members of the group should send to the secretary one or more subjects that he would like discussed at the next meeting, so that the topics proposed might ap-

pear upon the program. To defray the expense of the speakers that it might be necessary to engage, the resolution provided for an appropriation equivalent to one-half the year's receipts. Another resolution was one relating to an adequate monetary system.

Robert W. Bonyne, who is a member of the national monetary commission, spoke on currency reform. He was the principal address of the morning and he held the close attention of the bankers for over an hour. Mr. Bonyne devoted considerable attention to an explanation of the proposed National Reserve Association. This, he explained, will be the same as a great clearing house. It will do business that smaller financial institutions cannot do, and, contrary to the belief of many small banks, it is not in opposition to them. The stock in this great reserve association will be subscribed by all banks, large and small, and none will have a greater power than the other. It will be necessary to have a capitalization of \$100,000,000 to carry the plan through, but with its realization the danger of panics will be past. This reserve organization will do no private business, but will deal only with banks.

Mr. Bonyne also told in some detail of the history of banks and referred to the early conditions that had to be contended with. His address was exceptionally good and was well received.

**THREE GOOD GAMES.**

F. L. Smiths Win Two and Lose One During the Present Week.

The F. L. Smiths baseball team met their old rivals, the Morris Reds, at West Side Park, Sunday, June 9th, and all who were fortunate enough to be out agreed that it was one of the best games ever witnessed on the grounds.

The visitors scored their first run on a hit by Sandy Woods and an overthrow to first. They threatened again in the fourth, when Woods and Paderni both singled but Jim Flood settled down and struck out Mike Sharp and H. Miller and A. Enger hit a high one to McGahey.

The Dwight fans had no chance to holler until the eighth, when Spike Gutel led off with a two-base hit; Mickelson followed with another driver to left, good for two bases, scoring Gutel; McGahey struck out but Enger dropped the ball and was forced to throw to first to get him, Mickelson going to third on the play and scoring when Kutz threw wild to Woods in an attempt to get him. Harry Miller for the visitors pitched gilt-edged ball while Jim Flood for the home team was equally effective with men on bases and should have scored a shut-out.

F. L. SMITHS.	R. H. P. O. A. E.
Kern, 2b.....	0 3 1 0
Lannon, lf.....	0 1 1 0 0
F. Flood, c.....	0 1 9 2 0
B. Nelson, 1b.....	0 0 8 0 0
Burns, cf.....	0 0 3 0 0
Gutel, 3b.....	1 1 0 1 3
Mickelson, rf.....	1 1 0 0 0
McGahey, ss.....	0 2 3 0 0
J. Flood, p.....	0 1 3 1 1
Totals.....	2 4 27 10 4

MORRIS REDS.	R. H. P. O. A. E.
R. Enger, cf.....	0 2 2 0 0
Kutz, 1b.....	0 0 7 1 0
Gleghorn, ss.....	0 0 2 1 0
H. Enger, 2b.....	0 0 2 3 0
Woods, 3b.....	1 2 0 0 1
Paderni, rf.....	0 1 1 0 0
Sharp, lf.....	0 0 0 0 0
A. Enger, c.....	0 0 8 1 0
H. Miller, p.....	0 0 2 2 0
Totals.....	1 5 24 8 1

Two base hits—Gutel and Mickelson. Base on balls—Off Miller, 1; off Flood, 2. Struck out—By Miller, 8; by Flood, 9. Hit by pitcher, J. Flood.

**First Game Against Saunemin.**

Tuesday at Forrest the home team met the Saunemin Stars and were defeated by a score of 5 to 4. Mickelson twirled for the Dwight team but lacked his usual good control in the first half of the game and bases on balls coupled with one bad mix-up on a fly ball by McGahey and Burns, and an unlucky bound of an infield hit, gave the Saunemin boys three runs in the fifth inning. Their first run was made in the second on a three sacker by Smith and an infield out; the second run was made in the fourth on a base on balls to Smeijkal and a hit by Miller. Paderni scored the first run for Dwight with a home run in the fourth. In the seventh, F. Flood started things going with a two-bagger; B. Nelson scored him with a single; Burns struck out, but McGahey clouted one of Watts' choice ones for three sacks, scoring Nelson. Billy Nelson sent Sam Lannon clear to the fence for his high fly, McGahey scoring after the catch. Mickelson rolled one to Watts and was thrown out at first. In the eighth, Kern led off with a two-base drive but was out on a double play when Sam Lannon made a spectacular catch of Paderni's hit over short. In the ninth, with two down, Burns was safe at first on a bad throw by Smeijkal but McGahey was out, Watts to Shaplund.

last four innings, only thirteen men facing him.

**Second Game Against Saunemin.**

Wednesday at Forrest the boys met the Saunemin boys for the second game of the season, with Harry Miller on the slab, while the Saunemin boys had Eddie Hamilton from Red-dick pitching for them. This was conceded by all who witnessed it to be one of the best games of the season and the Frank L. Smiths won by a score of 1 to 0. Harry Miller pitched wonderful ball and the best the Stars could do, aided by Smeijkal and Wallace, two of the best semipro players in Chicago, was two hits and one of them was made by Jody Knight of the Pontiac Midgets when Miller floated one straight across without any steam back of it. It is safe to predict that Jody wouldn't get another hit this season if Miller was trying to get him and they all say Jody was so surprised when he hit it he almost forgot to run. The Smiths played gilt-edged ball in the field and got eight clean hits off Hamilton. They should have scored more runs but one was enough. They scored their only

F. L. SMITHS.	R. H. P. O. A. E.
Nelson, 1b.....	0 2 7 0 0
Paderni, 3b.....	0 0 1 0 0
Flood, c.....	0 1 13 3 0
Burns, cf.....	0 0 2 0 0
Kern, rf.....	0 0 2 0 0
Gutel, 2b.....	0 1 2 2 0
Mickelson, lf.....	0 0 0 0 0
McGahey, ss.....	1 2 0 1 0
Miller, p.....	0 2 0 2 0
Totals.....	1 8 27 8 0

  

SAUNEMIN STARS.	R. H. P. O. A. E.
Wallace, 2b.....	0 0 2 3 0
S. Lannon, c.....	0 0 0 0 0
J. Lannon, c.....	0 12 1 0
Smeijkal, ss.....	0 0 0 0 0
Smith, lf.....	0 1 0 0 0
Knight, 3b.....	0 1 0 2 0
Miller, rf.....	0 0 0 0 0
Hamilton, p.....	0 0 3 2 1
Watts, 1b.....	0 0 10 1 1
Totals.....	0 2 27 9 2

Struck out—By Miller, 13; by Hamilton, 10. Two base hits—Miller and Knight. Base on balls—Off Miller, 3; off Hamilton, 1.

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