

News of the State Associations

(Continued from page 40)

C. Dwight Stevens, the retiring President, who organized the Association and who was its leader for the first two years, was unable to attend the meeting, on account of illness. Immediately after the election and installation of the officers, the Association adopted, as one of its measures for the coming year, a program for State-wide philanthropic work. After adjournment of the formal session, the delegates enjoyed an outing at Eagle's Nest, arranged by the members of Portland Lodge. Among the pleasurable events of this were a baseball game and a clambake.

Kansas

AT THE twenty-fifth convention of the Kansas State Elks Association, held in Goodland, recently, the following officers were elected for the 1930-31 term: President, Walter E. Gage, Manhattan Lodge, No. 1185; First Vice-President, J. J. Ryan, Goodland Lodge, No. 1528; Second Vice-President, J. H. Burnside, Garden City Lodge, No. 1404; Third Vice-President, W. H. Hunt, Independence Lodge, No. 780; Secretary, L. F. Goerman, Newton Lodge, No. 706; Treasurer, W. B. Greenwald, Hutchinson Lodge, No. 453; and Trustees, F. M. Brown, Newton Lodge; James Farley, Wichita Lodge, No. 427; and A. W. Kopke, Emporia Lodge, No. 633. After the elections, the delegates and the new officers unanimously selected Junction City as the meeting place for the 1931 convention. This was followed by the initiation of a class of candidates by a State degree team composed of officers chosen from among various Lodges attending the meeting. The formal session then adjourned, and a banquet and community dance provided enjoyment for the many Elks and their guests gathered in the city for the convention.

New York

BECAUSE it defines, with such clearness and with such understanding, the functions and the relation to the Grand and subordinate Lodges, of the State Elks Association as an institution, THE ELKS MAGAZINE takes this occasion to reprint a statement made a short time ago by the recently retired President of the New York State Elks Association, William T. Phillips. This statement was the concluding part of Mr. Phillips's report to the Association at its annual convention, held this year at Niagara Falls. It said: "The State Organization is a peculiar institution. It has not yet discovered its full possibilities. It exists under narrow limitations laid down by the Grand Lodge, and by grace of the enthusiasm of the Elks within its jurisdic-

(Continued on page 60)

News of the State Associations

(Continued from page 59)

tion. Its support is voluntary. Its leadership must, of necessity, be moral leadership, and its influence measured by the unselfishness, earnestness and disinterestedness with which it serves. The highest form of service is voluntary service, and an organization altruistic in principle and kindly in purpose must march upon the level of the rank and file. Moral leadership upon which falls the shadow of selfishness must lose its force in the antagonism it creates, and a State Association of Elks may hope for success only so long as it carries on in the broad spirit of democracy, respecting the rights, privileges and opinions of those it seeks to serve. The State Association owes allegiance to the Grand Lodge. It must uphold the dignity of the sovereign body, obey its laws and support its policies. But it must stand free of the savor of national politics if it would hold the respect of the members of subordinate Lodges. The State Association must essentially be an organization of the laity, a medium of expression for the men in the ranks, and a promoter of good fellowship and good will, particularly among those who do not attain membership in the Grand Lodge. If ever the spirit of democracy fails and the State Associa-

tion is permitted to become a stepping-stone of personal ambition, if ever it falls into the hands of those who would use it as flaunted evidence of power, its moral leadership must fail. The State Association has demonstrated its usefulness, but its strength is the strength of unselfish service, and once perverted to the uses of selfish ambition or controlled by the will to drag its altruism into the dust of political discord, it will fail, never to rise again, and every Elk who loves the Order, reveres its principles, and appreciates the great possibilities which lie within the scope of the State Association, will strive with heart, voice and mind to avert the coming of such an evil day."

Scheduled Meetings

THE following State Associations have scheduled annual conventions, to be held at the places, and on the dates, named below:

California, at Monterey, October 16-17-18.
Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia, at Ocean City, Md., September 4-5-6.
Nevada, at Tonopah, September 12-13.
New Hampshire, at Rochester, September 26.
Oklahoma, at Sapulpa, September 1-2.

The Elks National Trapshoot

(Continued from page 35)

Following the official events of the tournament, an extra feature was added in the form of a five-gun State championship shoot, open to Elks and their ladies. The representatives of New Jersey won this, the victorious group comprising E. B. Springer, J. Bunker Plum, Fred Plum, William Kurtz, and Mrs. J. S. Murphy. The trapshoot was remarkable not only for

the excellence of performance it developed but also for the smoothness of its conduct, under the direction of Leo Schaab, of Annapolis, Md., Lodge, No. 622. The success of the affair, too, was heightened by almost ideal weather conditions. Not only were both days of competition clear and sunny, but the day before, reserved for practice, was flawless.

Sixty Minutes a Day

(Continued from page 13)

no place in the theories that this author sets before us. It is a fresh and direct stream of constructive, generous and proud thought that he presents to us—suitable for the college student, the man in the street, the leader. Rationally and simply he has drawn his philosophy of freedom from those classic sources which will never grow old, and with this firmly established in his own mind he asks us squarely:

"What have we been doing with our freedom during the past hundred years?"

What, indeed!

"The idea that a people are free merely because they live under laws they may be presumed to have made, is a fiction."

Lone Cowboy

By Will James. (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.)

THESE are the things that I like best to remember in this life-story of a cowboy who later became an author and an artist; who uses, more or less, the vernacular made so popular by one Will Rogers; and who takes what life offers "on the chin," finding most of it good in the long run:—

His wandering childhood with the old French trapper.

The way he climbed up, no bigger than a minute, on his first horse.

The two grey wolves who were his watch dogs one winter.

The description of some of the ranches out in his "country." A hundred head of cattle being just nothing to lift an eyebrow about.

His sketches of bucking broncos.

The story of the trapping of a herd of wild horses.

The author's adventures as a rider for the movies.

The whole book has an easy-going lope, like that of a gentle horse, but it keeps right on going and covers, as Mr. James would say, a heap of territory.

Personally, I had a grand time over a rainy week-end with this satisfying and generously illustrated volume. Breathes there a man with soul so dead, and so forth, who doesn't like a good "western"? *No!*

The Young and Secret

By Alice Grant Rosman. (Minton, Balch & Co., New York.)

WE switch the traffic signals to red for this one.

Not because there is any danger ahead—either that you won't like this book, or that it is compounded of malignant ingredients—but simply because you *must* stop and take time out to read it.

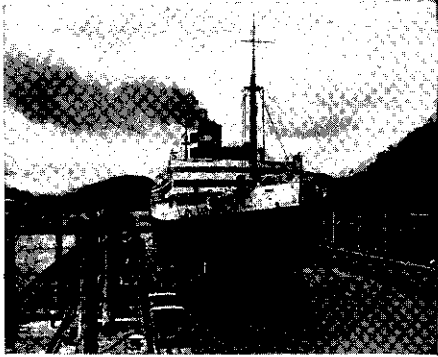
It is a sprightly romance of London moderns, 1930-31 model, and is written for the young—which means you. It has to do with Una and Tony, clean cut, knowing what they want and prancing after it in a nice, smartish, well-bred manner with humor and honesty. The whole lilted story of their innocently clandestine affair makes you think of irrepressible things—colts in a spring meadow, daffodils in a high wind, laughter above the pounding surf—if you get what we mean.

The thread of the story is woven around a rare intaglio ring bought under Tony's jealous nose in a Florence shop by a "catamaran" of an Englishwoman, and later seen by Tony upon the hand of a lovely girl in Kensington Gardens. With that, the delicate yarn gets into real action.

Miss Rosner, who hails originally from Australia and who is the author of that delicious book, "Visitors to Hugo," possesses a laughing way with her pen. In "The Young and Secret" she isn't trying to prove anything or improve anybody—at least I don't think she is. She appears to imply, however, that if we'll just leave the younger generation alone with their perfectly normal hearts, we'll be surprised at the grand morals they exhibit. Also, she believes in the old theory that the sun shines half the time—and why not write about that half?

Ah well, this isn't the sort of book that needs much said about it—nor, in fact, is it of the caliber to demand much said about it; but it is decidedly an interesting story offered to the world to bring an hour's surcease from too much heavy thinking—or what have you!

PLAN NOW Your Trip to the B. P. O. ELKS SEATTLE CONVENTION JULY 6-10 1931



Panama Pacific Electric Liner *California* passing through the Panama Canal, with large delegation of Elks returning from 1929 Los Angeles Convention.

One way through PANAMA CANAL via HAVANA

ELKS: A wonderful vacation trip has been planned for yourself and family. A complete circle tour by Rail and Water, from your home town back to home town again—more than 11,000 miles in all. Choice of rail routes to the Convention city. De luxe, all-expense tours arranged to suit all travel preferences. Elaborate sightseeing programs arranged through

YELLOWSTONE PARK
CANADIAN ROCKIES
YOSEMITE VALLEY
and
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DELEGATIONS: There will be large delegations at Seattle from all sections of the country. Make plans now to have your Lodge well represented. Now is the time to plan for the tour by organizing "Save for the Seattle Trip" committees. Send for tour booklet and full particulars.

FRED BIRD, GENERAL
PASSENGER AGENT

PANAMA PACIFIC LINE
International Mercantile Marine Company
No. 1 Broadway New York City