# Splendid New Home of Omaha Young Men's Christian Association

work of preachers; not a club, but its dormitory, culinary and recreation features as fine as those of the average club; not a school, but with fifteen rooms devoted to education; not an athletic society, but with gymnasium and boxing rooms, which any athletic association might envy, and the Young Men's Christian Association building is open to the public after a solid week of festival in which some of the highest officials of the state and nation, and some of the most able speakers of the land took

The Omaha Young Men's Christian Association building is a model of its kind. And this, the promoters believed, it was planned, and this they know, now that they have heard expressions from men whose life is devoted to the association work. It is difficult to give an adequate idea of the building and its appointments, as in walking from the subbasement to the fifth floor the change is so rapid in the uses and objects of the varlous rooms as to confuse one, and it is only after the beholder has had time to think it over that he realizes that there has been assembled between the walls of the building features of work, benevolence and amusement which will appeal to the desires of every type and condition of man, and each. In its way, designed to make man better, morally, mentally and phy-

Below the First Floor.

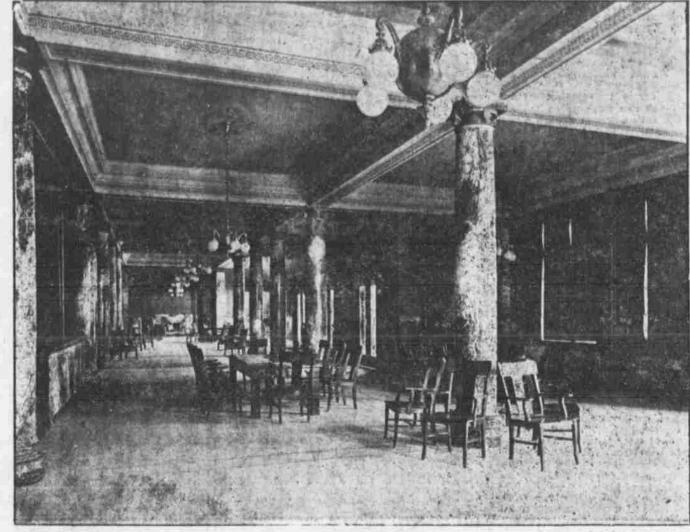
It is as well to begin a description where the builder began his work-in the subbasement.

Here is where the motive power of the house is kept, but to find the material source of that power it is necessary to go down 1,100 feet lower, where water starts on its way to the surface, for the Young Men's Christian Association building is equipped with its own water plant, fed from a well under the building. The water is pumped to a tank from where poses, and part sent through coils passing convent Sienna marble. Capitals are Doric, necessary rooms. under ice to drinking fountains on every floors terraszo and wood finishing throughfloor of the house. In the sub-basement, out is English oak. When the furnishers also, is the heating plant and the source are through with their work the east end of supply and deposit for the vacuum of the lobby will be used as a reading sweeping plant, with which all the floors room, the west end for social purposes. The of the building are cleaned.

half a basement after all, as the celling the rooms of officers and the board of difrom the sidewalk opens into a recreation room, where a number of games will be installed. While the building is in a state, of negligee, following the hasty exit of the builder and the presence of the furnisher, this room is used as a reading room. South of this is the regular Seventeenth street entrance, and adjoining the door is the picycle room. On this floor, also is a locker room with 1,200 lockers, a lounging room for business men and a large check room; but the crowning glory of this floor s the plunge and shower baths. There are fifteen of the latter and one of the formera pool 20x60 feet in extent, ranging from three feet six inches to eight feet deep, and the water of that tone of blue which occasions the name. This water passes through the heaters where it is given the temperature which science declares the best for the human body at healthy state. The entire room in which the plunge and showers are located is floored with tile or

In this room also are a number of private lockers for the use of persons who from the boys' department to the pool.

#### Through the Front Entrance.



IN THE MAIN HALL.

main business office occupies the southeast-Then comes the basement, which is only ern part of the lobby and back of that are

is several feet above the street line. Here rectors. In the main office is the telephone is the entrance from the Seventeenth exchange. At the present time the building street side of the building. The corner door is equipped for 120 telephones, practically one in every office room and dormitory, Gymnasium and Other Features. On this floor also, in the southern part of the building is the gymnashim, with all of

the devices usually found in such a place, and some not always found therein. Each of these appliances is in duplicate so that for practical purposes there are two complete gymnasiums. Adjoining the gymnuslum is the physical director's suite, three rooms, including the main office, the private office, examination room and gymnasium club room. The gymnasium annex is just ball court and similar devices will be in-

North of this is the "spa," commonly called the "Dutch" room, because of its decoration. Here a luncheon is served from H a. m. to H p. m. to members of the association and their friends.

A check room, with a capacity of about is south of the dining room. 1,000 articles, completes this floor, with the wing, which are rented to the Electric Light and Power company, the only rooms in the building used for commercial pur-

## Boy's Department.

The Harney street entrance to the build- On the second floor the most important ing is the "front door" of the building. part of the work is the boys' department. After plassing up steps of easy ascent the Here, on a smaller scale, but no less comvisitor enters one of the finest corridors in plete, the boys have every accommodation the west. This large room, but slightly accorded their elders in other parts of the broken up with pillars, and semi-detached building. There are lockers, shower baths, at one end, extends the entire width of the rooms for games, reading room, four club ation, and on Monday, July 24, the assobuilding, 132 feet on Harney street. The rooms, separated by rolling partitions, a ciation will start a short and sharp cam-

a part is taken to heaters for various pur- of the same material, in imitation of old secretary of the boys' department and other

Parlor Reception and Auditorium. All of this is in the eastern part of the building. In the central part, just in front of the elevator is the parler, a room carpeted in rich velvet and furnished in solld mahogany. West of this is a reception room, and adjoining that the auditorium, which has a seating capacity of about 660. It is furnished with comfortable removable chairs. South of the auditorium is a small lecture room which connects with the auditorium by a rolling partition. South of this is the running track of the gymnasium and the sparring and wrestling rooms.

Education and Dormitories.

The eastern part of the third floor is levoted to education. There are fifteen class and study rooms, in which various branches will be taught. Included in the fifteen are two large recitation rooms and rooms which will be equipped for freehand drawing and similar work. The culinary department proper occupies the western part of this floor. There is a dining room with a seating capacity of about 250 persons, and in the northern part of the wing are four private dining rooms, connected by rolling partitions in which parties of twelve to eighteen can be accommodated. The kitchen, deplared to be one of the best equipped in the state,

The central part of the floor, near the exception of the rooms in the southeastern elevator, is used as committee rooms and state headquarters. On the fourth and fifth floors are dormitories, 102 rooms be-

Campaign for Cash.

The building as it will stand when fully equipped will represent an investment of approximately \$260,000. Of this amount \$150,000 has been received by the associvestibule has scagliola pilasters and the lunch room, connected with the kitchen by paign to raise the \$90,000 necessary to columns and wainscoating in the lobby are a gallery and dumb waiter, offices for the dedicate the building free from debt. The

campaign will be in charge of C. S. Ward, who has established a reputation for raising money for Young Men's Christian association buildings. He will be assisted in his campaign by R. A. Cassidy. In a the secretary of the association says. It is now proposed by the association management to conduct a short but vigorous campaign for \$90,000 with which to clear the association of all indebtedness. This campaign is to commence Monday, Juns 24, and close Tuesday night, July 2. Regarding the need for this \$50,000, it must not be supposed that the building has cost this much more than was originally estimated. When the campaign for \$100,000 was made just two years ago the cost of the building as then planned was estimated at \$200,000. Of this \$75,000 was solicited from the public, \$100,000 to be raised by July 15. It was expected at that time that the remaining \$25,000 would be raised in the fall, but other enterprises intervened and it seemed best to postpone the canvass for the remaining money for the building and such money as was needed for furnishing until a later period. This \$90,000 can be, therefore, divided about as follows: Balance originally unprovided for, \$25,000; shrinkage of subscriptions, \$5,000; cost of furnishings, \$20,000; cost of building in excess of original estimates, \$30,000. Included in this lust named amount are a number of items which were not originally contemplated and which cost considerable sums of money, as, for example, the artesian well which, with its machinery, piping and complete equipment, has cost about \$6,000, but is one of the best investments made by the building materials between the time of estimating the building and of letting the contract would account for the balance. circular sent to the ministers of the city the secretary of the association says:

Clock Idea Belongs Here.

In the matter of raising money ing set aside for this purpose and eighty hurry Omaha occupies a unique position in of them already rented. Rooms are Young Men's Christian association circles, rented to none but members of the asso- The "clock" idea of marking subscriptions was originated in this city in the campaign of 1905, when Physical Director Pentland conceived the idea that a large clock, marked in factors of the amount desired, the hind indicating the amount raised at certain times of day during the campaign, would add interest to the work. The clock of the principal features of the old Sixteenth street building, where it ticked off the work of the committee until it "struck twelve" when \$100,600 was promised for the new building.

The fame of the Omaha clock went for the clock and adopted the plan first put into execution in Omaha. The clock marked \$180,000 for that town. Then it was sent to St. Paul, where it assisted in ratsing \$255,000 for a Young Men's Chris tian association building at the Minnesota capital. Then it was taken to Denver, where it recorded \$23,000 for the association's home in the metropolis of the Rocky mountains. Then it was seen in Kansas City, where about \$250,000 was raised.

Ward is an "Expert."

The campaign in Omaha was under the direction of C. S. Ward, who comes back Monday. Since Mr. Ward was in Omaha he has raised between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for Young Men's Christian association buildings. The largest cities in which he has worked have been Baltimore, where \$400,000 was raised, and Detroit. He is just closing a campalgn at Milwaukee and comes from that city to resume work in

Speaking of the proposed campaign Isnac Carpenter, president of the association said: "Omaha occupies an enviable position in Young Men's Christian associabrief campaign for money and evolved a new method. Since that time many towns in the class of Omaha have raised money for buildings, many of them in larger amounts, and without exception, so far as I know the towns where the Omaha clock has visited will dedicate their buildings free from debt. Seattle and Portland have been through two campaigns for cash. At Portland \$250,000 was raised at the first effort and on the second \$100,500 was added to that amount. Seattle raised \$165,000 at first and then paid off the debt with \$56 .-

(0) or \$100,000 more. "Can Omaha afford to have the association dedicate its building while a mortgage rests upon it? Can we afford to confess that we are not as able to care for this work as towns no better situated?

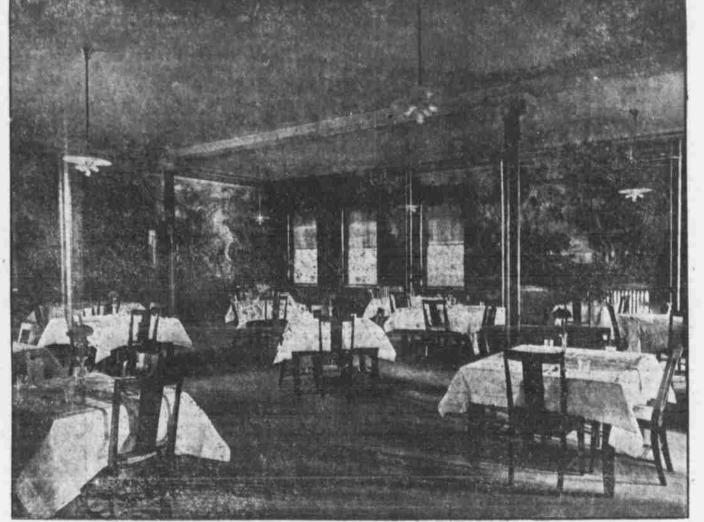
"Omaha's example has been responsible for much of the work done in other places and we cannot afford to fail to hold our state have felt encouraged to go ahead with the work. Beatrice has raised \$5.00) Wilkins exchange, where Schlipper is asfor a building. Columbus \$30,000 and Fre- sistant wire chief. mont is in a campaign for \$50,600. If Fremont can put up \$50,000 into a Young Mon's and went to meet her sweetheart. The Christian association building, Omaha subscribers soon found something was at lunch at the Missouri Athletic club. should have little difficulty in dedicating wrong at "central," but a couple of hours this house free of debt."

All Are Watching Omaha. twenty-five successful - campaigns and is to elope. now on his twenty-sixth. His work has good record made in Omaha, and I am

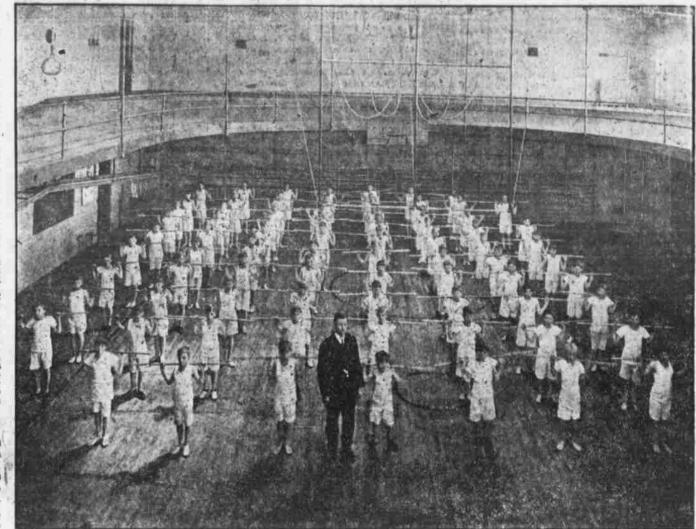
planning while finishers are planing and the hands of workmen. As fast as new membership in a comparatively short time,

was made and for several days was one know that we had Secretary Taft come to polishing. In the kitchen the cooks and parts of the building is ready for use the Omaha so we could collect a big crowd of manager are busy preparing for the day proper officers move in and a new departs representative citizens as the prelude to when the dining room will be opened, ment is resumed. our campaign. To fail now would be dis- Dormitories are occupied and others are gince the building was opened to the

astrous, but we are not going to fail." ready for occupants. The work of the public, applications for membership, both A visit to the working rooms of the as- association is progressing as rapidly as in the men's and boys' departments, are sociation shows that failure to raise the possible. Men are using the gynnasium, being received in larger numbers, and inrequired money is no part of the calcu- the swimming pool, the reading rooms, dications are that the capacity of the lations of the men in charge. They are while other parts of the building are in building will not be too large for the



CORNER OF THE DINING ROOM.



CLASS OF BOYS AT DRILL IN GYMNASIUM

## Second Generation of Omaha High School The tame of the Omaha clock went should be considered the plant first

significant and that recalls some of the in- ulty. cidents connected with that first class of About 100 students were enrolled in the which her mother was a member. school and the faculty included Prof. W.

came to Omaha, with her parents, from Babbit and Prof. Decker, instructor of New York in 1868. Mr. Jacobs engaged in music. Two recitation rooms, an assembly the clothing business and his daughter be- room and the laboratory comprised the came a pupil of Pacific school. At that school, The big auditorium or assembly time the schools were only imperfectly or- room occupied the entire south end of the ganized, owing largely to the system of third floor and it was here that the rhetorcontrol. They were only partially graded, loals, exhibitions and other entertainments but the next year a new system was in- very popular at that time were held. stalled from which the present system has It was the last week of June, 1876, that evolved. Miss Jacobs completed the grades the first commencement of the Omaha at Pacific school, going then to the new High school was held. It was an event of high school. The old part of the present no small consequence in the history of the building was then new and was occupied by town and, being generally appreciated as Miss Fannie Wilson (Mrs. S. F. Wooda grammar school as well as the high such, was largely attended. The exercises bridge of Omaha), Miss Addie Gladstone

N INTERESTING coincidence at- large to accommodate the classes. The taches to the graduation of the high school course of study covered five class of 1907, the largest class yet years, but when one year of it had been sent out by the Omaha High completed it was decided to condense it school, in that its honor pupil, into four years and as a result two clauses Miss Pauline Rosenberg, is a daughter of consolidated. Among the members of this a member of the school's first graduating first upper class were sons and daughters class. Miss Rosenberg is the second repre- of Omaha's most prominent families, but sentative of the school's second generation of them only eleven graduated, many of the of graduates, Miss Elizabeth McConnell, others having been withdrawn and sent daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McConnell, east to finish. Among these were Henry D. being the first. Like her mother, Miss Estabrook and Miss "Caddle" Campbell, Rosenberg is a product of the Omaha pub. who afterward became his wife; also Mrs. lic schools and her admirable record re- William Fleming, nee Ida Doolittle, at flects upon them fresh credit that is not in- present a member of the high school fac-

Mrs. Rosenberg, formerly Esther Jacobs, H. Merritt, principal; Ralph Gaylord, L. T.



accommodate the crowd. The graduating class included nine girls and two boysschool grades, the latter being confined to were held in the school auditorium and in (Mrs. David Gross of Ornsha), Miss Bertha the third floor of the building, then amply the evening and the room was taxed to Isaacs (Mrs. Fred McConnell of Omaha), Miss Nehlia-Lehmer (Mrs. Richard Carrier of Omaha), Miss Margaret McCague (Mrs. J. H. McCullough of California), Miss Stacia Crowley, now of Chicago; Miss Ida Goodman of Omaha, Miss Esther Jacobs (Mrs. Adolph Bosenberg), Miss Flynche Deuel, deceased; Alfred Ramsey and Henry

All the members of the class participated school at York. Neb., won high in the program. Each had written an oradistinction as an erator, He was tion or essay which they delivered or read. first among the school orators of A feature of the program was the singing York county; then he won first in the dis- of the class sons, the words of which trict contest, and finally at Grand Island had been writen by Miss Stacis Crowley he carried of first honors in the state con- and the music by Prof. Decker of the factest. He expects to attend one of the ulty. An orchestra accompaniment was schools at Lincoln, continuing his studies provided and this number of the program

> baccalaureate sermon nor class banquet, but Saturday evening following the commencement a social and dance was given at the school and the Omaha High School

Alumni association was organized. Two classes having consolidated to form the class of 1876, there was no graduating been largely successful because of the class the next year and the next year, 1877. to correct him, whispered from behind quence the alumni association was dropped

## Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

Bejeweled Steerage Brides.

Celtic, which arrived in New York from gave the runaway schoolgirl a good spank. man Klein of Brooklyn, according to Jim Southampton, excited the wonder and sus- ing. picion of the customs inspectors. All were The matron said the father turned the taken before the chief surveyor in charge glrl over his knee and spanked her until to explain the unusual display.

Salim Sorour, one of the bridegrooms, explained that he had left his betrothed, Marie Hadad, the beautiful daughter of the principal barber in Beyrout, Syria, Hammes of No. 4016 Morgan street, and eight years ago to come to America and Mies Agnes L. Blessing of No. 647 Mcmake a fortune. Salim is now an Ameri-Tex. He said he was taking his bride to

tion circles. It made a success of the first that he, likewise, had left Nahmah Elias, one of the prettiest girls, in Burroun, a village thirty-five miles from Beyrout, three years ago and had recently returned to be married. He lives now in Toronto. The two newly wedded couples had met

As to the five jeweled bracelets that were on each arm of each bride, together with several diamond studded rings and earrings, they were wedding gifts, the

The inspector estimated the jewelry as worth at least \$4,000, but as no customs laws had been violated the four were allowed to go after a severe questioning.

A telephone romance which developed in the Wilkins exchange of the Bell Telephone thetic plen was greeted with laughter. company of Pittsburg, culminated in an Hammes recognized the laughs and felt elopement to Cumberland, Md., by Genevieve Anderson, 15 years old, and Norman

The girl "tied up" the telephone board after the little girl in short dresses fled her place was filled. Miss Anderson's mother telegraphed to Cumberland to have Said Secretary Wade: "Since Mr. Ward both arrested, but too late. Genevieve Anleft Omaha two years ago he has closed derson is the fourth of a family of sisters Miss Anna Snyder, who has been a ticket shave and told the girl to wait on Superior

Eloping Girl Spanked.

Cupid was balked when Katie Sellers, 15 added, if it were not for Jim Shoagreen the five years, of every association is on Omaha at this from Henderson, Ky., were arrested at comin.

DORNED with jewels and glitter- The girl were her dress to her shoetops roses and a wreath of immortelles tied with ing finery worth several thou- and had her hair platted down her back, purple and black ribbons--Jim says. Then sand dollars, two Syrian brides, When her father found her at pelice head to the tune of Chopin's "Funeral March"

she cried for mercy.

Before the Wedding.

Following the wedding of William E. Pherson avenue in St. Louis Wednesday, it became known that Mr. Hammes had been in pyjamus, and dumped into a pond near Clayten as a penalty for not announcing his approaching wedding to friends.

The midnight ride was taken Saturday night in a stable wagon, and was a part of the ceremony of administering the marital degree of the Hi-ne-ga-boo-ba-la Gazeba society. Hammes was asleep when his fellow members of the society, to whom he had not mentioned his wedding plans, arrived at his home.

Before he realised it, his room was entered, he was seized, blindfolded, tightly bound and carried shivering to the wagon in the street, the night wind screeching gaily through his thin pyjamas. The joiting of the wagon aroused Hammes to his full senses, but he could not see for the blindfold. He began to beg for his life and liberty, saying that he was to be married in a few days, and that his weding would be all spoiled if he were killed. His pa-

safer, though no warmer. place. Even the smaller towns of the Schilpper, 30 years old, also of Wikinsburg. Hammes was again placed in the wagon. Miss Anderson has been an operator at the The blindfold was removed and Hammes was permitted to see the stars blink out weeks. as the water closed over his head in a

country pond. Hammes entertained the initiating team

Married in a Coffin.

If it were not for Press Agent Jim Shesseller in one of the Lana chariots since the avenue.

to dedicate the house free from debt. They who had notified the police of the slope- to make the rounds of the "Night and but she jilted him and he disappeared,

Morning" show. The bride carried tubewho, with their husbands, were quarters in charge of the matron, he re- the wedding party advanced to the coffin pussengers in the steerage of the quested the matron to withdraw and then nameplate and the knot was tied by Alder-Shesgreen

Wins Bride If Horse Wins.

Frank Grimes of Belleville, Ill., after valuly pleading for the hand of Miss Helen Burs of 2024 Fair avenue, St. Louis, now. has the chance to win her by means of a

Last Sunday, while out driving Grime's

horse race.

horse, Robbie G., defeated in an informal race a horse owned by one of Miss Burs' forcibly taken on a midnight ride, clad only relatives. Miss Burs declared that he could not win another race, and Grimes whispered to her that if she would put herself up- as a wager he would race the horse against three other fast ones in Belleville on the Fourth of July for a purse, and herself as a side bet, she to become his bride if he won. Miss Burs accepted.

"It's Bobby "G.'s last race," said Grimes. "If he wins me the \$1,000 purse and a bride he goes out to the nicest grass around St. Louis for the rest of his days. If he loses, well-" --

Took Time to Shave. Because he was compelled to leave his intended bride to get a shave Sherman

Tweedy of Cleveland lost the girl on whose finger he had placed a diamond ring. His fiancee, Miss Blanche Dewey, whose sudden disappearance caused whispered slarm and brought her father to the verge of insanity over her safety, wrote to her

father from Buffalo stating that she had became the wife of Claude McRows. "Please fargive me, mother," she wrote, After ceremonies at the clubroome, "as I could not help running away. I have married the man of my choice and we are coming home to see you in about three

Tweedy, the forsaken lover, called at the Dewey home and when appraised of the news was overcome. When he could control himself he stated that this was the second time a girl to whom he had given a diamond

risg in promise of marriage had run away and left him. green of Luna park. Coney Island, a news Miss Dewey disappeared a few nights ago. hungry public would never have known that It all happened because Tweedy needed a

park was built, was married to M. Jerry She walked to the public square, where Barnett in a coffin. Perhaps, it might be she met McRowe, whom she had not seen in

violating no secret in saying that the eyes years old, and George Gissom, 19, clopers couple wouldn't have been married in a After a moment's chat they decided to

get married and went to the Union station time. They know what we are 'up against' Evansville, Ind., just as they were taking Jim says, and he ought to know, that the and took a train for Buffalo, where they and are deeply interested in the manner out a marriage license. The girl was held wedding took place in the huge burial cas- were married. It developed McRowe five in which we will raise the money necessary at police headquarters until her father, ket which one must first enter if one wents years ago was engaged to wed Miss Dewey,



ROBERT GILMORIA

## York County Boy's Record

BERT GILMORE, who was gradusted this month from the high through the higher branches. Mr. Gilmore was enthusiastically received. ts the son of Sebastian Gilmore, a farmer living in the southern part of York county, this first graduating class adopted no colors and has made his own way through the and in fact omitted several of the formalipublic schools of York. His success as an ties considered almost necessary accomorator is a matter of much pride to the paniments nowadays. There was neither York schools, where all were very much interested in Mr. Gilmore's career.

## Knew His Subject

One day a party of boys were discussing great afen of the past. One chap spoke in glowing terms of "Daniel Webster, the great dictionary man," and a friend, wishhis ear: "It wasn't Daniel, it was Noah, until the late '80s, when it was revived that wrote the dictionary," whereupon the again, but the honor of its organization is speaker, with a scornful look, whispered still claimed by the members of the origin answer: "Noah built the ark, you idiot." inal graduating class.



While fairly efferyesoing with class spirit,

can citizen and resides in San Antonio, her new home. Hana Marroon, the other Syrian, said

on the ship at Cherbourg.

bridegrooms said.

#### "Hello Girl" Elopes.