

RUG SALESMAN SEEKS NEWS OF LOST KINFOLKS

Hagob Abajian Comes to the United States and Learns of Massacres at His Old Home Town.

From a humble rug salesman and repairer in one of Omaha's big furnishing stores to the proprietor of a 2,000-acre estate underlaid with rich coal fields, is the prospect facing Hagob Abajian, 2212 Farnam street. Abajian, known as "Jack" to his friends, is employed in the rug department of Orchard & Wilhelm's store.

Twenty-two years ago, when he was 16 years old, Abajian bade farewell to his home near Sivas, Armenia, in Turkey. His father was one of the wealthiest and most influential men of the country. The Armenians at that time were living at peace with their obnoxious neighbors, the Turks. Abajian tells vividly of the beautiful country about Sivas, the elaborate home in which he dwelt and the happy childhood days he remembers.

Comes to America. He went to Paris, a lad of 16, to study, preparatory to returning home to take his place with his father. In 1898 his allowance was suddenly cut off and he heard reports of Turkish outrages back home. Without means, he came to America. Letters received during the next few years told of the Turks' oppressions. "My father was thrown into jail at least three times, the Turks taking this means to force him to give up money," says Abajian. "This letter told of the persecution heaped upon the people of my boyhood home. My brother, Dick, fled from Armenia to America and is now with our army in France.

"Nearly four years ago the letters stopped. Since then I have read repeatedly of massacres about my home town, and that locality was included in the deportations. I have no doubt that my family, if any of them yet live, has been scattered over that land."

Seeks News of Parents. When he learned Dr. and Mrs. Gannaway of Stuart, Neb., were going to Armenia to do relief work, Abajian went to them with the request that they seek to learn something of his parents, if they are alive. He also asked Dr. Gannaway to take occasion, if he visits that part of Armenia, to ascertain whether the Abajian homestead is still intact. "I have no doubt the Turks have taken it, and probably, under German supervision, were mining the coal," said he, "but under the new order of peace, with provisions that are certain to come from the big congress at Paris, I hope our land will be returned. I will return just as soon as I can to look up my parents myself."

While playing about his father's home when a child Abajian saw the Armenian rug-makers at work. He enjoyed playing with them, he said, and in that way learned the art of making rugs. Part of his duties at the Orchard & Wilhelm store is to repair costly rugs that are worn, or torn, and he finds the craft learned during his boyhood play days of great value during his life in America.

First Day's Business of the White Elephant Sale Netted \$2,500

All bargain hunting and recreational roads lead to the White Elephant sale conducted at the Auditorium by the National League for Woman's Service, for the benefit of the near east war relief fund.

Proceeds for the first day's business Thursday total close to \$2,500. If the stock holds out, they total proceeds for the sale which closes Saturday night, will exceed last year's record of \$6,000.

"The Belgian and Duryea relief drives for clothing and the two Red Cross salvage department's activities for the past year have cleared everyone's garret of 'white elephants.' That's why we have a hard time keeping our stock replenished," said Mrs. A. L. Reed.

"The ban on raffling articles and additional expense for renting the building and music will cut into our proceeds," said Mrs. Arthur C. Smith, chairman.

Dancing, fortune telling and an excellent chicken dinner are the special features for tonight, aside from the sale.

Keeping an eye on lost children was the principal business of the women in charge during the rush hours of the sale Thursday. So enchanted were the women bargain hunters that their children wandered away.

Mrs. Arthur-Smith and Mrs. J. Clark held infants while their mothers made the rounds of the shopping stalls.

Railway Mail Employees to Get Increase in Pay An increase in the salaries of the railway mail employees has been announced in a telegram received by the department.

This increases the entrance salary from \$900 to \$1,200 and the maximum salary from \$1,800 to \$2,100. Travel allowance was increased to \$2 per day and the age limit for railway postal service reduced to 60 years.

This bill has just passed the senate. The retirement bill has been reported favorably to the house.

Girl Swindler Bilks Stores, Jumps Bond Beatrice Littlejohn, 19-year-old octopus, who secured more than \$500 worth of wearing apparel from Omaha stores, having the goods charged to leading society women, jumped a \$500 bond in police court and has left the city. She was arrested January 9 by Special Officer Finn and was to have been tried today. A continuance was taken until March in an attempt to locate her present whereabouts and return her to Omaha for trial.

WOUNDED SOLDIER WILL BE HOME SOON.



Sgt. Leo W. Gardner, reported wounded July 15, and whereabouts unknown, writes his sister, Miss Laura B. Garner of Florence, that he expects to return soon. Much to his regret his wounds will not permit his returning within two months to his company. Sergeant Gardner was with the first on the firing line.

Y. M. ANDY. W. TO RAISE \$40,000 IN NEXT WEEK

Receipts of Double Triangle Campaign to Be Used for Educational and Americanization Work.

"Few people realized the scope or importance of the work which is done by the Y. M. C. A. among boys, and along educational lines," said David Call, head of the double triangle drive.

"In the course of a year about 850 different boys are members of the association, joining in the various activities which help to produce clean living and strong character. Approximately 250 high school boys this year alone are joined together in clubs which are designed to raise the morale and standard of living among the high school fellows. Literally thousands of boys in the community are touched by the association program which is furnishing them a profitable way to spend their leisure time and constantly pulling them toward better citizenship and higher ideals, just at a time in their lives when their ideals are being formed, and serving as a working basis for their future lives.

Hundreds Take "Gym" Work. "Many hundreds of young men are also lined up in the gymnasium and athletic classes in a program which will make them more fit to do their day's work and make them stronger and better leaders in the community.

"The educational department enrolls approximately 900 men each year, who are taking advantage of their spare time to make themselves more efficient in their work and to increase their earning capacity.

"This department this year has conducted a large number of courses to help men to prepare themselves very definitely to give better service to the nation in its military activities. Now that the war is over this department is bending its energies to fit young men to re-establish themselves in civil life in a better and larger way than they could otherwise do.

"The department has been active in teaching English to coming Americans and assisting large numbers of men to prepare and secure their citizenship papers.

These are some of the activities in the regular work of the Y. M. C. A., for which its share of the \$40,000 double triangle campaign will be spent. This campaign is in cooperation with the Y. W. C. A., doing similar work for girls without regard to creed or race.

This campaign will take place February 3, 4 and 5, and many teams of both men and women are formed and ready to take part," Mr. Cole concluded.

Amended Charter Will Make Street Car Folks Pay for More Paving

The city commissioners decided unanimously yesterday to endorse an amendment to the Omaha charter which shall make the street railway company pave the street between its tracks and for a distance of 18 inches on each side. At present the company paves only between the rails of each track.

Other amendments were agreed on. One is to create a "revolving fund" for paving and other street improvements. At present warrants are issued for payment of such work. Contractors in many cases have found these warrants worthless as collateral. The amendment would provide issuance of 20-year bonds in payment for such work, together with an adequate sinking fund for retirement of the bonds.

The city wants to have the power to initiate public improvements all over the city instead of only within a radius of a mile and a half of the city hall, and an amendment to this effect will be asked. Amendments will also be asked to provide better methods of receiving bids, designating materials, etc.

Municipal Movie Machine Proves a Great Success

The municipal movie machine was used for the first time last night at the community center in the Mason school. Frank Elias, who operated it, says it was a great success. Commissioner Falconer will speak at the West Side school tonight. Other community center meetings tonight will be at the Lincoln, Castelar, Edward Rosewater and Monmouth Park schools.

Spring Suits In Modes of the New Tailleur Type

There never was a season when style was so essential, and these suits are replete with all the charming style features that are exclusive and different.



SUITS possessing that inimitable smartness, without the severity one usually associates with the tailored suit. They are in line, fabric and coloring a reflection of the Parisian designer's joyous spirit of Victory.

Owing to the early advance of the Spring Season, suits are being sold and worn right now, so eager is every woman to secure for herself one of the fascinating new models, now on exhibition in our department.

Brandeis Stores

SETS THE PACE FOR GROWING OMAHA
These Sellings for Saturday
Store Hours 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Exceptional Advantages in Our Sale of FURS at 1/3 OFF

A most important opportunity for women who desire to purchase high quality furs at prices assuring a substantial money-saving—Coats, Capes, Coatees, Muffs, Scarfs, etc.

All Fur Pieces Included, Nothing Reserved

A very large assortment to choose from—qualities that are of the finest, styles the very best—many women are buying now. We quote here a few of the offerings:

One Muskrat Coat, reversed border, Australia Opossum Collar and Cuffs, regularly \$375, now \$250	One Taupe Muskrat Box Coat, hip length; regularly \$198, now \$132	One Jap Sable Cape, tail trimmed; regularly \$275, now 183.34
One Natural Raccoon Coat, fine silk lined; regularly \$198, now 132.50	One Select Muskrat Coat, regularly \$322, now 214.67	One Taupe Squirrel and Hudson Seal Cape; regularly \$185, now 123.34
Select Hudson Seal Coat, regularly \$600, now \$400	One Mink Cape, Stole front; regularly \$585, now \$390	One Mole Cape, for Scarf Collar; regularly 118.50, now \$79
	One Marten Stole, tail trimmed; regularly \$125, now 83.34	



A Special Purchase and Sale Of 900 Girls' Tub Dresses at 1.39 Saturday



THE important savings suggest liberal buying. Frocks of chambrays in attractive colors or of fine gingham in a variety of colorful plaids and checks. Five chic styles are pictured.

Ages 6 to 12 Years—Values 2.00 to 3.00

Every foresighted parent reading this announcement will immediately realize the unusualness and importance of this offering. The price, 1.39, would scarcely pay for the material used in the making of these dresses.

Second Floor

Thread Silk Hose at 1.50 A Very Special Offering—Saturday

Women's Thread Silk Hose, pure dye, in black, white, fancy colors and shoe shades; full fashioned; some all silk, others have lisle tops. This is a special lot, worth 2.00 and 2.50; priced for Saturday only, pair at **1.50**

Silk Boot Hose

Women's Silk Boot Hose, in white, black and fancy shades, fashioned and seamless, regular and outsizes. These are thread silk and fiber; all sizes. A big lot of 1.00 values, pair **69¢**

Children's Hose

Children's Pure Dye Thread Silk Hose, in black only; sizes 6 to 8 1/2, fashioned and seamless, fine ribbed, good quality, worth 65¢; special Sat. pair at **39¢**

—Main Floor—

Valentines A Large Variety

A complete assortment at prices to suit every purse. From the little "Comics" at 1¢ each, to the very elaborate "Cut-out" designs; in beautiful colorings.

Prices 1¢ and Up.
—Main Floor—Book Store—

Sale of Family DRUGS

First aid necessities for the home medicine cabinet at special prices in our large drug section.—Main Floor.

Azurea or Le Trefle Face Powder, all colors. Special **1.39**

- Glover's Mange Cure, 60c size bottle, at **39¢**
- Listerine Antiseptic, 1.00 size bottle, at **69¢**
- Stanford Liquid Paraffin Oil, 75c size, at **49¢**
- Fozoniss Face Powder, 60c size, at **39¢**
- Java Rice Powder, 50c size box, at **33¢**
- Laxative Cold Tablets, 25c size box, at **19¢**
- Packer's Tar Liquid Shampoo, 60c size, at **39¢**
- Searco Tooth Paste, 35c size, at **25¢**
- Lyon's Tooth Powder, 25c size, at **19¢**
- Finaud's Eau De Cologne, 65c size bottle, at **49¢**
- Had's Honey and Almond Cream, at **33¢**
- Benzoin and Almond Lotion, 35c size, at **19¢**
- Non Spl, special at **33¢**
- Ext. Witch Hazel, 8-oz. bottle for **19¢**
- Epson Salts, 1-pound pkg. for **8¢**
- Sempre Glycerine, 60c size bottle at **49¢**
- Milkweed Cream, 50c size jar, at **39¢**
- Rubber Gloves, Heavy, special, at **69¢**
- 2-qt. Maroon Fountain Syringe, 1.19 value, **79¢**
- 4711 White Rose Glycerine Soap, at **10¢**
- Orlovio Soap, for the toilet, bar, at **8¢**
- Essex Peroxide Soap, special, bar, at **8¢**
- Jap Rose Toilet Soap, bar, at **8¢**
- Locust Blossom Perfume, at, oz. **29¢**
- White Rose Perfume, special, per oz. **29¢**
- Red Rose Perfume, special, per oz. **29¢**

Real Corset Service Essential to Style and Comfort

WEAR, in corsets, is a matter of fit. If your corset don't fit well, if the boning is not placed exactly right, so as to rest flat against the body, the corset will soon tear and get out of shape. You buy a high-class corset when you buy Madam Lyra Corsets; your style will fit perfectly as though made for you.

at **4.00** at **7.50** at **5.00**

For slender figures in popular topless model, wide ribbon band all around top of corset, long over hip, lightly boned.

In handsome silk figured pink broche, very low top, long over hip, well boned, high class corset, popular price.

A low top, free hip model, in the Madam Lyra corsets, made of fancy broche, a remarkable value for Saturday.

The fitting service of our trained corsetiers assures one of style, comfort and perfect fit—the service is gratis.
American Lady Corsets, 1.50 to 5.00
—Third Floor—

The Boy's Section Noteworthy Values Await Parents

The importance of these offerings are so unusual that we feel a great many will surely avail themselves of these excellent bargains, for Saturday only.

2-Pant Suits At Special Prices Saturday

Smart, snappy suits of reliable fabrics, in dark and light mixtures. Some are all wool. Many have double seat and knee; specially reduced for Saturday to these prices:

At **\$10** Choose from the 15.00 and 17.50 Suits

At **\$15** Choose from the 20.00 and 22.50 Suits

Boys' Knickers Exceptional quality corduroys and wool mixtures; well tailored. About one-half are odd suit pants. Plenty of every size, 6 to 17 years; values up to **1.69** pair, at **1.69**

2nd Floor, Men's Bldg.

Boys' Flannel Blouses and Shirts Extra Special

Unusually well made, with two breast pockets with flaps. In colors of gray, olive, drab and khaki. All sizes in the lot. Former selling prices to 2.50; choice Saturday, at **1.69**

Victor Records

The February List Ready Saturday
A snappy, up to the minute all hit list.
Come in and hear them in our sound proof booth.
Main Floor—Pompeian Room.