

THE GREAT RECRUITS ARE SCARCE

Times Are Too Good For Men To Join the Army and Enlistments Have, According to Major V. D. Hodges, Been Few.

Good times with plenty of work for the laboring men is resulting in serious injury to the record of the recruiting offices in North Dakota.

Major V. D. Hodges, who is in charge of the stations in this part of the country, says that the officers are not doing 50 per cent of the recruiting they did last year and this in spite of the fact that three auxiliary stations have been added.

"During the first four months of 1905," said the major, "the station in Fargo enlisted fifty-one men while during the corresponding time this year only twenty-six men have been enlisted by that station and the others in my charge."

The major believes this state of affairs is largely due to the many chances of work on the railroads and farms.

"There don't seem to be any idle men around town. A man doesn't have to look for work. Even if he never walks down the street people come out and offer him jobs and urge him to take them."

"Yet there are many advantages about existing in the army even in prosperous times when there is plenty to do. During the time a man is in the army he leads a healthy life and he is taken care of. If he is sick his pay goes on just the same. In fact he accumulates more when he is sick than when he is well because he can't spend anything."

"Compare this with the condition of the ordinary farm hand or railroad laborer. In most cases he lives under unsanitary conditions. If he is taken sick he is no longer of use to his employer and so loses his job, and when hard times comes he is apt to be thrown out of work."

"In the long run the soldier is far better off financially. Even if he never rises above the rank of an ordinary private and spends every cent he gets at the end of thirty years service, which is now reduced to practically twenty-five years, he can retire with an assured income equivalent to the interest on \$5,000. Many a business man would consider himself fortunate if he could do this. The laborer on the other hand at the end of thirty years of knocking about the country is generally broken down in health and as poor as he was at the beginning."

"Then there are many chances of promotion in the army and those who are ambitious can easily rise to positions paying over \$10 a month with a good chance of becoming commissioned officers. Besides the actual pay every man has food, lodging and clothing provided, so that he has very few expenses and this makes his wages much higher than they seem at first glance."

"Most men, however, simply look at the lowest wage given on the bulletin, \$13 a month, compare this with what they are getting as laborers without taking into account the fact that they get other things and shake their heads. If they would only come to the recruiting office and let us talk to them they would take a different view of the matter."

"A soldier's life is much easier than that of a laborer. He has more time for recreation; and he has opportunities to improve himself which the laboring man never has. If he desires he can easily save the larger part of his salary and the government will take care of and pay him 4 per cent interest on his deposits."

FOR UNCLE SAM.

More Positions Offered Those Who Can Pass the Examination.

President Merrifield has received notification of another government position or positions open to college students. The examination is one to be held on June 6th to secure candidates to make certification to fill the position, now vacant, of assayer at \$1,200 per annum, in the bureau of mint of the treasury department.

The examination will be held on the following subjects: Chemical arithmetic—20 credits. General elementary chemistry—15 credits. Practical questions in assaying—40 points.

Training and experience—25 points. At least one university student is seriously considering the proposition and it is not at all unlikely that he will take the examination for the positions offered. Assaying is one of the chief subjects of the mining course at the university and the department has the best equipment for this class of work, consequently the graduates are well fitted for the position now vacant in the mint bureau.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Regents Pass Upon Proposed Improvements at the University.

The University Board of Trustees met Tuesday. The following members constitute the board: Wm. Budget and Stephen Collins, Grand Forks; J. G. Gunderson, Aneta; George E. Towle, Park River; Herman Shirley, Enderlin. Mr. Towle, president of the board, was not in attendance but the long distance phone kept him in close touch with the meeting. The other officers of the board are A. E. Morrison, secretary; and S. S. Titus, Grand Forks, treasurer.

The meeting was held to settle on the improvements to be made on the Main building. Inasmuch as the State Emergency board has agreed to furnish the necessary money, the board decided to call for bids and get everything in readiness for the work. The bary proposition was also considered and it was decided to accept Mr. Carnegie's offer of \$30,000 and to add a like amount so that the University will have a building commensurate with the growing needs of the institution.

Among the improvements planned for the University are the following: A new tile floor in the basement of Science Hall and a new floor to replace the one in the armory in Budge Hall. Five hundred feet of hose and a new hose cart will also be purchased soon so as to provide better fire protection for the buildings. New shades, interior decorations, and a large vault will also figure in the changes.

HAD APOPLEXY.

Andrew Johnson Stricken on the Street Last Night.

Andrew Johnson was stricken with apoplexy while on the street last night.

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