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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE school authorities at North Platte have decided in the future to employ no one except a college graduate as principal of the high school. This is a step in the right direction, and one which we hope will soon be taken by all the high schools in the state, that are on the accredited list. As a rule college graduates are the best fitted to prepare young people for college. Thus when all the high schools in the state are managed by college graduates we may expect to receive students who are better prepared for the work and more in sympathy with the aims of the University.

IT seems to us that it would be no more than fair for the faculty to excuse the editors of the HESPERIAN from a certain amount of work in the department of English. Every one of the editors receives much more practice in writing than do most of the other students. In eastern colleges it is the rule to excuse the editors of the college paper from one essay each term and thus if the faculty did decide to be a little lenient with the HESPERIAN editors, they would be only following a custom that has been established by some of the best colleges in the country. It is not pleasant for the editors to be compelled to do as much work as the other students and in addition to that run a paper.

SEVERAL important changes have been made in this University; during the present school year the first preparatory year has been abolished, a system of marking with letters instead of with figures has been introduced and now by way of experiment it has been decided to dispense with orations by the graduating class at commencement, and instead of this old, worn out exercise, to employ some prominent orator to address us. All these changes are in the line of progress. It is about time for us to lay aside the customs of small colleges and high schools and take our position where we properly belong. It is to be hoped that the scheme adopted for next commencement will be made permanent and that in the future there will be no more trouble between the senior class and the faculty in deciding who shall and who shall not deliver orations at commencement.