

KINZIE STRONG FOR MR. KRATZ

Scores Observer for Pre-
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Written in a very similar manner
to other communications the Eve-
ning Observer has received from the
present city manager's office. William
Kinzie presented this office to-
day a typewritten communication
signed by himself which was head-
ed, "Kratz or Anti-Observer is Is-
sue."

The letter stated that voters of
La Grande are disgusted with the
attitude of the Observer in "drag-
ging" the city manager into the
city campaign, thus trying to make
him an issue; that the Observer's
article on "Kratz and Anti-Kratz"
issue came as a thunderbolt out of
a clear sky; that bootleggers are op-
posed to Kratz and outside of a few
bootleggers and other law violators
no one but the Observer has but
the best way to say about the pre-
sent city manager and his work.

The Mr. Kinzie's letter says noth-
ing but surprise is evidenced "up
and down the street" proclaiming
"this is the first ever heard that
Kratz was not delivering the goods"
is the common expression, and that
Mr. Kratz must have stepped on
the Observer editor's toes.

With the tenderness of a mother
for a child Mr. Kinzie alleges fur-
ther "our city manager has given
us a good, clean and economical
administration and it is the opinion
of the great majority that he has
made the best city manager La
Grande has ever had."

Touching upon the city's water
system Mr. Kinzie enlarges the
present manager stating that the
system was "endangered last spring
by the spillway going out and he
(the manager) fixed it with prompt-
ness and energy thus saving La
Grande from the embarrassment of
being without water this season."

Asserting that the manager stands
for economy Mr. Kinzie says "our
manager believes that the city
should pay off its present water
debt before an additional million or
more is expended and before it is
determined beyond a doubt that
our present water system is ready
for the scrap heap, while the Ob-
server evidently from its articles
believes the city should go into
the irrigation business by taking
over the Meadowbrook proposition
and plunging the city into an enor-
mous debt."

Again Mr. Kinzie thinks he has
found a mare's nest because he
says gleefully, "perhaps it is the
manager's stand on this proposition
that the Observer takes exception
to, or perhaps it is the manager's
efforts to give the dollar's worth
of paying for every dollar expended
that the editor takes exception to."

Closing his remarks by saying
"Observer, Needs Watching," this
gentleman who has suddenly risen
to the defense of a man whose
administration shows that little has
been done and economy is not en-
tirely spelled with capital letters by
him, Mr. Kinzie says "taxpayers and
voters of La Grande, it is up to
you to see that a few private in-
terests do not use our money to
fatten their own pocketbooks with,"
and then he says quite dolefully,
"as a final warning read between
the lines of all articles printed by
the Observer on the present city
manager."

The Evening Observer cares not
for the rambling innuendoes and exas-
perating utterances of Mr. Kinzie, neither
does it care if Mr. Kratz remains
city manager of La Grande until
he is as old as Ezra Meeker, pro-
vided the city manager will get
in and manage this city in an effi-
cient manner.

Provided he will see along with
many other needed things, that the
streets can be traveled by ranches
coming to town without breaking
their machine springs repeatedly
as has happened on the street con-
necting Adams avenue with the
Island City road. This street alone
is driving business from the city
and every merchant knows it.

Also, provided that more time is
given to constructive work and less
to playing politics for the future of
the position.

Mr. Kinzie can use Meadowbrook
as he likes. We own none of it, and
if Mr. Kinzie will make good on
any of his insinuations, coming out
in the open and stating what he
knows about any private parties fat-
tening their pocketbooks off the
taxpayers the Observer will print
his story in full. This is a chal-
lenge to Mr. Kinzie to tell what
he knows for the good of the com-
munity in which he lives.

GOLD WEATHER AT MEDICAL

(Special to the Observer)
MEDICAL SPRINGS, Nov. 2.—
The weather has been quite cold
and it feels like winter would soon
be here.
Stockmen were on the reserve
the last of the week rounding up
the cattle.
Harold Hursh was on the sick
list last week.
Vernon Love was in Baker Thurs-
day filling gas tanks for G. W.
South.
Warren Wilson is visiting his
brother, Lee Wilson.
Joe Horn and family visited Union
Saturday.
Mrs. and Mrs. George Smith have
as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ver-
non Love of Baker.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, M-
r. George South was doing repair
work on the telephone line Satur-
day.
Mary Brown, and son of La Grande
motored to Medical Sunday and
spent the day with Mrs. W. H.

Brown's sister and family. Mrs.
George South, all returning home in
the evening.
Less baby motored out from Baker
Tuesday morning to hunt deer.
He was accompanied by Vernon
Love and Harold Hursh.

High School News

Happenings in and Around the
School Centers

An assembly was held last Wed-
nesday afternoon. The announce-
ment made at this time concerned
the report cards. Any student fail-
ing in a subject for the first twelve
weeks will be required to drop
school until the next semester.
These rules were not made so that

it is possible for you to get out of
taking a subject you dislike. They
were made in order that the poorer
students will not hold back the
more progressive.

The student council was appoint-
ed for this year. Two members from
each class were chosen. The sen-
iors, Lucille Craig and Russell
Price. The Juniors, Owen Price
and Vera Deity. Sophomores, Sam
Cochran and Helen Williams. Fresh-
men, Claire McKennon and Lillian
Sims. Lucille Craig was elected
chairman. Helen Williams was
elected secretary-treasurer.

The report cards for the first six
weeks of school were given out Fri-
day noon by the advisers of the var-
ious classes. The cards of those
who received failing grades were
sent home. Mr. Towler urges the
immediate return of the cards for
it is much trouble and expense in

making out new cards for each six
weeks.

The Juniors are all excited this
week for they are having Junior
try-outs for the Junior play. All
Juniors are anxious to know who
will be in the play. The result will
be announced next week. The Junior
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