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Mr. Jay Hardy, 2563 Gilham, the Goat precinct captain of the 35th precinct, 15th ward. During August primary 1938, Mr. Talbert M. Busby, 7229 Wabash, Mr. Hardy's assistant precinct captain.

Mr. John Joseph Hennessy, 2406-E.72nd Street, Ex- Goat precinct captain. Mr. Fred Lewis Timming, Republican precinct captain. I understand that Mr. Hardy made some kind of a deal with Mr. Timming, the Republican precinct captain, in the August primary 1938 to win for Billings instead of Douglas, which Douglas lost by 97 to 294. I think its worth the while to investigate in the 35th precinct of the 15th ward, August primary 1938. All day long, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Busby, Mr. Timming would hold a conversation outside the polls. Mr. Busby, Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Hennessy were inside practically all day and only one was suppose to be in the polls. Mr. Hardy gave them permission as if he could, to stay in there. Just after the polls closed Mr. Hardy told Mrs. Francis Crosky, 7315 Wabash, she was the New Goat Judge, not to hear or see or say anything. That Mr. Hardy said to Mrs. Crosky, I am going to try and put over something; I don't no if I can or not. After the polls closed a lady by the name of Mrs. Alberta Kerr, 2217, E. Gregory Blvd. I understand she was a Douglas watcher. The Rabbit Precinct Captain, Mr. Ernest Babbage, 6928 Brooklyn Avenue, he was not participating in Timming, Hardy, Busby conversation or deal. About twenty minutes before the polls closed they ran out of ballots. Mr. Hennessy -went across the street and got about 15 ballots, when he came back he just walked up and down in front of the polls carrying them in his hip pocket. There was about 12 or 15 people inside waiting to vote some of the people did not get to vote. I understand Mr. & Mrs. Kraus, 7322 Wabash, did not get to vote. Mr. John Wallace was the Rabbit Judge. He offered his assistance to lots of the voters. This one lady told him that she was capable. He was looking over her shoulders. He was informed by this lady, Mrs. Preston, 7214 Wabash, that she was going to vote for Douglas. Mr. Hennessy heard the conversation and told Mrs. Preston, as many Christmas baskets and coal I have given you, you could do as little, just not vote at all, which hurt Mrs. Preston's feelings and she walked out of the polls and went home. Mr. William John Ernest lives at 7104 Wabash, the Republican Judge. They argued all day especially after the polls closed. I understand Mr. Timming, Republican Precinct Captain, and Mr. John Wallace, Democratic Rabbit Judge, was working for Billings. Mrs. Crosky, 7315 Wabash, the Goat Judge and Mr. Ernest, Republican Judge, did not have much to say, or did not say much. Mrs. Crosky, 7315 Wabash, the new goat judge, was told by Mr. Hardy, the New Goat

Precinct Captain, to go over and sit down. Don't hear or see anything when they start counting the ballots. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Timming will take care of the counting of the ballots. Mrs. Kerr, the watcher, called Mr. Wallace's and Mr. Timming's attention several times that they put some Republican ballots in the Democratic pile. They informed her she was wrong and continued.

In the November election they started the same thing finally after the polls closed and they started counting Mr. Hardy and Mr. Busby was counting, piling up the ballots and arguing. Finally Mr. Ernest the Republican Judge decided he would count and did. He discovered about 16 Republican ballots in the Democratic pile when Mr. Timming and Mr. Hardy realized they were caught up with they passed it by as a joke.

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While this was going on Mr. Busby was fingering and turning back another pile of ballots and he had no authority to touch them, nobody but the judges. Mr. Crosky, 7315 Wabash policeman at the polls that day called Mr. Busby's attention that he was wrong in handling those ballots. Mr. Busby turned his head and gave Mr. Crosky a silly grin and said "why Mr. Crosky said you might leave some fingerprints. He said, Ha! Ha! I don't worry about that, I am on the right side of the fence, now meaning that the rabbits kicked him out and some goat job holder billed him up high, to get him in the goat faction, knowing he was silly enough to do anything, thinking it would put him in better. He did not worry that anything could be done about him being in the polls or about fooling with the ballots.

I am your kind of a democrat, world war veteran, american legion, member, a friend gave me this information, just yesterday. my family is a great admirer of you, and your policy wishing some day to have the pleasure of meeting you. I wont sign my name, for a good reason, hope some day soon I will have the pleasure of explaining my reasons.

A FRIEND.