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St. Louis, Mo.

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Mr. T. J. Juden

Cape Girardeau, MO.

Fraternal Greetings:

No, you are wrong. I am not glad to hear that you are going to be replaced in Cape Girardeau City as financier and deputy S. B. A.

You are not the only one slated to go, from what I have been told. Their successors have been named. There are two others in the S. B. A. and a dozen other Missouri deputies for other Missouri National Fraternities. one at Springfield, another at Hannibal, one at Joplin, several in St. Louis, and the balance up in Kansas City. C. F. Wescoat, Chairman of Fraternal Protective Assn. can furnish you a complete list.

The way it was in your case, I supplied Mr. Wescoat with a copy of your letter; hence, the fraternal rally at Cape Girardeau City next Sunday and the ones at Springfield a week ago and the coming one at Hannibal, Missouri. I also gave Mr. Hirth a copy of your letter to show him that he was weak in Cape Girardeau County and City. Another copy I supplied to our Mr. and Mrs. Brown, District Managers here, and H. M. Johnson our National Financier here, also got one for his information--also that you would not be classed by them as a Hirth supporter in Cape County and City and inside information sent you.

Two weeks ago the Presidents of all National Fraternal Organizations met in executive session here and it was laid before them by the Executive Committee of Fraternal Protective Assn. of Missouri who were "true blue" to the fraternal cause among their employees, and helping in the crusade against O'Malley, Aylaward Stark and the "Boss"

Pendergast outfit. Your name was turned in as being an "enemy" of the cause, supporting Stark, Kirk Patrick was in attendance at this gathering.

All Rational presidents agreed to get rid of, by August 1, all deputies, District Managers, Financiers and others on the pay roll who had been guilty of such doings. I was not in attendance at this meeting but was written to, and told what had happened.

Hirth is going all over Missouri. He will carry 90 counties by

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100,000, and be cheated about 75,000 in Kansas City and St. Louis. But the "Big House" at Jefferson City will receive all such election crooks as quickly as they are convicted, they can't get by what was pulled off on Dearmont in Kansas City four years ago when 65,000 votes were manipulated there against him.

By the way it is an open secret all over Missouri that Dearmont (your friend) is slated for governor by "Boss" Pendergast in 1940, because he kept out of the race against Stark this year. Tell him I heard all this. I was for him four years ago when he was first cheated out of it on the Primary, and then forced to step aside when the "Boss" filled the vacancy caused by the death of Francis Wilson, but I won't be for him four years hence as the candidate of "Boss" Tom Pendergast of Kansas City. But the "Boss" won't have Jim Farley and Roosevelt to pile up a huge lead for the state ticket.

All I hope is that Roosevelt carries Missouri this year. Hirth will strengthen the ticket. Stark if nominated will run 100,000 behind Roosevelt and be defeated because Roosevelt will not carry Missouri by more than 50,000.

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