

RECOUNT NOW DOWN TO TECHNICALITIES

Legal Phases of Voting Methods Introduced by Simpson's Attorneys

That judges and clerks failed to be properly sworn in last primary day, according to law, or swapped positions on that day, was brought out this week before Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Lynch, in the James Simpson Jr. versus Ralph E. Church lawsuit for the Republican nomination for Congress in the tenth district.

Commissioner John Rusch, chief clerk of the Chicago board of election commissioners, and Lake county assistant county clerk, Chester Houston, produced records in Chicago last week-end that may disqualify 4853 Chicago and Lake county voters. In this mass of votes there are 1939 cast for Mr. Simpson and 1076 for Mr. Church. Should Judge T. J.

Lynch purge all of these votes, then Ralph Church would be a winner of the contest by 863 votes.

Bring Up Technicalities

Ralph Church, on a recounting of the ballots, came out a winner by 88 votes. Simpson's attorney started to bring up technicalities. Claim was made that in Evanston, Hawthorn McCulloch, a prominent Democrat and Chicago attorney, was sworn in and acted as a judge, in place of C. DeWitt Hardy Jr., who performed the duties of a clerk. Judge Lynch ruled this was a swap and disqualified 321 voters. This was bringing, it is claimed a technicality of an extreme character in the recount. As a result the recount experts have been fine-tooth-combing all precincts. They have found that in three different Chicago precincts there was swapping of duties between election officials and the ballots initialed by appointed clerks who served as judges are now being scrutinized for disqualification.

In Lake County

In 15 Lake county precincts it was found that judges swore themselves in and then swore in other officials; in other cases the officials were not sworn in at all, all of this being unlawful. A total of 4855 votes are to be involved in this latest technicality brought out in the recount proceedings which have been under way since early in June.

Among the Lake county precincts involved in the latest movements in this case are the sixth of Deerfield with a polling place at the North Shore Gas Office in Highland Park. The vote here was 301. Simpson obtain 108 votes and Church 81. The court is being asked to purge the entire vote.

Martin Ringdahl, the records produced by Assistant County Clerk Chester Houston of Lake county, swore himself in as a judge and administered the oath of office to the other judges, H. Wink and W. W. Witten. The claim is made that by Ringdahl swearing to his own

oath he did not qualify himself as a judge. He, not qualifying as a judge, could not swear in the other two judges. His action in doing this left the polling place with no qualifying judges. The clerks, Lula B. Dexter, Dorothy Carr, and F. S. Wichman, are also affected as they were sworn in by judges who themselves were not qualified to serve.

Original Manuscript of Gettysburg Address Is Offered for Sale

The original manuscript of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address has been offered for sale at Springfield by Attorney Robert Johnson acting for the owner, Mrs. Margaret O'Herron of Streator. Mrs. O'Herron states that Lincoln's friendship for her father, T. B. Keegan of Ottawa, at whose home Lincoln was sonbound while a circuit rider, was responsible for the gift of the manuscript to her by Lincoln's son.

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