

ELECTION CONTEST
HEARINGS OPENEDReregistration Attacked by
Mr. Hall's Attorneys.

VOTES THOUGHT ILLEGAL

Change of Party Affiliation at
Polls Basis of Contention
in Proceedings.

SALEM, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—A person who changes his party registration at the polls before casting his or her ballot at a primary or general election in Oregon without first cancelling his or her previous registration is an illegal voter and is not entitled to the secret ballot afforded to the voters by the election statutes, according to the argument advanced here today by John Collier, of counsel for the defendant in the election contest proceedings filed recently on behalf of Charles Hall, defeated candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the primary contest last May.

A person guilty of double registration, Mr. Collier declared, could be summoned into court to explain and would be subject to all the penalties provided in the election statutes. This contention on the part of Attorney Collier followed the argument by Jay Bowerman, attorney for Governor Olcott, that a qualified voter, even though registered, has a legal right to go to the polls on election day and through the channel of a blank change his or her party affiliations.

Mr. Hall's Complaint Attacked. Today's arguments came before Judges G. G. Bingham and Percy Kelly on a motion filed by attorneys for Governor Olcott asking that these sections of Mr. Hall's complaint attacking the right of a voter registered in one precinct to cast his ballot in another precinct and the right of a voter to change his registration on election day, be eliminated. Attorneys for Mr. Hall contended that a motion to strike was not the proper procedure to be followed by the defense, but the court ruled that such a motion could be directed at any part of the complaint which it contended was irrelevant to the issue.

Both the attorneys for Mr. Hall and Mr. Olcott confined their arguments almost exclusively to the direct primary law and to citing legal authorities from other states.

Primary Law Traced.

Attorney Bowerman said the first primary law enacted in Oregon failed to make provision whereby a voter who had not registered could cast his ballot. This law, he said, was declared unconstitutional and later the present primary law was approved by the people. The primary law now in effect corrected the defect in the previous act, and Attorney Bowerman said, and provided for registration at the polls. This remedial provision of the primary law, Attorney Bowerman contended, contemplated the re-registration of voters, who for any reason had changed their party affiliations since the time the primary law was closed 30 days prior to the election.

In an attack upon the proceedings instituted by Mr. Hall and the other contestants, Attorney Bowerman alleged that even though votes had been received from unregistered voters at the primary election, the votes would not constitute grounds for a contest. He declared that this had been held in the case of *Taswell versus Davis*, which was the only election contest previously instituted in Oregon in which the issues were similar to the proceedings now under prosecution.

Mr. U'ren Promises Proof. The attack made by the contestant against recognition of ballots cast by registered voters also was challenged by Attorney Bowerman. Any question with relation to the legality of these votes should have been raised at the polls through challenge, Attorney Bowerman said. W. S. U'ren, of counsel for the contestant, said that he was prepared to bring into court 1000 persons who were affiliated with other political parties and who had changed their registration to republicans on election day. He intimated that practically all of these voters had cast their ballots for Mr. Olcott.

Opinion Is Read.

Attorney U'ren then read parts of an opinion written by Judge Wolvertson of Portland in the case of *Ladd versus Holmes*, relating to registration of voters, and reviewed at length the political situation in Oregon prior to the enactment of the primary election law. He said the primary law was enacted primarily for the purpose of preserving the political parties, and that it was not contemplated by the framers of the act that the members of one party should be allowed to interfere with the affairs of another party merely by changing their registration at the polls. Although not a perfect law, Mr. U'ren said it had accomplished a great deal toward the end of eliminating corruption in Oregon politics.

Re-registration Is Attacked.

Attorney Collier said it was not the desire of his clients to deny any person the right to vote, but that it was their contention that persons registered prior to an election had no legal right to re-register at the polls. He said this contention had been upheld by the courts in many states where primary election laws had been in effect for a number of years.

Contention also was made by Attorney Collier that a person already registered could not legally change his registration at the polls through means of blank A. This blank, he contended, was for the use of persons who had not previously registered or were outside of their home precinct on the day of election. He said the statute provided for a blank B, by which voters who had changed their party affiliations after the closing of the registration books could re-register prior to the election.

Gus Moser, who also appeared for the contestants in today's proceedings, reviewed briefly the Oregon statutes relating to elections. He averred there was no authority under the law for re-registration of voters at the polls, and that persons who were re-registered for the purpose of changing their party affiliations had cast illegal votes.

Question of a voter registered in one precinct casting his ballot in another precinct was scarcely touched upon by the attorneys. At the close of the arguments Judges Bingham and Kelly announced that they would pass on the motion tomorrow afternoon.

In the election contest proceedings filed by Mr. Hall 13 separate allegations were set forth as grounds

upon which to obtain a recount. The recount of the votes was asked in approximately 1000 precincts. It was Mr. Hall's contention that such a recount would show that he had been nominated by a plurality of 4000 votes. On the face of the returns, as canvassed by the secretary of state, Mr. Olcott was nominated by 521 votes. Prior to leaving for Portland tonight the attorneys for the contestants presented to Judges Bingham and Kelly copies of the primary law, together with various arguments advanced for its passage, and legal authorities from other states bearing on the question at issue.

BEAUTY TO BE ADORNED

MERCHANTS WILL PROVIDE
MISS PORTLAND'S GOWNS.Modish Wardrobe of Wonderful
Clothes to Be Complete for
Atlantic City Contest.

"Goodness, I've nothing to wear!" Never mind, Miss Portland, never mind. The truth is that the kindly merchants of Portland quite probably will offer a complete and modish wardrobe to the successful contestant in the Oregon-Atlantic City beauty contest, now being conducted by the troubled but enthusiastic Beauty Contest Editor of The Oregonian.

That's the way it is done in other cities, and certainly Portland will take an equal pride in the fairest maiden of all Oregon. So clothes, real, beautiful, suitable, desirable, clothes, need not trouble prospective contestants to any great degree. The merchants have signified, in several instances, their entire willingness to equip the prettiest girl as she should be equipped when she journeys away to participate in a continental tournament of beauty.

Very soon, indeed, these columns will announce the items of that resplendent wardrobe, as offered by the generous and appreciative firms of the city. So that that.

Precisely 27 comely candidates entered the Oregon contest yesterday and to an impartial eye it looked as though any one of them might be chosen, and with credit to the state, as the fair representative of Portland at the Atlantic City pageant and tournament of beauty, to be held September 6, 7 and 8.

There are girls with charm and poise and fine features, both classic and piquant, in Portland and Oregon and Canada, and these columns will announce the items of that resplendent wardrobe, as offered by the generous and appreciative firms of the city. So that that.

It's a three-fold tale, yet for the benefit of those lovely eligibles who have not heard the herald, the entrancing details of the Atlantic City tournament are here with a repeated. Briefly, some girl of Oregon—for the local contest is statewide—is to spend a golden week in Atlantic City, at the height of its festivities, as the honored guest of the Atlantic City chamber of commerce. She is to be known and famed, far and near, as Miss Portland.

Miss Portland, together with 75 other beauties similarly selected from great cities of United States and Canada, will be the focal attraction for all eyes at the pageant. For from among the fair 75 will be selected by a committee of nationally renowned artists the most beautiful girl in continental North America. And so it is that Oregon is holding its own contest to determine the pretty daughter who shall represent Portland and, mayhap, be crowned our continental queen of beauty.

The contest closes on August 15, and the committee of judges, of which Mayor Baker is chairman, will announce the winning contestant on August 21. All prospective contestants are urged to make their entries as soon as possible, utilizing the blank coupon appearing in this issue.

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TOWNS FIGHT FIRESBlaze Threatens to Sweep
Away Many Homes.

IDAHO CREWS ON STRIKE

Freak Wind Carries Sparks
Across Columbia and Sets Blaze
on Washington Side of River.FOREST FIRE SITUATION
IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

Residents of two Thurston county towns turn out to save their homes. Freak wind carries sparks across Columbia, setting new fire. Situation serious in burning district on Herman creek. Fire fighters strike while 5000-acre fire in Idaho burns. Blaze in Medical Springs park is checked. Patrol plane, damaged in landing, will have to be destroyed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)

Residents of two Thurston county towns turned out last night to beat back the flames of an approaching forest fire which threatened homes and plants. State Forester Page was advised today. The blaze, which threatened Bordeaux, 18 miles south of Olympia, was successfully headed off, but at Tono, ten miles northeast of Centralia, the battle was still on today. The Tono fire, which has been burning in an old logging works near the town, was whipped suddenly toward the settlement last night, when a south wind sprang up. Homes of the coal miners and the buildings of the Washington Union Coal company were endangered. A warden was dispatched from Centralia to take charge of the situation.

At Bordeaux berry pickers started the fire yesterday and during the night it spread through the old logging works of the Bordeaux Lumber company until it threatened the mill buildings. The entire crew of the mill fought fire all night and this morning had the blaze controlled with no loss of property.

Several new fires were reported from Grays Harbor today. Temporarily at least, the heavy stand of Long-Bell Lumber company timber in western Lewis and Cowlitz counties has been saved. Another fire on the Duckabush river, three miles above the fire, which caused a \$100,000 loss to the Webb logging & timber company's works and timber two weeks ago, was reported.

A freak wind last night carried sparks and ashes from a fire on the Oregon side of the Columbia river across the valley, and into the timber in the vicinity of Stevenson.

HERMAN CREEK FIRE IS BAD

High Wind Drives Flames Beyond
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NEGRO READY FOR BEAR

Defense Against Vancouver Animal
Proves Costly.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—Paul Davis, a negro emigrant in the Portland city park, had heard tales of cougars and bears attacking defenseless persons on the outskirts of Vancouver, and today when he arrived here on a fishing trip he had a cargo of moonshine aboard and carried a loaded automatic revolver. His gait was rather unsteady so he was taken to jail. The automatic came to light and the young negro was haled before Justice Vaughan.

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Justice Vaughan, unmoved by Davis' plea, imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

Davis had a vacation permit issued by the Portland public works department in his possession.

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