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HONEST DIVISION.

The people of Kootenai county are almost unanimously in favor of county division. All recognize the fact that a county 150 miles long and 50 miles wide is too large to secure the best county government. The officials are handicapped by having too large a territory to look after and are not in close touch with the people. The remedy is county division, and as both the democratic and republican conventions went on record in favoring division there is no difference, but their resolutions disagree every materially when it comes to defining the division line. The democrats come out openly, frankly and honestly in naming the division line as best suited to the interests of all to be between townships 53 and 54 north. The republican resolution favors division and leaves the line undefined, and open to the manipulation of the legislature and lobbyists. It is true the republican managers saw that their convention had made a fatal blunder in attempting to deceive the people on the division matter, and a few of them later gathered in Rathdrum in a so-called "mass convention" and adopted the democratic resolution, but any one knows that candidates are bound only by their convention resolution and cannot recognize the acts of a "mass convention." There might be a dozen "mass conventions" held, each with different resolutions for the guidance of candidates. With the republican manipulation of this question before the voters, if they elect the republican legislative ticket and are again jobbed out of county division, it will be their own fault. The democrats are on record and pledged to division without any strings to it, and a vote for their legislative candidates is a vote for division that the people want. That is the chief issue when it comes right home to our local interests and every republican and democrat who honestly wants the county divided without manipulation or jobbery will vote the democratic legislative ticket.

All of the thieves and crooks on the Pacific coast seem to have gathered at Spokane for the fair. Robberies and holdups are frequent and a person is not even safe on Riverside avenue. Three men robbed another while boarding a street car, two holding the victim while the third went through his pockets, with policemen on every street corner. It is said that thieves were never so bold nor the police more indifferent than at the present time. In fact it is charged that many of the police officers are paid for protecting the crooks. If these conditions are true Spokane had better offer visitors some protection and at least an assurance that they will escape with their lives before inviting them to another fair. There is no excuse for so much crooked work in Spokane.

Republican papers lay great stress upon the fact that "At a mass meeting our legislative candidates were pledged to division along defined lines." Another "mass convention" might pledge them to oppose county division. Which would be binding. It has always been the custom to stand on the platform of the party convention and no "mass convention" has a right to annul the action of a party in regular convention.

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U. S. Bonds at cost..... 26,250.00
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Cash on hand and due from banks.....
.....213,078.03
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LIABILITIES:
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