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**IT WAS NOT CONTEMPT.**

We suggested yesterday that Mr. Havemeyer, who was being tried in Washington for contempt of court, would be cleared, and that because he had money, and therefore influence. The dispatches this morning announce that this was done. They announce, also, that Mr. Havemeyer said, "The decision is perfectly satisfactory to me, and to every other decent man in the district." He may be right, and it may be possible that every decent man in the District of Columbia feels as he does about it. The population of Washington City is composed of pap-suckers, time-servers and "pull"-worshippers. Wealth and Pull are the idols before which these invertebrates grovel, and the decent men of the country at large cannot be measured by the decent things composing the peon population of our national capital. Havemeyer snapped his fingers at the court, and the courts say that owing to his wealth, his social and financial position and his great political influence, he had a right to snap said fingers at said court as aforesaid.

Well, after all, it is only a question of time until we shall all be on the same level with Havemeyer, for our courts are rapidly approaching that stage where the people have no confidence in them, and when they will pay no attention to their commands. Between a system of judicial anarchy and just plain, simple, every-day anarchy, the latter is preferable, because general judicial anarchy simply says there is no law to punish or control the rich; simple anarchy says there is no law for anybody. We do not like either, but if choice has to be made, the masses will soon decide in favor of the latter.

If there is no law to punish Havemeyer for contempt, there should be no law to punish Debs for contempt. The invidious distinction has caused almost a universal "contempt of court," and we hazard the opinion that if Debs were to be tried tomorrow, now that Havemeyer has been set free, the American people would not permit him to go to jail. They would mob the court first. The lord has made the public back sore, and when once that public starts in to buck it off, it will be time for some judges to hunt tall timber.

The managers of the Utah Pioneer Jubilee claim that President McKinley will visit Salt Lake during the jubilee, and that he is already planning the trip. We doubt this very much. Like his predecessor, the president "has a congress on his hands." There is going to be a little jubilee in Washington between this and August, and the program has not yet been printed. Besides, the action of Senator Cannon of Utah in tacking that Lubin amendment onto the tariff bill, is not going to make the president feel hilariously friendly towards Utah.

Congressman Cochran of Missouri has introduced in the house a resolution for an amendment to the constitution permitting an income tax to be levied, the supreme court of the United States having decided the last income tax law passed by congress unconstitutional.

A few days ago the town was overrun with wool buyers and drummers, but now there is hardly one in the city. They all seemed to get

the Heppner fever at once, and departed for that town. In a short time the wool buyers will be back and then a price will be made for wool. It looks as though each of them was waiting for the others to make the move, and all are waiting the action of the senate on the tariff bill.

Turkey's indemnity demands shrink with a steadiness which shows that she never expected to get her original figure. There is a strong probability that she will never get anything in the shape of money out of Greece, and very little in the way of territory. She has won some prestige, however, at a very small expenditure in either money or blood, and even if she should get no other compensation she would have no right to complain.

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