

meeting will be in Columbus, the second selves thoroughly at home, and enjoy yourselves generally during your convention."

Plans for the new year were discussed at some length, with the result that it was decided to issue a year book in January to be similar to the one of two years ago. McDonald-Williams contest case was heard containing a list of the federated clubs with brief reports from the chairmon of the courthouse. The attorneys for Williams standing committees. The presidents of the filed a demurrer against the first twentyclub, with Mrs. Tilden of Omaha and Miss six counts of McDonald's petition, which Miller of Lincoln, will comprise the special the judge sustained. McDonald's counsel Louisiana Purchase committee.

week in October.

Standing Committees.

Following are the standing committees for the ensuing year:

for the ensuing year: Reciprocity-Committee-Mrs. A. A. Scott, Lincoln; Mrs. Cora E. Nevin, Laurel; Mrs. Mary F. Kelley, North Bend. Industrial Committee-Mrs. Etta R. Industrial Committee-Mrs. Etta R. Industrial Committee-Mrs. Etta R. Industrial Committee-Mrs. Atta R. Industrial Committee-Mrs. Atta R. Constitution-Mrs. A. R. Gault, Omaha. Tonstitution-Mrs. A. R. Gault, Omaha. Miss. Kearney, Mrs. N. S. Clark, Stromsburg. Music-Mrs. Rebecca Wilson, Falls City: Mrs. Robert McComay, York. Program-Mrs. J. M. Pile, Wayne; Mrs. J. A. Erhardt, Stanton; Mrs. Jennie C. Hostord.

Program-Mrs. J. Minni, Mrs. Jennie C. J. A. Erhardt, Stanton; Mrs. Jennie C. Hossford. Household Economics-Mrs. H. S. Mac-Murphy, Omaha; Dr. Georgiana Grothan, J. St. Paul: Mrs. L. M. Wolf, Neligh Art-Mrs. F. M. Hall, Lincoln; Mrs. Robert Fenton, Wymore: Miss Nina Lum-bard, Fremoni. Educational-Mrs. E. L. Hinman, Lin-Coln; Miss. Bertha Bloomingdale, Grand Island; Mrs. Jennie Unruh, Plattsmouth. Credential-Miss Minnie Becker, Colum-Credential-Miss Minnie Becker, Colum-Credential-

by references to previous laws, and in asked leave to amend, which was granted. They brought in their petition, but the judge decided that it would not do. They legislation. then asked until 5 o'clock to amend their petition. At that time they brought in an amended petition, which was objected to by counsel for Williams, but overruled by the are taken: judge. In this petition McDonald claimed that the different election boards cheated him out of five votes in some precincts, and in some four votes and three in others. Judge Barnes, one of Williams' 'attorneys, objected because this amended petition was virtually a new petition and had been filed after the time limit had expired. The judge took the point of law in abeyance. The attorneys next tried to have the ballots offered in evidence, but this was ob-

adopted in November. jected to by Williams' attorneys for the reason that the ballots had been exposed to the public from one to three days. C. E. Staley, fusion county clerk, was placed on the stand. After much argument by the

Constitutional Measures. From the classified summary of the 5,422 acts of the present year the following notes Delegates to a constitutional convention will be elected in New Hampshire in November, 1902, and a convention will meet next month in Connecticut. The Virginia convention has not yet completed its labors. A new constitution for Alabama was,

lature or voted on by the people during the

The review of legislation, formerly in-

cluded in this summary, will this year be

issued as a separate bulletin. Its value

year are also summarized.

In order to facilitate voting on constitu-

tional amendments Nebraska has provided that the state convention of any political party may declare for or against a constitutional amendment and such declaration shall be considered a portion of the party ticket. A straight vote for the ticket of a party creating a commission to promote uniform declaring in favor of an amendment will be

which in any manner reflected on the honor. virtue, reputation or business or political the city or town clerk. motives of the person caricatured or in-A number of states have provided probatended to expose him to public hatred, tion officers, who may recommend that conridicule or contempt. victed juvenile offenders be released on Voting Machines. probation and shall exercise supervision over those so released. Massachusetts, in The movement for voting machines is

will be greatly increased by the, co-operamaking rapid progress. A constitutional 1891, was the first state to extend the systion of various specialists, who will conamendment permitting the use of voting tem to adult offenders. Vermont, during tribute articles treating briefly of the most machines has been adopted in Pennsylvania the present year, has revised its probation and a similar amendment will be submitted law, adopted in 1898, and New York has important acts, indicating the general trend general giving, so far as practicable, a his- to the people of California at the next gentorical and sociologic setting to the year's eral election. Connecticut, Indiana, Maine and Wisconsin have been added to the list

gambling, Texas has prohibited card playof states having voting machine commis-

Oklahema has prohibited entirely the sale or Oregon has submitted a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and gift of cigarettes and Massachusetts and that followed the strike. referendum and Nevada has referred to the Vermont have increased the age of minors to

offenders.

whom the sale is prohibited. legislature of 1903 an amendment, providing Free employment bureaus have been aufor the referendum only. Utah adopted thorized or established during 1901 in Conan initiative and referendum amendment in 1900, but the legislature of 1901 refused to necticut, Kausas, Minnesota, West Virginia and Wisconsin. pass the necessary legislation to put this During the last year Colorado has enacted

amendment in effect. An act providing for reached more encouraging proportions than the most thoroughgoing employer's liability an expression of opinion by electors on in earlier years. In ten months the value questions of public policy has been adopted law yet enacted by any American state. by Illinois. On petition of 25 per cent of The act makes the employer, whether a of shipments was \$19,087,353, against \$17,the voters of a locality or of 10 per cent of person or a corporation, liable for all injuries resulting from the negligence of any the voters of the state any question of pub-He policy is to be submitted to the people. co-employe. California has repealed its act of 1897

Traveling Men Make Changes. DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 31 .-- (Special.)--

ing at any place except private residences.

\$20,864 the year previous. Coke ovens made a phenomenal record, establishing a new high water mark of weekly output at 244,-529 tons late in November.

Market for Wool.

While 1900 was the best year ever experi

for 1902 already indicate another high-

Minor Metals.

ably inflated prices. Copper was stub-

Coal and Coke.

All recerds of output for hard and soft

coal were surpassed during 1901, despite

the scarcity of cars that retarded opera-

water mark of probably 3,000,000 tons. .

Leather Conditions. entire year of activity and an

The court, this afternoon handed down decisions in the following cases:

affirmed. Catherine Tobin against Charles E. McKinney, Minnehaha county; reversed. Long aga net D. D. C. Changes are announced among the traveling high prices characterized the leather mar- National Bank of Clark, Clark county; remen who represent eastern houses in ket, but there has been no boom such as versed. Katharine Kolbe against Frank "By Corson: Merchants' National Bank against William R. Stebbins et al. Lawrence county; reversed, Fuller dissenting.

Life, as President McCall has issued a statement that the new applications to his company in 1901 will exceed \$380,000,000, or more than \$1,000,000 for every day in the year. This is an unprecedented record. Readjustment of quotations was secured The company's few paid-for business in during December after a year of unreason-1901, excluding risks rejected, etc., is \$260,* 000,000. The total paid-for insurance in bornly held at 17 cents most of the time. force is \$1,360,000,000, a gain of \$160,000,000 but when the reaction began there was a over the previous year. fall of 4 cents within a few days. Tin It is estimated in banking circles that

established a system of probation for adult was advanced to 28% in June, but fell the dividend and interest payments on govto 22 cents in December. Similar with ernment, state, municipal, railroad and In order more effectually to prevent lead, the nominal price of 4% was cut to other corporation securities, payable on 4 cents. Tin plates closed the year where January 1, will be \$400,000,000. The new they opened, but in the interim there was business offered to the New York Life duran advance of \$7 on account of the famine ing 1901 is nearly equal to these combined payments.

Supreme Court Decisions.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31 .-- (Special Teleram.)-In accordance with the rules of the tions. A feature of great advantage was supreme court, each of the members acts the expanding export movement, which as presiding judge for two years of the term. Judge Fuller has filled that position for two years, and beginning tomorrow Judge Haney will be given the honor.

> By Fuller: Rector & Wilheliny Company against Richard Maloney, Lawrence county;

bus: Mrs. O. H. Schenck, Pawnee City; Mrs. H. E. Crum, Madison. Library-Mrs. B. M. Stotenborough, Plattsmouth: Mrs. C. F. Steele, Fairbury; Miss Margaret O'Brien, Omaha. Transportation - Mrs. C. S. Lobingier, Omaha: Mrs. A. J. Evans, David City; Mrs. Corydon Rood, Taimage. Badge-Mrs. Hord, Central City: Mrs. Mayme Humphreys, Franklin; Mrs. Anna Unse. Follertan. Mayme Humphreys, Franklin; Mrs. Anna Huse, Fullerton. Club Extension-Mrs. Winnie E. Dufland, Norfolk; Mrs. Emma Page, Syracuse; Mrs. Julia Hoobler, Omaha.

Promises to Appoint Read.

W. G. Scars of Tekamah and T. J. Ma honey of Omaha, comprising a special committee appointed by the Bar association. today formally notified Governor Savage of the indorsement of Guy R. C. Read for the appointment of judge of the district court, to succeed Judge B. S. Baker. The governor assured the delegation that he would appoint Mr. Read as soon as Judge Baker's resignation was received.

New Banks Chartered.

Secretary Boyse of the State Banking board today issued charters to the following new banks:

The Gothenburg bank of Gothenburg Dawson county, capital stock, \$20,000; incorperators, David Hanna, H. V. Temple and F. L. Temple.

The Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Dewitt, Saline county, capital stock, \$10,-000; incorperators, Fred Damkroeger, Henry Damkroeger, Henry Pohlmann, M. Baker, William Plucknett, E. H. Spilker, C. H. Culdice, J. R. Barger and C. H. Buck.

The Citizens' State bank of Ravenna. Buffalo county, capital stock, \$19,000; incorporators, John Skrahle, William Benesh, Joseph Simon, E. Miner and J. G. Shebel. The Newport State bank of Newport, Rock county, capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, Frank H. Gaines, T. W. Tallaferro, E. R. Duffie, James E. Kelby and John A. Storey.

Dispute Over Irrigated Claims.

The case of McCabe against Hinman, a dispute over an irrigation claim in Lincoin county, has been assigned for hearing before the State Board of Irrigation on January 28. It is alleged that Maude Hinman, the defendant, has discontinued the operation of an irrigation works and that Nothing nearly approaching it has ever for this reason she has no further rights under her claim. The case has been appealed to the state tribunal.

Omaha Incorporation.

Articles of incorporation of the Gillich Real Estate company of Omaha were re- fully selected risks in approved localities corded today in the office of the secretary of state. The company is capitalized for \$25,000 and the incorporators are: Frances strongest, most stable life insurance com-Bruggemann, Agnes Gillich, Hildegard Olin, Alexander R. Gillich and John C. Gillich.

Governor Lingers.

Governor Savage intended to leave today for Alexandria, La., but he has decided to remain in the city until after the meeting of the State Board of Purchase and Supplics, which will be held, tomorrow morning. Mrs., Savage left today, but will visit with friends in Kansas City until joined by the governor, when they will continue their journey together.

Gets His Money and Goes

Edward Fitzgerald, who clatms he lost a \$50 bill with the passing of Blanche Creago, an actress in the company of Murray and Mack, has disappeared, and previous to his departure he asserted that the missing wad of coin had been returned.

Tobics Castor's Estate.

Over \$60,000 is what Tobias Castor's estate amounts to as shown by his will. Of this \$50,000 is in real estate and \$11,000, cash and notes, in personal. The estate

consists of about 475 acres of land in Saline county and lots in Wilber, Western and Phillips. Besides these, there are great deal with my kidneys and was re-24,000 shares of mining stock, whose value quested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did speculative. Application was made to- so and in four days I was able to go to ing the year. Roman Catholics have kept olences to objects which have looked to him day for the appointment of his widow, work again. Now I am entirely well."

stand. After m attorneys for both parties the judge decided that the ballots had been exposed for too long a time and therefore sustained the objection of Williams' attorneys

Board Considers County Roads.

McDonald-Williams Contest.

PIERCE, Neb., Dec. 31 .- (Special.)-The

yesterday before Judge J. F. Boyd at the

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 31.-(Special.)-The county board met for the last session of the year yesterday and the members at once plunged into the road question. The Schlueter road in the central part of the county was first considered. The peti-

tioners and objectors were each represented by attorneys and their arguments were lengthy. The so-called Schneider road in Nickerson township was next brought up and as neither party was represented by an attorney the discussion was rather personal. This morning the roads came up again, but the matter was laid over to give the committees opportunity to con-

sider them.

Methodists Dedicate Church. PIERCE, Neb., Dec. 31.-(Special.)-The Methodists dedicated their new thurch Sun-

day. A Saturday evening meeting was held and a sermon preached by Rev. C. M. Griffith of Stanton, a former pastor. The Sun day morning sermon was by Presiding Elder Gorst, after which he called for con tributions to pay off a debt of \$800. All but churches. With money making by the bil-\$50 of the debt was subscribed. . The sermon in the evening was by Rev. J. N. Gartner

of Creighton. Large congregations were in attendance. MUTUAL MAINTAINS RANK

Writes an Amount of Insurance Vastly Beyond Record of

Other Years. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-4(Special Telegram.)-One of the best evidences of the churches. unexampled prosperity of the country, as well as of the very general movement of business men for profitable, permanent, protective and absolutely safe investment, s found in the volume of business done by the great life insurance companies. been known. The business of the three leaders, the Mutual, the Equitable and the New York, has been very large. The Mutual has written an amount vastly beyond its highest record of other years, and every dollar of it has been on the most carethem. and without demoralizing conditions of any kind. The Mutual's rank as the largest, executives of their societies hoped for at the beginning of the year. There has been

pany in the world, is easily maintained. It has returned to policy holders and reserved or expended in their behalf the enor mous sum of over one billion dollars (\$1. 000,000,000). No other company in the worldhas come near to these figures.

South Dakota Incorporations

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 31.-(Special.)-These articles of incorporation have been filed:

J. P. Thompson Double Roller and Ball Bearing company, at Sloux Falls, with a capital of \$15,000,000; incorporators, John

P. Thompson, Almon W. Bulkley and U. S. G. Cherry. Greene Medicine company, at Sioux Falls, with a capital of \$100,000; incorporators, F. R. Greene, H. S. Greene, F. W. Clogrove.

Jury Says Roberts is Guilty.

SHERIDAN, Wyo.; Dec. 31 .-- (Special.)-The jury in the case of the State against George A. Roberts, charged with cattle stealing, returned a verdict of guilty.

Charles Replogle, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a

and Pennsylvania has just es counted as a vote for the amendment. In tablished a commission. The uniform ne-Nebraska, as in a number of other states. gotiable instruments law, drafted in 1896 not simply a majority of those voting on an by the national conference of state comamendment is required, but a majority of all missioners on uniform legislation, has been the votes cast at the election. Many voters

adopted in 1901 by Pennsylvania and Arifavoring an amendment neglect to vote on zona, making in all seventeen states that it, so that amendments often fail, even have adopted it. though there be little opposition to them. Election of United States Senators.

The Nebraska act is designed to obviate this Afficulty. The new constitution of Alabama contains

Georgia and Arkansas appointed committees a provision to disfranchise the illiterate to confer with the legislatures of other by S. R. Cotton of Omaha, negro, somewhat similar to the provision states to secure the submission of an amendment to the United States constitucontained in the Louisiana constitution of 1898 and the North Carolina amendment of tion providing for election of senators by a direct vote of the people. As a result of The Virginia constitutional conven-1900. tion now in session will doubtless adopt a this movement thirteen states have applied H. Dacy and P. J. McHugh the contract to per cent from the high point of 24.70c in Deto congress to call a convention to amend build the bridges along the new extension similar device. With a view to decreasing the negro vote. Maryland has adopted a the constitution to accomplish this result. ballot law which in effect provides some-About the middle of the present century four bridges on the extension to be thing of an educational qualification. The a movement was begun to substitute bien- of steel and timber.

Deadwood the first of the year. H. O. existed during 1895, and resulted in one of Harrington, sheriff of Douglas county; Alexander, who has represented McCord, the most disastrous alumps ever known in affirmed. Frank L. Garvin against F. A. Brady & Co. of Omaha, will enter the leather history. The rise in values was Poete and Stockgrowers' bank of Fort. service of Houghton & Graham and will be steady and by easy stages and entirely Pierre, Stanley county; affirmed. succeeded by A. E. Sebellen, lately with legitimate, inasmuch as & was based on the Reid, Murdock & Co. of Chicago. John laws of supply and demand. Westpheling will leave the employ of Pax-

The legislatures of Pennsylvania, ton & Gallagher of Omaha and go into business for himself. 'He will be succeeded Further declines occurred in the price of this staple during the opening months of

Awards Bridge Contract.

July F, when 100 grades, according to DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 31 .- (Special.)-Coates & Bros', circular, was quoted at The Elkhorn railroad has awarded to W. 17.06 cents. This represented a loss of 31 cember, 1899. With the absorption of surplus stocks and general revival in the infrom Deadwood to Lead. There will be dustry, the turning point was reached in built

September. Further strength and activity was in evidence each succeeding month. Notable Gifts to Re-Produce, Markets.

ligion and Education. enced by domestic agricultural interests,

the opening year of the new century was in many ways more profitable and the two together have put the farming population in much the most satisfactory position in the nation's history. Formerly the season of harvesting and

crop moving brought heavy borrowing of funds at the east, but interior conditions have changed to such an extent that western banks are lenders at New York and Chicago, and while there is still a large movement of money away from the east

There is a steady tendency to enlarge the acreage sown in the large crops. Supplies do not increase owing to the better demand both for home consumption and export. Heat and drouth caused a serious curtail ment of the corn crop, which proved the most important event of the year. While this influence naturally induced an advance in price that practically prohibited exports and thus seriously affected the corn market, it was not an unmixed evil, since the returns to growers was even larger than in a year of normal production, while the enormous yield of wheat was absorbed by stock feeding and foreign consummers in place of corn.

Hence, instead of a low price for wheat in proportion to the heavy crop, there was maintained an even higher average quotation than in the short crop year preced-

Ments Affected by Feed

Meats naturally reflected the expensive position of fodder, and it was gratifying to notice that exports were not materially reduced by the high level. Cotton passed a season of wide variations

in the early months attaining the highest price of the decade, but failing back sharply as the spinning situation was rendered unfavorable by exorbitant raw material. Crop

estimates were also far apart, causing irregularity and a tendency to await more efinite information. The outlook grew much more cheerful

from the producers' point of view when the closing month brought a higher price than cents.

Equally erratic was the course of coffee on account of heavy Brazilian receipts and reports of extensive disasters. Option trading at the Coffee exchange rose far above the quiet conditions of recent years. Expanding crops of sugar had the effect of pering prices, while competition caused still larger fall in the finished product, to the great benefit of consumers.

Petroleum.

14.8.4.000 Petroleum was less fluctuating, the exfields in the south were developed, which

SUNSHINE FOR THE NEW YEAR 1901 and the bottom was not reached until

First Two Days Promise to Be Fair, with South and North Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .-- Forecast: For Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri-Fair Wednesday and probably Thursday; southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Iowa-Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday; south winds.

For North and South Dakota-Cloudy Wednesday, probably snow; Thursday, fair and colder; southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

For Wyoming - Fair Wednesday and Thursday; colder Wednesday in southeast portion; variable winds.

Local Record

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 31.-Official record of tem-perature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

1901. 1900. 12 -2 5 .05 Maximum temperature .. Minimum temperature ... Mean temperature Precipitation Record of temperature and precipitation t Omaha for this day and since March 1.

The safest, the surest, the biggest investment of modern times, is now offered by this company. Shares only one-fourth par value for the few thousand shares of treasury stock still unsold. Price now only 25c per share, fully paid and non-assessable.

Surely this stock will go away above par, as other companies have.

Note we are part owners of pipe lines to allroads and to Port Arthur, and work progressing nicely on storage tanks.

We pay cash for everything. Do you wish to participate? If so, you must act promptly. Experts say ours is the safest investment in Texas, because we have more than 6,000 acres of proven oil lands. Address H. I. Forsyth, secretary and treasurer, Council Bluffs, Ia. Willis Todd, fiscal agent, Omaha,

The following is a telegram just received from H. F. Pierce, president of the Omaha-Texas, who is now in Beaumont:

Neb.

"PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 31 .-- H. I. remes of the year being 6.9 and 7.65 cents Forsyth, Council Bluffs, Ia.: Well down for refined in barrel cargees. Extensive eight hundred and seventy. Doing fine. "H. F. PIERCE."

It has been said that religion flourishes building, and the rest, and have made strik- in his own city and in other cities, but albest in panic years. Whether that be a ing progress in their task of creating Wash- though one of the bishops in the recent true theory or faise, it happens that with ington into the greatest center of Roman Episcopal convention in San Francisco adpossibly one exception the year 1901 has not Catholic education in the world, Rome mitted that he made his entire speech to witnessed great financial strides within the scarcely excepted.

lions, and given away by its makers by The singular exception to the rule that treasury. the millions, reports the Boston Transcript, religious progress seems hardest, in finanreligion has suffered acutely, when com- cially prosperous years 'are Methodists

pared either with some previous years or North and South. The raising of \$8,000,000 with interests without the churches. The by the former and \$1,500,000 by the latter. Providence, have been realized during the in better mood for further giving than it non-religious benevolences keeps up, the year. Almost the same history belongs to ever was in before." Furthermore, the amount reported next April will beat all Congregationalists, only that no exception spiritual advantage to the denomination previous years by at least \$12,000,000, and can be made of educational work among is already considerable in membership ac- stand \$74,750,000. It is known that far

own, but have not made the progress the larger growth. The feature of 1901, financially, is the nothing striking among them. Episco- tremendous progress made by causes outpalians, of whom many expect much, have side the churches. It has been and is a still a depleted missionary fund, with \$80 .- period when rich and noor alike within the

000 wanted, and no marked advance any- churches seem to be giving to every cause the year is the freedom with which people where. They branched out boldly in the but their church cause. Predictions were making of new dioceses, but the parishes made that following the ecumenical conferhave not responded to any of the many ence on foreign missions, held in the spring demands. Lutherans, in their many boards, of 1900, which created such large interest have had to draw in rather than extend, and converted so many to the wisdom of Methodists, who form the possible excep- missions, contributions to missions would tion to the rather dismal reign of 1901, end rapidly increase. Instead, they have barely the year with \$15,000,000 raised in their held their own or have fallen off. At the special fund, but their missionary society same time, millions of dollars have gone is crying out that it is hit in its contribu- into secular charities; probably more than tions. A falling off of \$\$0,000 was reported during any year the world ever before lived at the meeting just held, and a new plan through. Exclusive of his gifts abroad, devised for a new fund. This was in the Mr. Carnegle has so far given \$14,500,000 in face of larger plans made at the begin- round figures. Mrs. Stanford's gifts reach ning of the year. Much the same story is \$30,000,000; Mr. Rockefeller gave during the ans, but this year's figures for six large true of Methodists South, who have raised year \$2,775,000; Mr. Pierpont Morgan their \$1,500,000 special fund, some of it at \$1,850,000, and so on. Mr. Rockefeller has the expense of regular gifts and schemes, just made a conditional offer of \$200,000 to but neither of them has succeeded suf- the Baptists of New York City, but aside ficiently well to give them courage to pro- from that he has hardly, listened to reclaim their amounts. Mission boards are ligious gift appeals at all. Mr. Carnegic year-the year now ending: in better shape than those of some other declines to listen to the entreaties of even religious bodies, but the level has been the liberal religious body to which he bemaintained only by tremendous efforts. longs, nominally at any rate, and Mr. Mor-There has been nothing of importance dur- gan is known to be way behind in benevup their rate of church building, of school for many years. He is beloing hospitals

Benevolence in 1901

him, he overlooks all advances to fill up the hole in the Episcopal Board of Missions

In benevolences other than religious the year 1900 was far below its immediate predecessor. The amount was only \$47,500,000, Baptists, if we take up religious bodies a total of \$16,500,000, is the most gigantic while that in 1899 was \$62,750,000. The year Baptists, if we take up religious bodies a total of \$16,500,000, is the most gigantic while that in 1899 was \$62,750,000. The year during the full months, it is of funds that according to the alphabet, have spent the thing of its kind any religious body. Protest- 1899 was high water, being, almost twice were held here for the account of interior year discussing administration of their ant or Catholic, ever achieved. It is true that of 1898. It is impossible, of course, to correspondents. benevolences, and at the end of it have that the raising of it has injured some other get record of all contributions, and figures arrived at no satisfactory conclusion. A Methodist interests, notably the income of here given are in some measure estimates. ommittee of the anniversaries mentioned in the Missionary society, but allowing for the but they are the best estimates obtainable, its finding, which it published to the falling off in that direction, and allowing and are made by persons who give more spiritual matters wholly, and also for some loss in other Methodist be- study to the subject than all others comdesignedly left money matters to the wis- nevolences, it remains that Methodists have bined. The same is true of the benevdom of individual churches. All of the three defied conditions and out of a body of com- olences reported in the churches. Back in larger Baptist benevolent societies have municants far less well-to-do than any 1892 the benevolent gifts in the United suffered in financial incomes, and have been others, have distanced all records at money- States, outside the churches, were \$33,500 compelled to look even more care- raising. And to their credit it would be 000, and they have been steadily climbing fully than ever to new responsibilities, unjust not to add, they have employed to the high water mark given. The figures There are here and there hopeful signs, but methods that are, in the main, unexcep- for this class are made up in the spring. no great strides of any sort, unless it be tionable, and they have raised the large while those of the churches are made up in educational matters at Chicago, and at sum in such manner as leaves Methodism in the autumn, but if the present ratio for

Disciples of Christ have held their cessions, and indications point to even larger estimates have been made, but the fact is apparently forgotten that many large gifts reported during this year have ing. taken the places of small gifts on other

years. There is a growth, and this year will surpass all others; but not to the extent some have supposed. The feature of giving heretofore through the churches, and known as church people, are giving to outside causes, and the enormous extent to

which they are neglecting causes which they have heretofore regarded as sacred. Another straw indicating that financially prosperous years are not the best years for the churches is afforded by the decreased incomes of most principal religious bodies. This is most marked among Episcopalians, who gave this year \$1,500,000 less toward their own support than on the preceding year. This falling off is a little more than made good by the increase by Presbyteribodies, indicative of all, show either that there has been a falling off of income o that barely old figures have been main-tained. Here are the total contributions, all purposes, for the bodies named last

\$12,575,00 Haptist Congregational Episcopal Lutheran Methodist Presbyterian