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## The West and the Bank Clearings

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Omaha continues to be one of the few bright spots on the nation's financial map, as shown by the reports of bank clearings from 100 cities. The increase for the week just closed was only 3.7 per cent over the corresponding week of last year, but there were only twenty cities in the country that did not show a decrease and all of these are in the west. Of these cities, Omaha and Kansas City were the only cities with clearances of more than \$10,000,000 a week that showed gains over the corresponding week of last year. While part of Omaha's increase is due to the inclusion of South Omaha clearings, its exhibit is unusually good.

City	1908	1907
Chicago	\$94,989,895	\$104,004,771
Minneapolis	82,251,542	79,371,521
Omaha	61,778,999	48,428,005
Milwaukee	48,339,364	45,632,374
St. Paul	40,524,147	37,944,410
Des Moines	11,947,243	13,112,153
Portland	12,014,539	12,574,291
Sioux City	9,244,184	9,487,880
Iavenport	4,210,021	4,470,309
Lincoln, Neb.	5,811,038	5,844,348
Springfield, Ill.	3,844,313	3,877,912
Code Rapids	2,460,001	2,484,431
Rockford, Ill.	2,402,763	2,444,130
Fargo, N. D.	2,260,432	2,266,225
Sioux Falls, S. D.	2,211,302	1,848,481
Bloomington, Ill.	2,079,185	1,902,181
Quincy, Ill.	2,084,040	2,100,261
Portland, Ore.	1,892,115	1,837,483
Fremont, Neb.	1,455,191	1,711,632
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,178,921	1,088,540
Kansas City	147,625,124	200,235,900
Fort Worth	40,119,164	35,074,847
St. Joseph	35,044,724	35,410,282
Wichita	5,716,733	6,162,950
Topeka	4,174,802	4,174,811
San Francisco	147,102,112	204,012,323
Los Angeles	28,192,965	25,240,743
Seattle	30,920,584	35,478,035
Denver	32,029,440	36,238,823
Portland, Ore.	2,895,884	2,810,483
Spokane, Wash.	21,525,427	22,124,089
Salt Lake City	11,200,073	20,252,482
Portland, Me.	17,211,443	20,432,749
Helena	3,826,477	3,853,738

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