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Official reports of bank clearings and bank deposits throughout the country continue to pile up cumulative evidence of the superior standing of Omaha in financial and commercial solidity. Bradstreet's report of the business at clearing house cities for the past week shows that with the one exception of Kansas City, the Omaha clearance gains were the largest in the country. The increase in Kansas City is accounted for by the reopening of the National Bank of Commerce, which was forced into a receiver's hands in the recent panic. The Omaha gains represent the natural and normal increase of a growing business. The report shows that decreases were experienced in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, San Francisco, Denver, Minneapolis, Cleveland, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Louisville, Seattle, Buffalo and Baltimore, while increases were shown in Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul, St. Louis and a few other of the larger towns in the clearing house list.

Further proof in this line is furnished by the United States Investor, a bankers' organ, in a compilation relative to the deposits throughout the country at the time the last national bank call, on February 13 of the present year. The report, of course, deals only with clearing house banks. Some of the figures follow, the figures being given in round numbers:

City Deposits:	
Omaha	\$46,000,000
New Orleans	25,000,000
Minneapolis	49,000,000
Milwaukee	41,000,000
Louisville	26,000,000
Indianapolis	33,000,000
Detroit	28,000,000
Columbus, Ohio	22,000,000
Cleveland	47,000,000
Buffalo	38,000,000
Albany	34,000,000

The Investor's report also shows that Omaha was practically the only city in the list reported to show a gain in bank deposits on February 13, over the deposits at the previous call for bank statements, on December 3, 1907.

The Commercial and Financial Chronicle of New York, another representative financial organ, contributes additional testimony to Omaha's steady business and financial growth by comparing the bank clearing reports for the same week for 1905, 1906 and 1907. This compilation shows that Omaha is the only city that has shown a consistent gain, the increase for the week named being from \$3,181,665 in 1905 to \$12,564,296 in 1908. Omaha's gain of 50 per cent in that period is not approached by any other city in Omaha's population class.

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