

BUSINESS STILLED DURING FUNERAL

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Wheels of Industry Are Stopped and City Pays Respects to Dead.

SOLID HOUR OF SILENCE

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For a solid hour--from 10 to 11 o'clock this morning, all business in Omaha was practically silent, while thousands of citizens did honor to the memory of the late Count John A. Creighton during the time of the funeral services.

Every big store, factory, mill and shop in the city suspended business during that hour, as did many of the smaller stores.

In most of the down-town saloons curtains were drawn and doors locked, a placard on the door--"Closed during the funeral of Count Creighton."

When the hands on the dial of clocks in Omaha pointed to the hour of 10 many thoughtful citizens passing through the streets uncovered their heads just for a moment as a mark of respect to the memory of the man referred to lovingly as the "Father of Omaha."

Street cars stopped five minutes.

Mayor Dahlman and the members of the city council attended the funeral in a body. They met at the city hall and shortly before 10 o'clock marched out of the building to the church. The mayor rode in a carriage while the councilmen walked.

At 10 o'clock sharp, all of the offices in the city hall closed and locked their doors in compliance with the order of the mayor.

The Episcopal church added its tolled for one hour, beginning at 9 o'clock. This mark of attention is rarely paid to any but a member of the Episcopal church.

As a result of the action of the Clearing House association the clearing house banks were closed from 10 to 11 o'clock today during the funeral of Count John A. Creighton.

TAKE LAST LOOK ON FACE OF DEAD

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It is estimated by the Creighton family that 4,000 persons passed through the doors of the mansion yesterday in seven hours to view the remains of Count Creighton lying in state. Persons of every walk of life passed by the bier. Sadness and regret was in silent evidence.

Many street car employees were among those who took a final look at the remains. Negroes, whom the count had befriended in life, looked for the last time upon all that was mortal of their benefactor.

Prominent citizens were in line as well, old and young and some whose hair was silvery white.