

CCHS Heritage Notes

for 1-7-14

1881 – W. Chandler chaired a public meeting concerning lot prices on the bluff following the great flood of Vermillion below the hill.

1881 – A new channel is cut across the neck of the peninsula of the Great Bend in the Missouri River, thus leaving Vermillion away from the river.

1897 – C.S. Russell will construct a landing and sell a line of boats on the Vermillion River in the spring.

1904 – A City ordinance is passed against public bathing in the Vermillion River between 6 am and 9 pm.

1904 – A Clay County Fair is now assured, as the debt has been paid off and the Clay County Fair Association continues.

1905 – First motor vehicle registration law was passed by state legislature, providing one time registration good for life. No thought at that time of raising more revenue.

1908 – A new canning factory is coming to Vermillion. The west half of block 8, just south of the old creamery has been purchased, and a two story building will be constructed.

1915 – Vermillion City election held which increased number of City Commissioners from 3 to 5.

1919 – Women in Vermillion voted in a City election for the first time.

1927 – New chlorinated City of Vermillion water system is put in service.

1932 – The wood pile owned by Clay County is offered for sale. Ricked up in the NW corner of the Court House property, 400 ricks are available at \$1.25 for cottonwood or boxelder and \$1.72 for elm. Wood was cut by those seeking relief and also those in the Clay County jail.

1936 – Missouri river ferry is established, which will annex two townships of trade territory in Nebraska. Vermillion is the closest trading point.

1944 – Clay County Poor House is discontinued after 56 years of operation.