

CCHS Heritage Notes for 11-12-13

1869- The Old Settlers Organization was formed, with annual gatherings to be held on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans.

1872- The first community or municipal Christmas tree was put up in Vermillion in the C.I.K. (cash is king) Building, the only place big enough for such an event. J.C & W.G. Bower went to Nebraska and cut the top off a Cedar tree and C. E. Prentice acted as Santa Claus while Linda Bower played the melodeon for the exercises. It was the event of the season, with many of those present being young, unmarried men.

1875- A devastating fire destroyed a considerable portion of Vermillion's business district.

1879- The stairs leading up the bluff are being repaired for the summer season. The City could make money by charging 25 cents per couple, per evening.

1881- An ice jam has developed on the Missouri River and water is beginning to flood Vermillion. The last train arrived in Vermillion before the tracks were flooded out. Following the devastating flood, a decision was made by City leaders to move Vermillion up on top of the bluff.

1882-Clay County voters approved a \$10,000 bond for 20 acres and a new building to become the University campus. Work will start on layout of the University grounds soon, and then workers will begin planting trees.

1883- The corner stone for Old Main has been laid and will become the first building on the University campus.

1885- A law was passed prohibiting the sale of liquor within 3 miles of the University campus, effective July 1.

1888- Vermillion High School held its first formal commencement with 4 boys and 7 girls graduating.

*Friday December 6, 2013- 4:30 to 8:00pm; CCHS "Joyful Traditions" Tour of Homes.

*Saturday Dec. 14- 10:00am to 1:00pm; Sweets & Treats Exchange at A-W House.