sociation of individuals, and charged certain rates for the service. The scow, when not in use, was drawn up onto the beach beyond the action of the waves, and when wanted was again launched into the water. As the scow was a heavy, unwieldy affair, it required, especially in the earliest period of its use, all the available force of the place, to get it off from the beach, and fairly afloat, and afterwards to drag it back to its former position; consequently, whenever a boat came to anchor, and by the proper signal notification was given that the intervention of the scow was required, in the discharge of some part of a cargo, or for landing passengers, general notice was given, and all parties, leaving their several employments, ran to the beach to aid in the launch. The merchant left his goods, the blacksmith his hammer, the tailor his board, and the boot maker his partly waxed thread, to render the necessary assistance. The pier superseded the scow, and the latter, like other human affairs, fell first to neglect, and finally to decay.

It may be proper to remark, that the outside pier built at Kenosha by Mr. Cahoon, was the first pier of the kind built on the Lakes, and the project was considered eminently chimerical by most people, both here and in other places. The papers generally, on the Lake, ridiculed it in the most extravagant manner. The captain of the steamboat *Wisconsin,* falling in with these general conclusions, on his way to Chicago, gathered some of the business men from the ports north, to witness the crash, came along side of the pier, and after making fast his best lines, started the boat. The engines of the *Wisconsin* caused no perceptible motion to the pier, and the captain of the *Wisconsin* had the satisfaction or dissatisfaction, whichever it might have been, to see his lines parted, and the obstinate pier still "holding its own."

The population of Kenosha in June, 1842, was eight hundred and seventy-five; but from 1842, Kenosha made rapid advances in her business and population. Between Novem-