

erto unknown. At this point I propose to terminate recollections of Wisconsin's early history—as at that period a new and brighter prospect dawned upon her existence, and conclude with a brief notice of the rise and progress of the City of Green Bay.

In or about the year 1830, the Town of Navarino, now known as the North Ward of the City of Green Bay, was laid out by Mr. Daniel Whitney. For three or four years, it made but little progress. It was previously a dense and dark forest of pine, tamarack and undergrowth, well tenanted by bull-frogs and mosquitoes. The house and premises now occupied by Judge Arndt, were the northern limits of civilization, on the eastern side of Fox River. But one small log house occupied as a grocery composed the whole of what is now called Navarino in the year 1824—that building stood upon or near the spot now occupied by Messrs. Day & Peak, on the corner of Washington and Cherry streets. I well remember how indignant the proprietor felt toward me, on one occasion, for having repeated a statement made to me by another person relative to the nature of the ground on which the town stood. This statement was neither more nor less than that my informant, being the owner of two horses, had turned them loose at night to graze, and when he went in search of them the next morning, he found them both mired, that is stuck in the mud and unable to extricate themselves, on the ground between, what are now Cherry and Walnut streets, and near the present residence of Mr. Fisk on Adams street. I was not then a property holder in the city. In 1835 I removed to Navarino, and, in 1836, built the house where I now reside. At that time there were a few scattered buildings east of Adams street—Main street was in the swamp, and it was with great exertion, on part of both man and beast, that the materials for my building could be conveyed to the spot, through stumps and roots, interspersed with many soft spots. All east, north, and south of this point was in a state of nature, and it was