

spring of 1843, Mr. John Clifford, Jacob S. Bean, J. H. Rogers, Holton and Goodall, and some few others, made a subscription and built the first frame bridge crossing from Spring to Wisconsin street. This bridge was built precisely upon the principle of the present bridges, its draw turning upon a pivot. It allowed vessels to pass but upon one side. One end of the draw being longer than the other—the short end was loaded with stone to balance the long end. The late Marshal Shuny was the tender of this bridge. This bridge was a model of economy. It cost but about seven hundred dollars. It passed the heaviest loads, and was in good condition when taken down after two years service. Although allowed to stand for the time being, it was loudly denounced by many of the West-Warders. In the summer of 1844, Mr. Daniel Wells and others secured the construction of the Oneida Street Bridge. This was a frame bridge with a draw sustained by floats. Things ran along pretty smoothly—although the two sides of the river were still sharply defined—every man, and especially every woman, on the east side, declaring that on the west side the ague went forth bodily at night, and that the pestilence stalked at noon-day, while they on the west side threw back the taunt, declaring their side was as good any day as the east side, and others kept courage by bold denunciation. As I said, things ran on smoothly until the next year of 1845. The municipal affairs of the town were conducted by two separate corporations, called the East and West Wards, until 1845, when the South Ward (Walker's Point), was added. To be sure the Trustees (five from each Ward) met together in the same room, employing the same clerk and the same records, but their funds and all their legislation, so far as related to their own wards, entirely separate. In other words, the doctrine of State Rights prevailed in these little commonwealths. They of the East Ward could do what they pleased in matters which related to their own affairs, and *vice versa*. It so happened that the East Ward had assumed the support,