George R. Ward

One of the most public-spirited of the village's business men, dating back to the forties, was George R. Ward, who was then a clerk in the general merchandising store of Lathrop and Gould, our earliest merchants. Later Mr. Ward opened a grocery store which he conducted very successfully. In 1860 or '61 he rebuilt the block known as the "Opera House Block" which had been destroyed by fire. This supplanted the old "Concert Hall" for all kinds of entertainments until recent years, when it in turn was supplanted by the "Strand" built by **W. N. Winslow**. Mr. Ward's first wife was a daughter of **Aaron Palmer**, an inventor and manufacturer. His second wife, the late **Mrs. Dewey**, was the daughter of **Hon. Dudley Root** of Sweden. There was one son, **Bert Ward**, whose gift as a comedian may be remembered. Mr. Ward had as partner in his grocery business **John Hubbard**, their store being located in the basement of the present post office building sometime about the years 1855 and '56.

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