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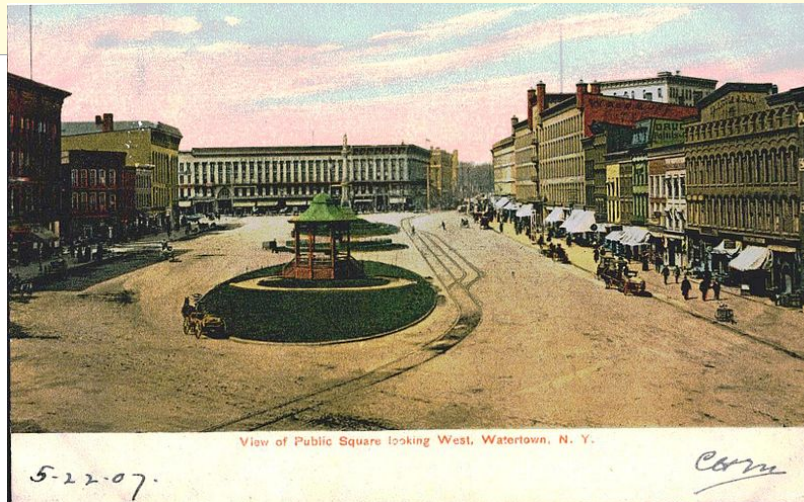
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Watertown public square, 1907; image is in public domain.



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Women's march for suffrage, New York City, 1913. New York Public Library; this image is in the public domain.

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The preliminary arrangements for the meetings were made by Clarence E. Pitts, State chairman of the Prohibition party.

Questions from the article:

1. Who were the people holding the meeting?
2. Where was the meeting taking place?
3. What happened to Dr. Mary Walker?
4. Where did the women go after the meeting?
5. How did they get there?

Questions for further research and discussion:

1. Who are the women mentioned in the article?
2. What was the relationship between them and Dr. Mary Walker?
3. Why was Dr. Mary Walker prevented from speaking at the forum?
4. Who do you think was wrong...the women for not letting Dr. Mary Walker speak, or Dr. Mary Walker for assuming she could just join in uninvited?
5. Locate information on these talks and marches... how many, where, who organized them, how were they advertised, etc.
6. Did every person in support of suffrage have the exact same ideas about women's rights? Why or why not? Research, give examples.



Suffrage parade, New York City, May 6, 1912. (image is public domain)

NOTE: This image does not contain the women mentioned in the article.