



Courtesy of Lane County Historical Museum

Fisher and Watkins Meat Market was located on Willamette Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues. Employees of the market (above) helped display Webfoot Ham and Bacon, circa 1890.

But there was more than celebrations over the novelty of steamboats that year. There was also the business of building a school. On land donated by Skinner, a log building was erected at the corner of 11th Avenue and Olive Street, and a "Yankee Schoolmaster," J.H. Rogers, was hired to teach.

Following the opening of the Territorial Road in 1857, stagecoach travel reached Eugene City. A tavern on the northeast corner of Willamette Street and Broadway was the stage stop for the musical entertainers, lecturers, preachers and visitors who arrived in the city. Eugene City was promoted in those days as the midway stop between Oakland and Portland with posters such as the following:

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Perhaps because the era of the circuit rider was coming to a close or perhaps because of certain unsavory influences, the first church in the downtown

area was built in 1857 by Cumberland Presbyterian at Sixth Avenue and Pearl Street. Two years later an Episcopal Church was built on land donated by Skinner.

By 1858, the population of

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