

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 1, 2025: THE ROSIES ARE COMING TO LCHM!

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When: November 1st ~ from 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: The Lane County History Museum

American Rosie The Riveter Association

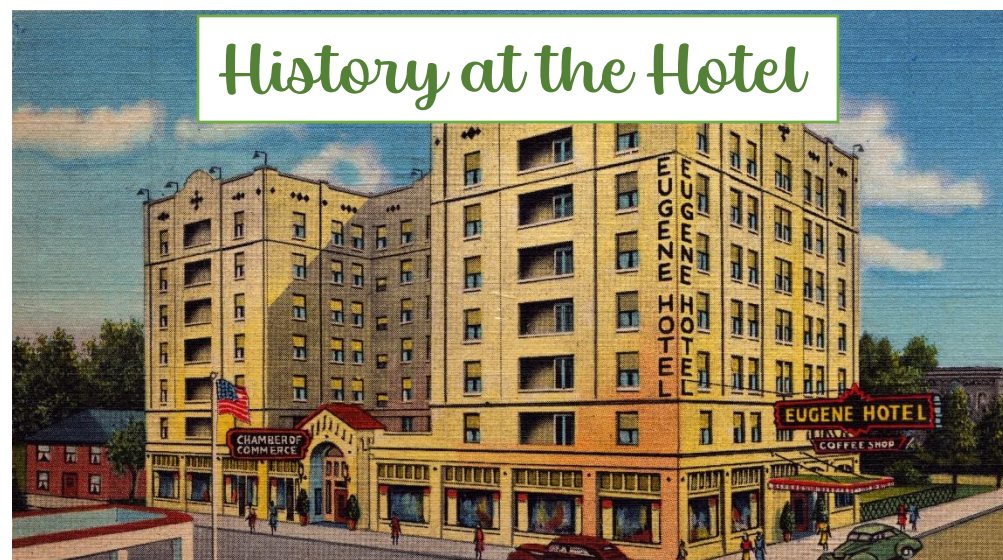
We Can Do It! Meet local Rosies from Lane County!

These remarkable women will talk about the essential work they did on the Home Front to help win WWII

This is a free event and all are welcome!
740 W. 13th Ave., Eugene OR

LANE COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

NOVEMBER 8, 2025: HISTORY AT THE HOTEL



LCHM's new History Pub series, "History at the Hotel" kicks off on Saturday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m. at the historic Eugene Hotel (222 East Broadway between Pearl and High St.'s) in downtown Eugene. Guest speaker: C.J. Lake, author of the upcoming book *Eugene Pioneers: Stories from Generation 1800*, a collection of biographies and archival photos of pioneers who are buried in the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery on the U of O campus. C.J. will be speaking about some of the Civil War veterans buried at the EPC, just in time for Veteran's Day! Please join us, this event is free!

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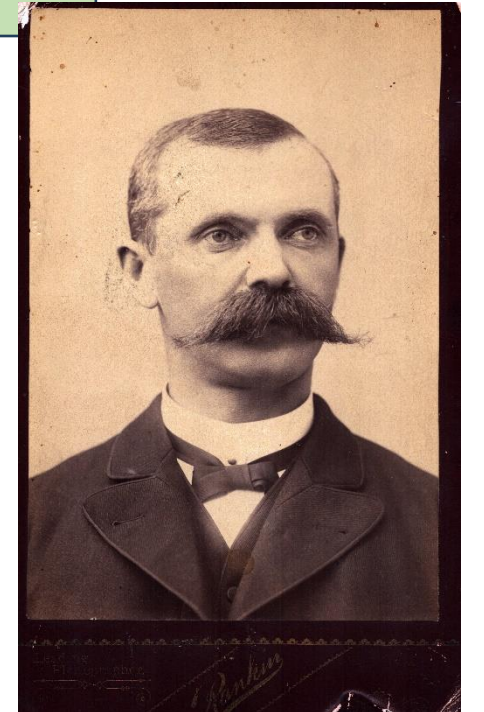
Coroner's Equipment Now Wholly V-Type, Eight-Cylinder Motored



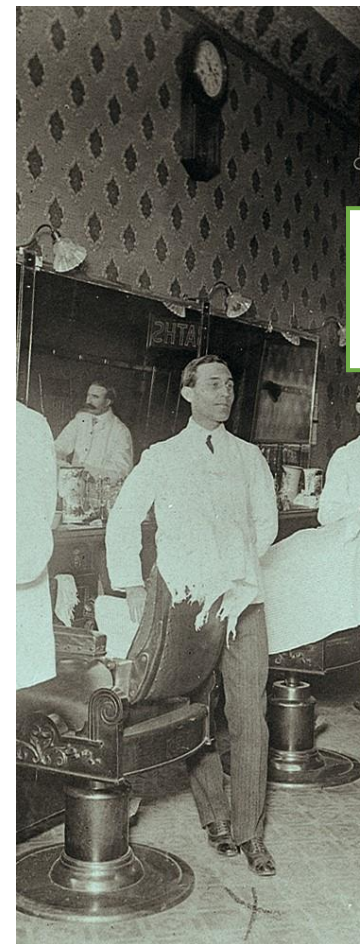
KE1233. On September 29, 1929, this photo was featured in the Sunday edition of the Eugene Register, with the caption "The motor equipment of W.W. Branstetter, mortician, and county coroner, is now made up entirely of cars with V-type, S-cylinder motors. The latest addition to Mr. Branstetter's automotive family is the Viking, shown at the right of the picture, just purchased from the F.E. Calkins Motor Co. The persons are Clarence Simons, Walt Gaines, W.W. Branstetter, Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Branstetter, and Ray Wing. All are members of the Branstetter organization, except Mrs. Simons and Mr. Wing. The latter is salesman for the Calkins Company."

Robert M. Day (1854 – 1926) and Robert B. Henderson (1846 – 1932):
Day and Henderson Furniture and Undertaking
Corner of 7th & Willamette Street, Eugene

In 1870, Robert Morrow Day operated a cabinet shop where a good part of his business consisted of making simple wood caskets. By 1883 Day's business had grown and he began partnering with another professional undertaker by the name of Robert Burns Henderson. Day and Henderson Furniture and Undertaking was located on the northwest corner of 7th Avenue and Willamette Street in Eugene, where the Hult Center now stands. The company made most of the office furniture for the 1898 Lane County Courthouse. A few of those pieces now reside at the Lane County History Museum. The Museum's collection also includes a beautiful, combination secretary and bookcase that was handmade by Robert Henderson for Francis Marion Wilkins in 1884, one of the first pieces he made after Day and Henderson formed their partnership. In 1911, Flint-



Robert Morrow Day, circa 1881.
Photo taken at the Rankin Studio in Eugene.



McLaughlin purchased the furniture business and W.W. Branstetter took over the funeral establishment.

GN8666. William Branstetter in the Combination Barber Shop at 519 Willamette St. (pre-1913 address), circa 1905.

W.W. Branstetter (1872 – 1931):
Branstetter Undertakers
1152 Olive Street, Eugene

Before William Whitfield Branstetter got into the funeral business, he owned and operated two barbershops in downtown Eugene (the Combination Barber Shop and Rathmell & Branstetter Barbers). Both were located within a stone's throw of Day and Henderson. In 1911 he began his 20 year long career as a mortician and was elected Lane County Coroner in 1920. As a young man he served in the Spanish-American War. LCHM has the original diary that he kept while on active duty in the Philippines (Collection No. MS 801.006).