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Frank Abbott

1887-1888

Doctor Abbott, of New York City, was elected twenty-seventh president of the Association at the 1887 meeting at Niagara Falls. Delegates voted to invite the Southern Dental Association to a joint meeting in 1888.

Doctor Abbott served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He practiced dentistry in Johnstown, New York, and in New York City. He was dean of the New York College of Dentistry, of which he was one of the founders. He was born in Maine in 1836 and died in 1897.

In March 1888, a great blizzard in the Eastern United States killed 400 people. Eight Chicago anarchists were convicted in a riot case and four were hanged. Thomas A. Edison perfected the cylinder type of phonograph. Heinrich Hertz produced radio waves and demonstrated that they are reflected as are light waves. Inventions of 1888 included the electric motor, the "Kodak" box camera and the pneumatic tire.