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# Thomas Lea Buckingham

1873-1874

Doctor Buckingham, of Philadelphia, was elected thirteenth president of the Association at the 1873 meeting at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. A gold medal was presented at that meeting to Doctor Sanford C. Barnum, who originated the rubber dam for use in dental operations.

Doctor Buckingham, a dental educator, was a delegate from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, of which he was one of the founders. He was born in Delaware in 1816 and died in 1883.

Financial panic began with bank failures in September 1873 and developed into a five-year depression. Washburn and Pillsbury began reducing wheat to flour by the use of chilled steel rollers. An important discovery of silver was made in Nevada. In a disputed election for governor of Arkansas, a battle at Little Rock killed or wounded 25 men.