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THE WEEK IN HISTORY

Abraham Lincoln in Syracuse

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history: 153 years ago: Six days after his 52nd birthday, Abraham Lincoln visited Syracuse for the first time on his way to Washington, D.C., as president-elect. He spoke to a crowd of 10,000 people from his train in Vanderbilt Square Station, apologizing that he couldn't spend more time in the city, but promising to return. Just over four years later, 30,000 people gathered at Vanderbilt and Hanover Squares to pay their last respects to Lincoln, as the train carrying his body stopped for 30 minutes on its way to Springfield, III. His promise to return to Syracuse was fulfilled. - Daniel Connors of the OHA

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