

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

# A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST

# 1876-1877

*As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look  
at our history and the world around us  
through News-Sentinel archives.*

## 1876

◆ Fort Wayne College of Medicine established at the corner of Broadway and Washington Boulevard.

◆ United States celebrates centennial year.

◆ Near the Landing, the Wabash & Erie Canal bed is filled in and replaced with railroad tracks.

◆ The law firm of Barrett & McNagny opens.

◆ Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home opens.

◆ Indianapolis hosts the first Greenback Party national convention.

◆ Battle of Little Big Horn fought.

◆ Colorado becomes the 38th state.

◆ Thomas Edison invents the mimeograph.

◆ New York City's Central Park completed.

## 1877

◆ Rutherford B. Hayes inaugurated as the 19th president; first president to take the oath of office in the White House.

◆ Charles Elmer Hires begins producing root beer.

◆ First Westminster Kennel Club dog show held.

◆ Thomas Edison files his patent for the phonograph.

◆ James Douglas Williams takes over duties of Indiana governor.

◆ Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago (Pennsylvania) Railroad passenger station is the scene of a great railroad strike. Railroad officials and strikers clash so violently that soldiers are called in from Chicago to restore peace.

◆ Indiana's first metal bridge manufacturer, Western Bridge-works, opens in Fort Wayne. The company's only surviving bridge in the area, the Marion Center Road Bridge, cost \$6,825 to build.

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