

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST 1855-1856

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

1855

- ◆ End of Crimean War.
- ◆ Niagara River gorge suspension bridge, designed by John Roebling, opens.
- ◆ Benjamin Madden and George Keefer hanged for murder in Allen County.
- ◆ Construction of Wabash Railroad from Fort Wayne to Toledo.
- ◆ Photography first practiced in Fort Wayne.
- ◆ Robert Wilhelm von Bunsen invents burner.
- ◆ Point Loma lighthouse in San Diego is the first lighthouse built on the Pacific Coast.
- ◆ William Stewart becomes mayor of Fort Wayne.

1856

- ◆ First national Republican convention held in Pittsburgh.
- ◆ Mrs. Carl Schurz opens the first kindergarten in Watertown, Wis.
- ◆ Canal bridge at Harrison Street collapses under weight of circus band wagon loaded with musicians; no fatalities.
- ◆ Sir Henry Bessemer devises process for making steel.
- ◆ Legislature empowers "regulators" to capture criminals, and after a fair trial, to inflict punishment of death, if necessary.
- ◆ First Mississippi River railroad bridge opens from Rock Island, Ill., to Davenport, Iowa.
- ◆ James Buchanan is elected president.

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