

# ***Newspapermen's Dinner***

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***In Observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary  
of the Publication of the Initial Issue of  
Bangor's First Newspaper, The  
Bangor Weekly Register  
by Peter Edes***



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***Bangor House, Saturday, November Twenty-seventh  
Nineteen hundred and fifteen***

# BANGOR WEEKLY REGISTER.

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*For the Bangor Weekly Register.*

## REPUBLIC OF MAINE: OR, MAINE A NEW STATE.

No. II.

In the first number, I sketched the old province of Maine from 1606 to 1843, when the General Court, under Gorges' charter, and the Liverpool government under Cleaves, were actively adverse to each other: I now proceed.

To oppose Cleaves, and to dispute, at all points, his asserted rights; another general

As soon, therefore, as Gorges was dead, the General Court which had hitherto been nominally under his auspices, was convened in 1649 at Georgetown, (York) for the purpose of adopting a preconcerted and new form of civil government. This little democratical assembly, having met, elected a governor, four assistant-councillors and a secretary; and also established certain measures and ordinances of general polity, for the people's common convenience and safety. It was a tribunal, that indiscriminately blended and confounded the several departments of civil government; as it legislated and judged upon the law, it tried the fact; and it carried

had with much labor adjusted into a happy compromise; and that every attempt from whatever quarter coming, to rob them of their dear-bought privileges, ought, in duty, to be repelled to the last extremity. To this, the commissioners still in the province, replied, that Gouffrey and his associates, had not, even by their own showing, any warrantable authority, power, or right to govern the province; and that the territory was, moreover, decidedly within the patent of Massachusetts. Indeed they left no probable means untried; but, partly by right, partly by persuasion and partly by coercion, they labored faithfully to accomplish their favorite purpose. They

and States, on the treaty of peace, sent from 1791 till 1813.

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| 1791                | 8,315,000       |
| 1792                | 8,315,000       |
| 1793                | 8,315,000       |
| 1794                | 8,315,000       |
| 1795                | 8,315,000       |
| 1796                | 8,315,000       |
| President Adams     | 1797 43,000,000 |
| 1798                | 19,700,000      |
| 1799                | 20,000,000      |
| 1800                | 21,000,000      |
| President Jefferson | 1801 23,000,000 |
| 1802                | 20,000,000      |

## VOLUME 27—NUMBER 69

BANGOR, MAINE, FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1911.

PEACH THREE CENTS

## SIX HUNDRED CHILDREN BARELY ESCAPE IN PANIC

SUPPOSED RUM HIDE  
- WAS BABY'S GRAVE

Surprising Find in Woods  
Near Melbury—Fishes  
Clam Body.

## SERBIAN FORCES RECAPTURE USKUP

Fire Breaks Out as Children Are Seated for Morning Session.

ENTRANCED BY  
BODIES IN RUSH

German Advisers State That the French Have

Thousands of Main  
Teachers in Their An-  
nual Convention.

INSPIRING MUSICAL

## Fay's Case is Still Puzzling Officials

### U. S. Government Far From Convicted the Real Story of the Plot Has Been

REPORTED BY THE AMERICAN ARMY, NANCY  
MORROW, 60, 30-30-caliber weapon  
wound a 100-lb. fat female (the woman's  
name still missing). First medical  
commented what he thought of the  
bullet, in a plain white garment had  
been seen (after, which it was dis-  
covered it was in 1911 again). There  
is no other story about this in any of the  
other papers, & I think that in which  
the bullet was an effort, possibly a  
bullet. The reported ill 1911 to the  
army.

## VOLUME XLIV

BANGOR, MAINE, FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 29, 1925

THREE CENTS

Teachers Chose Supt. H. H. Randall to Head Association—Brief Business Session—  
Railroad Rates Discussed



**NOW  
TO BE  
HEARD  
AND  
ON  
SALE  
AT**

**ANDREWS' MUSIC HOUSE,**  
Victor Quantity Distributors, 98 Main St.

STAGE SET FOR  
PITCHED BATTLE  
AT AGUA PRIETA

Fee Chief's Investigation Directed Toward Road in Easement Where Waste Was Collected in Wooden Barrels; Searching Ruins.

**Austro-Germans and Bulgarians Advancing---French Reach Strumitza Heights and Command the Town  
--Allies Watching Greece**

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Germany's 1992 tax authorities may have found a loophole. The tax code says that a company's tax liability is based on its taxable income. But the code also says that a company's taxable income is based on its taxable assets. The code doesn't say what a company's taxable assets are. The tax authorities are now trying to figure out what a company's taxable assets are. They are trying to figure out what a company's taxable assets are. They are trying to figure out what a company's taxable assets are.

## THE WEATHER

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## ***Peter Edes and The Bangor Weekly Register***

Peter Edes was born in Boston in 1756, the son of Benjamin Edes, a Revolutionary printer, whose newspaper office was a resort of famous leaders of those times. His first venture in the printing business was in the year 1789, in Boston, when he opened a shop. In March 1787, he began the publication of a newspaper in Newport, R. I., the *Newport Herald*. The paper, which was from the start financially unsuccessful, was suspended in 1791. Then he removed to Hallowell, and published the first number of the *Kennebec Intelligencer* on November 14, 1795. The name was thrice changed, once to the *Kennebec Gazette*, and later to *Edes' Kennebec Gazette*. Finally it was the *Herald of Liberty*. In 1815 Edes issued a prospectus for publishing a newspaper in Bangor, "at the solicitation of several gentlemen in the county of Hancock," and soon after came to Bangor.

The first number of the *Bangor Weekly Register* is dated Saturday, November 25, 1815. The size of the printed page was  $16\frac{1}{2}$  by 10 inches, four columns to the page. The announcement by the editor was:

"The Register gives no predilection to either political party; its columns equally invite the well written productions and creditable statements of both. The object of this paper is to be a faithful chronicle of the passing events and current news and not a receptacle of party obloquy and personal abuse. No pains will be spared to select the most important official publication; the ablest essays or national economy, agricultural enterprise and mechanical ingenuity and the most judicious remarks on political events. Its columns also will be interspersed with specimens of eloquence and of taste, with biographical sketches, occasional memoirs, and such other compositions, moral and literary as may subserve the cause of liberty, virtue and religion."

Two dollars was the subscription price of the *Register* but the editor goes on to say that "payment will be made easy in any produce of the country."

In a letter written to a friend later, he confessed disappointment at not receiving a larger number of subscribers, "Owing to jealousy and rivalry," he remarks, "we get no assistance from Buckstown, Belfast or Castine, from which places we expected two or three hundred subscribers, but have not more than seven or eight single ones. But they say if I will remove to Buckstown they will procure six or seven hundred subscribers for me."

In the issue of March 1, 1817, appears this notice: "As it is now good sleighing, it is hoped that our country readers will not be unmindful of the Printer—Wheat, cheese, butter, eggs or cash will be received."

Again in the number for May 27, 1817, this appeal for payment appears: "The Printer respectfully informs his patrons that 18 months have elapsed since the commencement of the *Register*, and agreeable to his proposals another payment has become due. He therefore requests those who are in arrears to settle immediately as the continuance of the *Register* depends solely upon punctuality of payments."

These requests were apparently of no avail, and on August 2, 1817, he announced that the plant was for sale. He later resided in Baltimore, Md. He came to Bangor again in 1832, and died here on March 31, 1840, then 83 years of age, and probably the oldest printer in the United States. His remains lie in Mount Hope cemetery.

*Peter Edes: A Biography With His Diary While a Prisoner by The British at Boston in 1775; Edited by Samuel Lane Boardman and Published by The DeBurians, Bangor, 1901.*

## **THE MENU**

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**Grapefruit**

**Maraschino**

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**Chicken a l'Turque**

**Celery**

**Breadsticks**

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**Young Turkey—Chestnut Stuffing**

**Whipped Potatoes**

**Squash**

**Hot Rolls**

**Cranberry Jelly**

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**Pineapple and Nut Salad**

**Cheese Balls**

**Toasted Crackers**

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**Vanilla Ice Cream—Claret Sauce**

**Cake**

**Coffee**

**Mints**

**Cigarettes**

**Cigars**

# **THE PROGRAM**

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## ***A Quarter of Century in Newspaper Work***

ROBERT LINCOLN O'BRIEN, Boston Herald

## ***Reminiscences***

OLIVER L. HALL, Bangor Commercial

## ***The Paper from the Old Home Town***

ARTHUR G. STAPLES, Lewiston Journal

## ***Journalism's Useful Yesterdays***

FREDERICK G. FASSETT, Waterville Sentinel

## ***Fellowship in the Newspaper Craft***

GEORGE W. NORTON, Portland Express

## ***Maine's School of Journalism***

ROLAND P. Gray, Professor of English  
University of Maine

## ***Bangor Newspapers and Periodicals***

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| <b>Bangor Weekly Register</b><br>Nov. 25, 1815—Dec. 25, 1817       | <b>Bangor Daily Journal</b><br>1854—1857                               |
| <b>Bangor Register</b><br>1817—August 2, 1831                      | <b>Bangor Evening Times</b><br>June 19, 1858—Sept. 10, 1867            |
| <b>Penobscot Gazette</b><br>1824—1827                              | <b>Bangor Daily Union</b><br>1859 (?)                                  |
| <b>Eastern Republican</b><br>1827—1838                             | <b>The Spirit Guardian</b><br>(Spiritualistic)                         |
| <b>The Clarion (Literary)</b><br>1828                              | <b>Jeffersonian Daily Evening News</b><br>June 28, 1862—August 2, 1862 |
| <b>Penobscot Journal</b><br>1831—1833                              | <b>Burr's Fifty Cent Monthly</b><br>April 1870 (?)                     |
| <b>Bangor Courier</b><br>1833—1834                                 | <b>Bangor Daily Commercial</b><br>Jan. 1, 1872                         |
| <b>Bangor Daily Whig and Courier</b><br>July 1, 1834—March 2, 1900 | <b>Northern Border</b><br>1873—1877                                    |
| <b>Penobscot Freeman</b><br>(Anti-Masonic)<br>1834—1835            | <b>The Dirigo Rural</b><br>1874                                        |
| <b>Daily Commercial Advertiser</b><br>1835—1836                    | <b>Greenback</b><br>1878 (?)                                           |
| <b>Mechanic and Farmer</b><br>Feb. 1835—Feb. 21, 1838              | <b>Greenbacker</b><br>1879 (?)                                         |
| <b>Eastern Magazine (Monthly)</b><br>1835                          | <b>Record</b><br>1879 (?)                                              |
| <b>Maine Monthly Magazine</b><br>1835 (?)                          | <b>Industrial Journal</b><br>Jan. 1880                                 |
| <b>People's Press</b><br>1836—1838                                 | <b>Freeholder</b><br>1881 (?)                                          |
| <b>The Bangorean</b><br>1836                                       | <b>Messenger</b><br>1881 (?)                                           |
| <b>Bangor Journal</b><br>1837                                      | <b>The Parlor Table</b><br>Literary, 1881—1882                         |
| <b>Bangor Democrat</b><br>1838—                                    | <b>Bangor Historical Magazine</b><br>1881—1889                         |
| <b>Bangor Gazette</b><br>1842 (?)                                  | <b>Temperance Advocate</b><br>1883 (?)                                 |
| <b>The Platform</b>                                                | <b>Bangor Daily News</b><br>June 18, 1889                              |
| <b>Bangor Daily Mercury</b><br>1844—1854                           | <b>The Mascot</b>                                                      |
| <b>The Expositor (Monthly)</b>                                     | <b>Bangor Life (Society)</b>                                           |
| <b>Bangor Post</b><br>1849 (?)                                     | <b>Maine Sportsman</b><br>1894—1908                                    |
| <b>Daily Bee</b><br>1849 (?)                                       | <b>Bangor Sunday Republican</b>                                        |
| <b>The Jeffersonian</b><br>1849—1870                               | <b>Maine Rural Life</b><br>1913                                        |
|                                                                    | <b>Eastern Democrat</b><br>1914                                        |



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