Early Struggles of Anacortes

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The part that newspapers have played in the building of the city of Anacortes will well be illustrated here in Anacortes. Almost even before Anacortes deserved a place on the map, there was a newspaper, here the newspaper itself is a pet project of the old residents. The newspaper in which the first news of the founding of Anacortes was published is the same one that was in existence when the town was only a bunch of tents and shanties.

The first newspaper, known as the "Anacortes News," was published in the spring of 1882. It was a small, weekly paper, with a circulation of about 500 copies. It was printed on a hand press, and was sold for 5 cents a copy. The paper was printed on a four-page sheet, with a small section devoted to local news and a larger section to national and international news.

The newspaper was started by a man named Fred D. Bowen, who was a native of Anacortes. He had come to the town in 1880 and had worked as a printer in other towns.

Bowen was a man of many talents, and he was a good printer. He was also a good writer, and his newspaper was a source of information for the people of Anacortes.

The newspaper was a success from the start, and it soon became the voice of the town. It was a strong advocate of progress, and it was not afraid to speak out against those who were against it.

One of the most famous stories that appeared in the newspaper was the story of the "devils," a group of men who were accused of using the town's water supply for their own purposes.

The story was published in the spring of 1883, and it was a sensation. The town was divided on the issue, and the newspaper was accused of being too sensational, but it was also praised for its courage.

The newspaper was sold to a group of investors in 1884, and it continued to be published until 1886. During that time, it was a strong supporter of the town's development, and it was a source of information for the people of Anacortes.