Zile is a very minimal Emacs clone that is described in the brief manual page as "Zile Is Lossy Emacs". Zile developer Reuben Thomas is "happy to announce a shiny new 2.6.2 release of GNU Zile" is exactly one bug-fix. And that's it.

Zile is, of course, not a complete Emacs clone, it is a minimal one. There are no web browser, calculator, calendar or games included. We leave it up to you to ponder why Emacs has those features and how essential they really are to a text editor.

The lack of games and other text editor features makes Zile a small ./configure && make compile that produces a decently small 372K binary. You will need the libgee GObject collection library and, for some reason, help2man. You can strip --strip-unneeded zile the binary down to 308K if you want to.

A really brief test of Zile 2.6.2 reveals that it has some minor issues with modern luxuries like Unicode.
Source URL:  http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/150830

Links:
[2] https://linuxreviews.org/GNU_Zile_2.6.2_Is_Released