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WE HAVE FALLEN UPON STRANGE TIMES.

A matter worthy of passing notice took place at Winston-Salem during the past few days. One R. P. McAnally, of Stokes county, a short time ago wrote an article for the Danbury Reporter, signing himself "David," in which he virtually charged that Senator J. C. Buxton had been bribed by the American Tobacco Company in matters of trust legislation during the last session of the General Assembly of this State. No sooner than he did so, Senator Buxton denounced the editor of the Reporter the name of the correspondent, and it was immediately furnished him. Then a warrant was issued for Mr. McAnally, charging him with criminal libel and he was cited to trial on Friday September 6, last. On the day set he came accompanied by his attorney, and what do you think he did? He simply issued the following statement:

North Carolina, Forsyth County.  
To the Public: I wrote an article signed "David," which was published in The Danbury Reporter, of August 22, 1907, in which I reflected upon the course of Mr. J. C. Buxton, Senator from Forsyth county, in the Legislature of 1907.

"I now desire, of my own accord, to publicly apologize to Senator Buxton for the language used by me in that communication and to retract every word in said article which in any way reflected upon him. I had no reason at the time I wrote the article to make the statements which I did, and I now admit that the charge was made without any foundation and that I had no reason to believe the charge to be true at the time I wrote the article."

R. P. McANALLY.  
September 6, 1907.

We have at least run upon a sad day in this good old State of ours when a man, a citizen of this State, will dare go so far as to write an article, have the same scattered broadcast over the country, attacking the character of an honorable man, a character that has been in the building, as in this instance, for over forty years, and then when called on to put up or shut up, (excuse street slang) has to march up to the rack and admit over his own signature that he simply lied and that for no other reason than the simple fact that he did not view some economic question as did the man whose character he had so mercilessly assailed. Indeed these be strange times! Their passage can be brought about none too soon for the public good. We have of late heard lots about the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech, both of which we regard as absolutely essential to the public welfare, but we respectfully submit there is a vast difference between freedom of speech and press and downright lying.

Matters did not used to be this way; why the change? What brought this new condition of affairs upon us? The observant reader of a certain class of papers, the attentive listener to a certain class of speakers, has read and heard virtually similar accusations before. They came with the advent of populism and yellow journalism. The reader has long

since learned that when some paper holds views differing with those held by the paper he is then reading that the first paper is in league, by insinuation and innuendo, with some unfriendly influence, either the railroads or some other great corporate power, is indirectly told who or what power controls certain of our public men, or would be public men. The editor or the speaker know as well as did Mr. McAnally that their statements are not true, and they dare not come out directly and make them, for they well know that then they would be called upon to maintain their assertions and that they would have to publish signed articles confessing that there was absolutely no basis for the charge. Doubtless the influence of readings and speeches of the nature above referred to worked Mr. McAnally up to the point of writing what he is now bitterly sorry he ever wrote. We do not wish to be misunderstood in this matter. We believe in newspaper discussion of public men, in public speaking, both of which shall be attended with the utmost freedom, but we want such discussions whether by press or speaker attended with a degree of truthfulness, fairness and sanity, the writer or speaker always conscious of the fact that others have as much right to investigate questions of public concern as he has and that after all he may be the one who has seen the matter from the erroneous standpoint. One of the most baneful results of this new order of things is the fact that whereas we use to presume all men honest and innocent until the contrary be proven, conceding to our most outspoken opponent honesty of purpose, we now in effect charge those who differ with us with sinister motives, placing upon them the burden of proving their innocence, even before one thing is actually shown to the contrary, and this is having its weight in keeping our best citizens out of public life and that at a time when their services are so much needed in the solution of matters of such great importance. Again, we say, these be monstrous strange times! For our part, give us the ways of the fathers; they be good enough for us. We confess they are more to our liking. We never did like the way of convicting a man without a hearing and evidence, no how. Give us a trial before you railroad us to a life of everlasting shame.

**HASTY ITEMS.**

Miss Sampson, of Bennettsville (the granddaughter of the highly revered Rev. J. A. W. Thomas, of Marlboro, S. C.) will teach at Hasty Academy this term.

Last year an effort was made to secure a nine months school for the children of this section. The effort was unsuccessful; but should our men decide to try again, we feel sure the result will be different. The man who is against educational advancement is not only against the best interests of the community in which he lives; but he is actually "behind the times." No other material progress in a community will make up the lack of good schools. As we said of the lamentable step taken by Laurinburg along this line. "It is because Laurinburg had Prof. Quackenbush and his splendid school that she does not realize her end. The meantime, the boys and girls are growing—growing out of their school days. Now if they could only quit growing while the city fathers are getting themselves resurrected."

Miss Lucy, the daughter of Mr. Sim Odom formerly of Hasty, but now of Robeson county, was married last week to Mr. Dan McNeill, of Robeson.

Mrs. Lizzie McCormick and Miss McColl, of Marlboro, spent

a night and day of last week with Mrs. Duncan McNeill.

Messrs Alex and John Walter Jones, accompanied by Misses Florence, Emma and Ruth Jones go to Jamestown this week.

Prof. Haigrave, of Lumber Bridge, visited the family of Mr. J. D. Medlin Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. W. H. Watson continues very ill.

**Elizabeth Browning Book Club.**

Miss Virgie Streeter charmingly entertained the "Elizabeth Browning Book Club," at her home on Church street, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 3. This was the first meeting of the club for the year, and nearly all the members were present.

"Let us, then, be Up and Doing!" was the club's motto for the meeting, and the members caught the spirit and proceeded at once into the work of reorganizing the club and the elec-

tion of officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected are: President—Miss Mary McNair. Vice-President—Mrs. E. H. Gibson.

Sec. and Treas.—Miss Pattie James.

The new president, Miss McNair, in a beautiful little talk, gave welcome to all members, both old and new. It then became the duty of each member to account to the club for the manner in which the spare hours of the summer had been spent. This naturally furnished much merriment as well as instruction. Music was rendered by Miss Kate McLean and Mrs. E. H. Gibson at the piano, and by Miss Pattie James with songs.

After the program had been concluded, delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

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- " " 36 " 48c.
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- and see our line Ladies' Shoes, 98c. pair. If you want to be dressed up, come and see our line of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts for 98c. Extra nice Gents' Ties and Shirts. 12 bars, 24c. 11 lbs. best Coffee for \$1. Window shades, largest line and lowest prices. Also beautiful line of Lace Curtains, 39c. per pair. Towels, 8c. per pair. Closing out a lovely line of best Counterpanes at 90c. up. Full line of Ties, 2c. each. Pillow Tops, Scarfs and Shams. Patch work ready for quilts, 8c. per yard. Turkish Table Linen, 12c. per yard. Ready-made double-cloth, \$1 value, now go at 75c.; \$1.25 value at 98c.; goods at 69c. White T- and Linen, 24c. per yard. Eight Clocks, \$1.08. Gents' Suspenders, 24c. Men's Pants, 98c. up. Boys' Knee Pants, 19c.

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**I. C. EDGERTON.**

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It is an old established and permanent truth and we are not forgetting it, but our fall buyings were caught from a close-fisted standpoint, and as ever before we are prepared to and daily we are, supplying hundreds of customers with the choicest and best things to EAT AND WEAR at the ECONOMICAL PRICE.

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