

THE MIDLANDERS

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CHAPTER XVIII

The Sentimentalist.

Two weeks before the September primary election, Mr. Curran noted a curious reserved respect toward him from men of the town who had long ignored him as a mere disturber. And Arne Vance coming in from a last tour of the county on his "pig and politics" campaign, grimly explained it.

CORRUPTION IN ELECTIONS.

Mayor Grace Comes Back on Senator Tillman.

SHOULD WHALEY BE INVESTIGATED?

Unable to Get the Congressional Delegation to Take Hold, Mr. Grace Intimates That He Will Continue the Fight as Best He Can on Down to the Last Ditch.

believed, that your motive then was fear that your own election would be upset along with the whole primary; and that you would have to run over again and that a feeling engendered against you in the last days of that campaign might cause you to lose—as you did nearly lose, anyhow. I do not think that South Carolina would hang her head in shame if a repetition of the Whaley matter in either branch of Congress could be prevented by congressional action; and what is more to the point, I will not allow you to put any such words in my mouth, as you do when you say "You are asking me to pursue a course which you admit would cause the people of South Carolina to hang their heads in shame." Point out to me where I said any such thing. Instead of hanging her head in shame, she would be proud of the fact that it was she who helped largely to write the Constitution, and that by it, in the last analysis, her honor had been saved, not lost.

and a complete evasion of the issue for you and your corruptor friends in this community now to resort to the old "catch thief" tactics by pretending that the publicity which I am giving to this matter is wrong and unjustifiable; whereas they filled the newspapers throughout the campaign and poured into your ears, among others, after the election, that things here were horribly corrupt, but that I, and not they, were the corruptors. You and they have blackened my name, a people and a community; and you slink away when I come before you ready to do some service to my state.