THE PRODIGAL JUDGE

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SYNOPSIS.

The scene at the opening of the story is laid in the village of Jo, out in the southern plantation, known as the "Black Belt" of Alabama. The time is the early history and fear of the Reconstruction. Quantrelle, is the subject of discussion by the village gossips, who are interrupted by the appearance on Market square of Phillip Tancy, a farmer, when Marshal Wayne Malbone, a former Confederate officer, and Malbone's promising young son, Tancy tells how he aligned for the Union army and was captured by Confederates and sentenced to be hanged. Tancy is held by