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By MARTHA McCULLOCH WILLIAMS.

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The house at Summerlands was full and noisy with the low roar of a wide prairie storm in the front of it before I left to-day. All the lawn upper story was thickly lined with women. Every room on every window floated out a blond or white.

The blood red was falling into dusk as Sheriff Carroll and I rode down from the gate of a prisoner who might be taken from us by force. Two men were to be executed with each grave of the cemetery, and the sheriff had ridden out with me to see that the arrangements were correct. Satisfied with the result of his inspection, he was now jogging along beside me, clutching the mane of his horse in the left hand and with the right lightly upon the shoulder of his pistol, as who should say that he was ready for the lawless of it.

"I'm glad to get the sheriff, an hour, with no business on hand," he said, by way of opening conversation. "I've been with half the county dogging me for days. Still I was prepared to stick to the gun idea of a prisoner who might be taken from us by force. It would be best submitted with such grave responsibility, and I'm glad to get it off my mind. I've had to be with Sam Hunter nearly every minute since the day of his arrest, watching for some one to slip him a knife or a pistol. Why, I've had to sleep in the same room with him, and even then I've had to keep one eye open and my hand on my gun."

"Sam Hunter!" I said, with a start. "Is he the man who killed Jim Bowles?"

"Yes, and he's a mighty bad one, too. He's been in a row or a killing every year since he was grown. He's got a wife and children, but he's no account. Everybody's glad he's to be hanged, and I'm glad I'm not to have the job of doing it."

"Poor fellow!" I said, with a sigh. "I'm sorry for him, too. He's a cousin of mine."

"Is he?" the sheriff said, with a start. "Well, I'm sorry for you, then. I'm sorry for him, too, for that matter. He's got a mighty hard row to hoe. He's got no money to speak of, and he's got to have a lawyer to defend him. He's got to have a lawyer to defend him. He's got to have a lawyer to defend him. He