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HOME TALENT PLAY A BIG SUCCESS

Hall Packed to its Capacity By
Enthusiastic Onlookers.

That Cloverdale has among its citizens clever actors and actresses was fully demonstrated last Thursday evening when the drama, "A Woman's Honor", was played to the largest house ever had in Cloverdale.

The play was full of surprising and interesting situations, dealing with a defaulting banker, who wishes his eldest daughter to marry a wealthy island owner, whose money he has lost on bad speculations, that he might be spared the punishment that would be meted out to him.

The banker's part was a short one, for no sooner had the match been arranged than the banker shuffles off to the undiscovered country. This part was taken by E. L. McCabe, togged out in a costume to suit the occasion.

The eldest daughter marries the man who saved the honor of her father and his family, although she is in love with a young physician, who after learning of his sweetheart's betrothal leaves for the south seas to make a fortune and a reputation for himself. Forrest Gist took

this part and did it well.

The bride and groom move to the latter's island home and there the groom's brother institutes a poison scheme to get rid of his brother that he might be governor of the island. Miss Stevens and Mr. Thomas were the characters in this part and professionals could have performed this part no better.

The younger daughter marries a dapper young man of New York, and later they make a trip to the island, where they find the older sister and her husband not getting along as well as newlyweds should and they proceed to investigate. This part was handled by Ben Joy and Miss Beals and they were as clever in this role as many we have seen on the professional stage.

Dick Ward was the villain in the play, and his wife was Mrs. Thomas, and while Dick was bad from start to finish, his wife was not of his type, but a comely island lady with a conscience and a heart ready to respond to the right side of the island life.

The last act dealt with the condition of the island owner at the time when the poison scheme was nearing its end and the island doctor's skill baffled to such an extent that another physician was brought out to diagnose the case. The resident physician was none other than E. L. McCabe, who doubled up for the occasion. The new doctor proved to be the former lover of the islander's wife and the poison scheme discovered just in time to save the life of the pa-

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tient and reuniting husband wife and also placing the blame on the shoulders of the guilty party.

The play would not have been complete without the colored servant with his witty sayings and comic gestures. Blacked to a finish, and then some was the actor in this part of the play which was taken by Vic Learned. Vic proved a success as a colored servant.

Each scene was replete with funny situations that left the audience in the best of humor. The costumes showed much careful planning.

All in all it was an entertainment worth twice the amount charged for admission and speaks in the highest terms of the ability of those taking part.

The orchestra was composed of Messrs Heaton, Owens and Stiverson and Mrs. Dennis and the music rendered for the occasion was well appreciated.

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