

AMUSEMENTS.

AL JOLSON IN "THE JAZZ SINGER."

Beginning Monday next, the Alhambra theatre will present Al Jolson in "The Jazz Singer." This eagerly awaited presentation of the picturisation of Samson Raphaelson's play, which continues to be a potent attraction on the legitimate stage, will be made a gala event, and will be presented at the Alhambra with special musical effects, so that you can actually see and hear Al Jolson sing his celebrated "Mammy" songs, and Cantor Rosenblatt will sing "Kol Nidre."

The story of the rise of the son of the cantor who deserts his home to become a jazz singer and at last is torn between the desire of his father that he succeed him in the synagogue and his own desire to shine on Broadway is well known. Alan Crossland, who directed the



picture, is said to have treated the story in the spirit in which it was conceived. That Jolson is the logical exponent of the story of the picture is clear from the fact that the story of his own life parallels it in many places.

Chief in Jolson's support is May McAvoy as leading lady in the role

of Mary Dale. Warner Oland has the role of the elderly cantor. Among others in the numerous cast are Otto Lederer, Eugenie Besserer, Cantor Josef Rosenblatt, Anders Randolf, William Demarest, Bobby Gordon, Richard Tucker and Nat Carr.

STEPHEN BLACK AT THE TIVOLI.

Vaudeville has been replaced this week at the Tivoli by Mr. Stephen Black and his company of South African players, and in the presence of a large audience on Wednesday the first play of the four weeks' season was presented. "A Backveld Boer," Mr. Stephen Black's latest, appealed to the audience, for it is a story brimful of humorous situations and much comedy. The cast, headed by Mr. Black, is a very capable one, and each individual player fills his or her part very successfully. Next Wednesday "Love and the Hyphen" will be staged, and this comedy, in three acts, is bound to attract. Stephen Black and his company are no strangers to Cape Town, and the welcome extended to them on each appearance is significant of their popularity.

THE GRAND THEATRE.

This popular cinema advertises an excellent programme for the coming week, which should attract crowded houses. For Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday a very fascinating picture of a shop girl who acted as a movie star at night, will be seen in "Her Big Night." Such well-known stars as Laura La Plante, Einar Hansen, Lee Moran, Tully Marshall and Zasu Pitts are featured. For Thursday, Friday and Saturday, there will be a double feature programme. A thrilling mystery drama on the vital question of the day, "Capital Punishment," and Buster Keaton in his famous comedy "College."

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MOTORING.

The Wind-up of Motor Week—Congratulations to Motor Traders—Those Reckless Wagon-Drivers.

PENINSULA motorists certainly cannot complain of the bill of fare provided for them during Motor Week, and members of the Motor Traders' Association (Western Division), who worked so hard to make the project a success, deserve not only congratulations but the thanks of the general public for an instructive entertainment.

On top of all this, we have had Sir William Letts in town. As chairman of Crossley Motors, Ltd., and managing director of Willys-Overland-Crossley, Ltd., Sir William has had an extraordinarily busy time during his two months' tour of the Union.

He has also added to the gaiety of the Motor Week by being the genial host at a number of informal luncheons and dinners. I have had several chats with him and he seems certain that there is a big future in South Africa for the heavier passenger motor vehicle. He would not go so far as to suggest, of course, that one of these days there would be established a regular service of giant passenger buses (with sleeping apartments) between Cape Town and Johannesburg!

During the Motor Show I also had a few words with Mr. H. G. Woods, who is the South African representative of the British Motor Manufacturers. The welcome news he had to tell was that the production of cars in Britain was increasing so steadily that it would not be long before there were substantial reductions in the price lists. British manufacturers are now also engaged in establishing a thoroughly efficient service scheme throughout South Africa—a point which has always been strongly featured by American manufacturers.

A Useful Tip.

WITH a certain brand of their cigarettes, the United Tobacco Company (South) Limited give little cards containing useful tips, and here is one I have come across which explains how a temporary repair can be effected

when the magneto contact-breaker spring breaks: "When this spring breaks, and it is necessary to effect a temporary repair, take a small section of old inner tube and fold it in such a way that it may be placed behind the rocker arm of the contact breaker. The magneto will now operate at reasonable engine speeds and the car may be driven with care to the nearest garage."
Coloured Wagon-Drivers.

MOTORISTS have frequent cause to complain of the reckless driving of wagons and other animal-drawn vehicles by coloured men. Were it not for the efficient braking powers of the modern motor car, collisions through the actions of these foolhardy drivers would reach a high figure each month.

Without making any attempt to slow down, and with an absolutely callous disregard for the safety of the animals, these drivers dash out of side streets in a way calculated to give the coolest-minded motorist a nightmare.

Another complaint motorists have against the wagon-driver is that more often than not he is not in full possession of his road-sense and, therefore, not fit to be in control of a vehicle of any sort. Indeed, were it not for the undoubted "traffic sense" possessed by most animals, a large number of serious accidents would be unavoidable. But even when these coloured drivers are found guilty of reckless driving in the Courts, their sentence is nothing compared with that which would have been dealt out to a motorist guilty of a like charge.

A few months ago a motorist friend of mine was in collision with a wagon driven by an intoxicated cart-driver. The Magistrate sentenced the cart-driver to three months' hard labour—but with the option of paying a fine of £10. In similar circumstances, it is likely a motorist would have been fined £25, and his driver's licence cancelled for a considerable period.

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