

DR. B. T. WASHINGTON COMES TOMORROW

Program of the Exercises To Be Held at the Harmeling at 11 O'Clock.

Booker T. Washington will speak in Bristol tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, at the Harmeling theatre. Preparations for the coming of the great negro leader have been perfected by the local Negro Business league, of which Robert E. Clay is president. Many will come here from nearby towns and it is feared that the crowds cannot all get seats at the theatre, in which event Dr. Washington will be asked to address an overflow crowd on the streets, after the speaking at the theatre.

No charge will be made for admission, as Dr. Washington comes to Bristol to deliver an address to the people free of charge. One half of the theatre will be reserved for whites, including one half of the first floor and one half of the balcony.

The local Negro Business league has made extensive plans to entertain Dr. Washington and his party, which will include a score of the most prominent negro leaders in the south and north. The party will arrive early tomorrow morning and will be met at the train by a reception committee, headed by Robert E. Clay, who induced Dr. Washington to come to Bristol at this time.

The program for the speaking will include music by the choirs from the leading colored churches of the city, consisting of old time negro melodies. Hundreds of negroes will decorate their houses, stores, etc., and all are asked to carry in their hands small American flags.

The program is as follows:

1—Music—Old time negro melodies.

2—Prayer by Dr. C. H. Johnson.

3—Music.

4—Introduction of Dr. Washington.

5—Address by Dr. Booker T. Washington.

6—Solo—Mrs. Robert E. Clay.

The Norfolk and Western and Virginia and Southwestern railroads have offered special rates for the round trip to Bristol for the occasion and it is expected that many will avail themselves of the opportunity to see and hear the greatest black man in the world.