

Elementary Textbooks Are Not to Be Changed

Elementary Textbooks in the schools of the State will not be changed next year, the State Board of Education announced last Friday that all bills on arithmetic, drawing and writing books, the other subjects up for consideration, had been rejected. Some of the bills were lower than the prices paid for books now used, it was stated.

"VERY LATESTS" BY MARY MARSHALL

Every home dressmaker should know how to make a neat belt, because so many of the new dresses, both for daytime and evening, are finished with belts. Usually made of the material of the dress.



Patterned at one end. Do not turn in the other end. Then make the waist lines, and one end of the belt, and stitch fairly close to the edge. The belt is attached to the straight end that has no holes in it. Sew the ends of the belt together, and then cut the belt into the shape of the pattern. Then cut the belt into the shape of the pattern. Then cut the belt into the shape of the pattern.

MRS. ALICE COUNCELL, DAUGHTER OF OLD SOUTH, REACHES HER 98TH YEAR

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Great Scientist. Dr. Charles-ekshara Venkata Raman, Hindu physicist, who has been awarded the \$4500 Nobel Prize in physics for his research in light.

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Mrs. Alice M. Councill today is observing the ninety-eighth anniversary of her birth with her loved ones and a few close friends around her. The occasion that brings the beloved old lady one step nearer the century mark is being quietly celebrated, as has been the custom for the past several years, in accordance with Mrs. Councill's wishes.

Although she has but two steps to make before she crosses the century threshold, Mrs. Councill is as active and alert as one many, many years her junior. Her hearing is not as keen as it once was, and her eyes have grown a little dim with the passing years, but aside from that, she carries none of the infirmities of one so advanced in years.

Her Mrs. Councill does not so much as the average person, but she does a great deal of work. She is a great help to her husband, and she is a great help to her children.

Every day events are of great interest to Mrs. Councill, who keeps up with the times. She reads two daily newspapers, in addition to a weekly paper, and interests when asked what she thought about the crime wave, immediately said if she started to clear things up she would first go to Chicago and then come back to a well known city in this State.

Young folks today are delightful, Mrs. Councill declares, adding, "I love them all from babies up, and I love the older folks."

Present day styles are attractive, Mrs. Councill, who compares them to those of the ante-bellum days. She pointed the way, as she said, she said, and had no just cause for the styles in vogue during the past few years. The long, flowing skirts, the high waistlines and long sleeves remind Mrs. Councill of other days. "They are lovely," she says.

Born in Sumter, S. C., on December 1, 1832, the daughter of Jefferson Malouin Bostwick and Margaret Ballard Bostwick, Mrs. Councill was brought up in the traditions of the old Southland, one of whose pioneer beliefs she was in her young days. She attended at the old Salem College and was graduated from the institution, majoring in piano and music. Today she is the oldest living alumnus of the college.

While at Salem she became the personal friend of the girl who later became the wife of Stonewall Jackson and maintained that friendship closely until death called Mrs. Jackson.

As the trend of her thought turns backward, vistas of the old days open in Mrs. Councill's mind and she speaks as readily and clearly of the events preceding and following the Civil War period, as she does those of today.

As she advances into her ninety-eighth year Mrs. Councill is one of the most remarkable women in the State. She walks with a firm and stately tread as she enters a room to receive her guests. She presents a picture of loveliness as she sits before an open fire, which she always prefers. Her silvery hair, parted in the middle, is drawn into a soft knot at the back. Her blue-veined hands are ornamented with two golden bands. She wears simple black frocks finished with snowy bands at wrists and throat, the collar fastened with a large cameo-like brooch, ornamented with a black cross, the insignia of the Episcopal Church in which she has maintained her faith steadily throughout her life.

Four wars have been declared and fought during Mrs. Councill's life.

many of the older families residing in Boone, and the fact that Mrs. Councill is also related to them by her stepfather, who was Isaac Lee, a son of Governor William W. Holden.

FARM OUTLOOK GLOOMY, SAY COLLEGE ECONOMISTS

Little improvement in the strength of domestic demand for southern agricultural products, more difficult credit conditions, probable low prices for cotton and tobacco, and a general poor outlook for farming next year unless one lives at home and produces largely for food and feed supplies for family and local use, is contained in the preliminary agricultural outlook report issued last week by the Department of Agricultural Economics at State College.

The report was prepared by Dr. G. W. Forster and K. H. Rogers following the economic conference held recently in Atlanta, Ga. However, another report will be issued early in the new year as soon as the indications to plant reports are gathered at Washington.

The preliminary report says the price of cotton this fall was the lowest since 1915 and will likely be no better next season due to the large carry-over, the small consumption of American cottons, and other reasons, such as reduced buying power. North Carolina will likely increase its acreage to tobacco next season because of the low cotton price. Other states producing the cured leaf will probably reduce but there is already an over-production and the continuation of cigarettes shows definite signs of slowing up for the present.

The peanut situation should be bright South Carolina through her material, except that the crop may easily be substituted for cotton. The crop in the Valley and South, where of 1929 was the lowest in recent

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