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may hold disclosure court upon a subpoena returnable as aforesaid in any town in which the regular terms of the court of which he is judge are held,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 23. Municipal court judge may hold disclosure court in any town in which his regular terms of court are held. Such magistrate shall thereupon issue under his hand and seal a subpoena to the debtor commanding him to appear before any such disinterested magistrate within said county in the town in which the debtor, the petitioner or his attorney resides, and in case there is no such magistrate in the town where the debtor, petitioner or his attorney resides then in the shire town of said county, at a time and place therein named to make full and true disclosure, on oath, of all his business and property affairs. And a judge of any municipal court may hold disclosure court upon a subpoena returnable as aforesaid in any town in which the regular terms of the court of which he is judge are held. The application shall be annexed to the subpoena. Any town in which the regular sessions of the supreme judicial court are held, shall be considered a shire town for the purpose of this section. No application or subpoena shall be deemed incorrect for want of form only, or for circumstantial errors or mistakes, when the person and the case can be rightly understood. Such errors and mistakes may be amended on application of either party.'

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 268.

An Act Allowing Dentists to Employ Women Assistants who shall be known as Dental Hygienists.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows :

Sec. 1. Dental hygienists; powers and duties; license of registered dentist to be revoked for violation. Any registered or licensed dentist may employ women assistants who shall be known as dental hygienists. Such dental hygienists may remove lime deposits, accretions and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth and directly beneath the free margin of the gum, but shall not perform any other operation on the teeth or mouth or on any diseased tissues of the mouth. They may operate in the office of any registered or licensed dentist or in any public or private institution under the general supervision of a registered or licensed dentist. The state board of dental examiners may revoke the license of any registered or licensed dentist who shall permit any dental hygienists operating under his supervision to perform any operation other than that permitted under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. Examination; qualifications. No person shall enter practice as a dental hygienist in this state until she has passed an examination given her by the board of dental examiners of this state, or a sub-committee of said board which it may appoint, under such rules and regulations as it may deem fit and proper to formulate. The fee for said examination shall be ten

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dollars and any applicant failing to pass said examination shall be entitled to one additional examination without further cost. The fee for each re-examination after the first shall be five dollars. The said board of dental examiners shall issue certificates of ability to practice as dental hygienists in this state to those who have passed said examination, provided, however, that no person shall be entitled to such certificate unless she shall be eighteen years of age, of good moral character and shall have had an education equivalent to that attained by one year's attendance upon the class A high schools of this state as defined by section seventy-three of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes and unless she is a graduate of a reputable training school for dental hygienists or shall present a sworn statement by a dentist licensed to practice dentistry in his state that she has completed a course of at least six months' training as a dental hygienist under him.

Sec. 3. Dental hygienists licensed in another state may receive certificate without examination; fee and proof required. The board of dental examiners of this state may at its discretion without the examination as herein above provided, issue its certificate to any applicant therefor who shall furnish proof satisfactory to said board that she has been duly licensed to practice as a dental hygienist in another state after full compliance with the requirements of its dental laws; provided however, that her professional education shall not be less than that required in this state. Every certificate so given shall state upon its face the grounds upon which it is granted and the applicant may be required to furnish her proof upon affidavit. The fee for such certificate shall be ten dollars.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 269.

An Act Relating to Qualification of Judges of Municipal and Police Courts.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Judge of municipal court to be member of bar. No person shall be eligible for appointment as judge of any municipal or police court unless he shall be a member of the bar in the county in which such court is located.

Approved April 7, 1917.

Chapter 270.

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-five of Chapter Thirty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Amount to be Expended by the Insurance Commissioner in Investigating Fires.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 30, § 55, relating to investigation by insurance commissioner of origin of fires, amended. Section fifty-five of chapter thirty of the revised