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provided, however, that upon the approval by the state superintendent of any course arranged by the superintending school committee of any town, or by the trustees or other officers of any private school, said course shall be the authorized course for said town or private school; provided, further, that the basic language of instruction in the common school branches in all schools, public and private, shall be the English language; and provided, further, that American history and civil government, including the constitution of the United States, shall be taught in all common schools of elementary and high school grades, both public and private, and that American history and civil government shall be required for graduation from all grammar schools, both public and private. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the teaching in elementary schools of any language as such.'

Approved March 28, 1925.

Chapter 96.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Twenty-seven of Chapter Eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes Relating to Affidavits of Plaintiffs Being Received as Prima Facie Evidence.

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

R. S., c. 87, sec. 127; in relation to affidavits of plaintiffs in actions brought on accounts annexed, amended. Section one hundred and twenty-seven of chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'If the said affidavit be made before a notary public using a seal without the state, his authority as a notary public to act and to administer an oath shall be certified thereto and the genuineness of his signature certified by a clerk of a court of record or by a deputy clerk of the same and have the seal of said court attached thereto,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 127. Authority of notaries public without the state to be certified to by a clerk of a court of record. In all actions brought on an itemized account annexed to the writ, the affidavit of the plaintiff, made before a notary public using a seal, that the account on which the action is brought is a true statement of the indebtedness existing between the parties to the suit with all proper credits given, and that the prices or items charged therein are just and reasonable, shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the statement made in such affidavit, and shall entitle the plaintiff to the judgment, unless rebutted by competent and sufficient evidence. When the plaintiff is a corporation, the affidavit may be made by its president, secretary or treasurer. If the said affidavit be made before a notary public using a seal without the state, his authority as a notary public to act and

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to administer an oath shall be certified thereto and the genuineness of his signature certified by a clerk of a court of record or by a deputy clerk of the same and have the seal of said court attached thereto.'

Approved March 28, 1925.

Chapter 97.

An Act Relating to Land Taken for Parks, Squares, Public Libraries and
Playgrounds.

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

R. S., c. 4, sec. 87; relating to lands taken for parks, squares, public libraries and playgrounds, amended. That section eighty-seven of chapter four of the revised statutes be amended by striking out in the sixth line of said section the words "or of the mayor, aldermen and council of such city," and inserting in place thereof the words 'the city council,' so that said section, as amended, shall read:

'Sec. 87. City council given jurisdiction in the taking of land in place of "mayor, aldermen and council." Any city or town, containing more than one thousand inhabitants, upon petition in writing signed by at least thirty of its tax-paying citizens, directed to the municipal officers, describing the land to be taken as hereinafter provided, and the names of the owners thereof so far as they are known, may, at a meeting of such town, or the city council, direct such municipal officers to take suitable lands for public parks, squares, playgrounds, buildings for municipal purposes, or a public library building; and thereupon such officers may take such land for such purposes, but not without consent of the owner, if at the time of filing such petition, with such officers, or in the office of the clerk of such town or city, such land is occupied by a dwelling-house wherein the owner or his family reside.'

Approved March 28, 1925.

Chapter 98.

An Act Relating to Motor Vehicle Laws.

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

P. L., 1921, c. 211, sec. 93; relating to jurisdiction over offenses against motor vehicle laws, and disposition of fines, amended. Chapter two hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out the whole of the last sentence in section ninety-three thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'All fines