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the employer fails to furnish any of said services or aids, or in case of emergency or other justifiable cause, the employee may procure said services or aids and the commission may order the employer to pay for the same provided that they were necessary and adequate, and the charges therefor are reasonable. In every case where any of said services or aids are procured by the employee, it shall be his duty to see that the employer is given prompt notice thereof. The commission in its discretion may also require the employer to furnish to the injured employee, but not more than once each for an injury aforesaid, artificial limbs, eyes and teeth made necessary by such injury. In case artificial limbs, eyes and teeth, in use by an employee at the time of the accident as substitutes for natural parts of the body, are themselves injured or destroyed, they shall be repaired or replaced by the employer.

Whenever there is any disagreement as to the proper costs of the services or aids aforesaid, or as to the apportionment thereof among the parties, any interested person may file a petition with the commission ~~setting forth the facts for the determination thereof. The commission shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine such costs and such apportionment, subject to appeal as hereinafter provided, unless the employer or employee procuring such services or aids and the person or persons supplying the same shall by written contract agree otherwise.~~

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 84

AN ACT Relating to Salary of Treasurer of Oxford County.

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

R. S., c. 125, § 45, amended. The 12th line of section 45 of chapter 125 of the revised statutes, relating to Oxford county, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Oxford, ~~eight hundred dollars~~ \$1,200.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 85

AN ACT in Relation to Fees of Referees.

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

R. S., c. 96, § 94, amended. Section 94 of chapter 96 of the revised

statutes, as amended by chapter 235 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 94. Court may appoint referees. In all cases in the supreme judicial or in the superior court in which the parties agree that the same may be tried by 1 or more persons as referees, the court may appoint the same, not exceeding 3, whose fees and necessary expenses shall be paid by the county on presentation of the proper certificate of the clerk of courts for that county, and the amount thereof shall be fixed by the court upon the coming in of the report.

No fee or compensation other than his necessary expenses shall be paid any justice of the supreme judicial or of the superior court, for his services as referee, but this provision shall not apply to an active retired justice.'

Effective July 9, 1943

Chapter 86

AN ACT Relating to Desertion and Non-support of Families.

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

R. S., c. 129, § 44, amended. Section 44 of chapter 129 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 44. Desertion of wife or children in destitute circumstances, or wilful non-support, when a felony; penalty; court may direct fine to be paid to wife; or may order respondent to make weekly payments. Whoever without lawful excuse deserts his wife when such wife is in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or, being able by means of his property or labor to provide for the necessary support and maintenance of his wife without lawful excuse, wilfully, neglects or refuses to provide such support and maintenance when such wife is in destitute or necessitous circumstances, or whoever without lawful excuse deserts his or her minor child or children under the age of 16 years or being able by means of his or her property or labor to provide for the necessary support and maintenance of his or her minor child or children under said age, wilfully neglects or refuses to provide such support and maintenance when such child or children are in destitute or necessitous circumstances, when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature shall be deemed guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than 2 years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and if a fine is imposed, the court may direct that it be paid in whole or in part to the wife or to