CHAP. 497.—An act to prevent bookmaking and pool-selling in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, or within said District within one mile of the boundaries of said cities, to bet, gamble, or make books or pools on the result of any trotting race or running race of horses, or boat race, or race of any kind, or on any election or any contest of any kind, or game of baseball.

SEC. 2. That any person or association of persons violating the provisions of this act shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Approved March 2, 1891.

CHAP. 498.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain Volunteer and regular soldiers of the late war and the war with Mexico," approved March two, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision three of section two of the above entitled act be, and the same is amended so as to read as follows:

"Third. That such soldier was a minor, and was enlisted without the consent of his parent or guardian, and was released or discharged from such service by the order or decree of any State or United States court on habeas corpus or other judicial proceedings, and in such case such soldier shall not be entitled to any bounty or allowance, or pay for any time such soldier was not in the performance of military duty."

Approved, March 2, 1891.

CHAP. 499.—An act dedicating part of lots fourteen and fifteen, in square eight hundred and twelve, as a public alley.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such parts of lots fourteen and fifteen, in square eight hundred and twelve, at the points where said lots join and abut on original lots six, seven, and twenty-eight, as shown in book seventeen, page fifty-eight, of the office of surveys for the District of Columbia, be, and the same are hereby, dedicated as a public alley: Provided, however, That the contiguous property and lot owners dedicate an approximate amount to make an alley of fifteen feet in width between the properties herein described.

Approved March 2, 1891.

CHAP. 500.—An act authorizing the Commissioners to grant to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association use of certain property in the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to grant to the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association of the District of Columbia the use of all that part of lot eleven, in square one hundred and forty-one, in the city of Washington, and building thereon now occupied by a house used formerly as an engine-house, and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest