CHAP. 432.—An Act To punish the impersonation of weighmasters in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

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 to falsely represent himself or herself as being a weighmaster of hay, straw, fodder, or corn, or to make, give, or issue any certificate of the quantity of hay, straw, fodder, or corn weighed in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. That hereafter in the District of Columbia three hundred and fifty pounds of corn on the cob shall constitute a barrel and two hundred and eighty pounds of shelled corn shall constitute a barrel: Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be held to prohibit the sale of corn on the cob by the barrel.

SEC. 3. That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the police court of the District aforesaid shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment in the jail of the District of Columbia not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 433.—An Act To confirm title to lots thirteen and fourteen, in square nine hundred and fifty-nine, in Washington, District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to release and quitclaim to Thomas Yates, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, and interest, whether legal or equitable, of the United States of America in and to all those lots or parcels of ground situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and known on the ground plan of said city as lots numbered thirteen and fourteen, in square nine hundred and fifty-nine, upon the payment by the said Thomas Yates of such a sum as the said Secretary of the Interior shall deem just and equitable: Provided, That the said Thomas Yates pay to the proper officer of the District of Columbia all taxes heretofore assessed against said property, both general and special now unpaid and standing against said property.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to correct the records of the War Department in respect of any of the lots mentioned in Senate Document Numbered Two hundred and seventy-seven, Fifty-fifth Congress, second session (being a letter from the Secretary of War transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of January twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, a letter from the Chief of Engineers, together with list of lots in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, the title to which the records of his office show to be in the United States, and list of lots in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, which are shown by the records of his office to have been donated by the United States), upon the filing by an actual occupant of any of the lots mentioned in said document sufficient proof that the said occupant or the party under whom he claims has been in actual possession of the said lot or lots for an uninterrupted period of twenty years, so that said records shall show the title to said lots to be in the said occupant.

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CHAP. 434.—An Act To encourage the holding of the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition at the city of Toledo, Ohio.

Whereas it is desirable to encourage the holding of the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition at the city of Toledo, in the State of Ohio, in the year nineteen hundred and two or nineteen hun-