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 of certain lots.

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.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

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-
dred and three, as the Ohio general assembly may hereafter determine,
for the exhibition of the resources of the United States of America,
Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, and the progress and
civilization of the American countries, and for a display of the arts,
industries, manufactures, and products of the soil, mine, and sea; and

Whereas it is desirable to commemorate by an appropriate naval
display the important victory of Commodore Perry in the western waters
of Lake Erie, beside which waters said exposition is located; and

Whereas it is desirable for its historical and educational effect that
there be given an exhibition of the Indians of North America, and
especially the tribes of the old Northwest Territory; and

Whereas it is desirable that an exhibition shall be made of the great
staples of the original Northwest Territory and Ohio Valley region,
which contributes so largely to domestic and international commerce;
and

Whereas encouragement should be given to an exhibit of the arts,
industries, manufactures, and products illustrative of the progress and
development of that and other sections of the country; and

Whereas such exhibition should be international as well as national
in its character, in which the people of this country, of Mexico, the
Central and South American Governments, and other States of the
world should participate, and should, therefore, have the sanction of
the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas it is desirable and will be highly beneficial to bring together
at such an exposition the people of the United States and other States
of this continent; and

Whereas the Ohio Centennial Company, a corporation, has under-
taken to hold such exposition, beginning on the first day of May, nine-
teen hundred and two or nineteen hundred and three, and closing on
the first day of November, nineteen hundred and two or nineteen hun-
dred and three: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be exhibited
Exhibits from Ex-
by the Government of the United States at said Ohio Centennial and
Northwest Territory Exposition from the Executive Departments, the
Smithsonian Institution and National Museum, the Commission of
Fish and Fisheries, the Department of Labor, and the Bureau of Amer-
Industrs and materials as illustrate the function
and administrative faculty of the Government, its resources as a war
power, and its relations to other American Republics; and, to secure a
complete and harmonious arrangement of said Government exhibit, a
board of management shall be created, to be charged with the selec-
tion, purchase, preparation, transportation, arrangement, safe-keeping,
exhibition, and return of such articles and materials as the heads of
said departments and institutions of the Government may respectively
decide shall be embraced in said Government exhibit. The President
may also designate additional articles for exhibition. Such board shall
be composed of one member to be detailed by the head of each Execu-
tive Department, one by the head of the Smithsonian Institution and
National Museum, one by the head of the United States Fish Commis-
sion, one by the Commissioner of Labor, and one by the Director of
the Bureau of American Republics. The President shall name one of
said persons so detailed as chairman, and the board itself shall appoint
its secretary, disbursing officer, and such other officers as it may deem
necessary. The members of said board of management, with other
officers and employees of the Government who may be detailed to assist
them, including officers of the Army and Navy, shall receive no com-
ensation in addition to their regular salaries, but they shall be allowed
their actual and necessary traveling expenses, together with a per diem
in lieu of subsistence, to be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury,
while necessarily absent from their homes engaged upon the business
of the board. Officers of the Army and Navy shall receive this allow-
ance in lieu of the transportation and mileage now allowed by law.
Detail of Government officials.

Any provision of law which may prohibit the detail of persons in the employ of the United States to other service than that which they customarily perform shall not apply to persons detailed for duty in connection with the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition. Employees of the board not otherwise employed by the Government shall be entitled to such compensation as the board may determine.

The disbursing officer shall give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties, said bond to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury shall advance to said officer from time to time, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, a sum of money from the appropriation for the Government exhibit, not exceeding at any one time three-fourths of the penalty of his bond, to enable him to pay the expenses of said exhibit as authorized by the board of management herein created.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause a suitable building or buildings, from plans to be approved by the board of management, to be erected on the site selected at the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition for the Government exhibit; and he is hereby authorized and directed to contract therefor in the same manner and under the same regulations as for other public buildings of the United States; but the contract for said building or buildings shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, said sum being hereby appropriated for said purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The Secretary of the Treasury shall dispose of such building or buildings or the material composing the same after the close of the exposition, giving preference to the city of Toledo or the Ohio Centennial Company to purchase the same at an appraised value, to be ascertained in such manner as the President and Secretary of the Treasury may determine; and whatever sum may be so realized shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

SEC. 3. That for the purpose of paying the expenses of the selection, purchase, preparation, transportation, installation, care, and return of said Government exhibit, and for the employment of proper persons as officers and assistants by the board of management created by this Act and for their expenses, and for the maintenance of the building hereinbefore provided for, and for other contingent expenses incidental to the Government exhibit, to be approved by the chairman of the board of management, or in the event of his absence or disability by such other officer as the board may designate, upon itemized accounts and vouchers, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be disbursed by the board of management hereinbefore created, of which not exceeding the sum of ten thousand dollars shall be expended for clerical service: Provided, That no liability against the Government shall be incurred and no expenditure of money under this Act shall be made until the officers of said exposition shall have furnished the Secretary of the Treasury proofs to his satisfaction that there has been obtained by said exposition corporation subscriptions of stock in good faith, contributions, donations, or appropriations from all sources for the purpose of said exposition, a sum aggregating not less than five hundred thousand dollars, nor until the State of Ohio shall by legislative enactment have appropriated a sum of money equal to that herein appropriated.

SEC. 4. That all articles which shall be imported from foreign countries for the sole purpose of exhibition at said exposition upon which there shall be a tariff or customs duty shall be admitted free of payment of duty, customs fees, or charges, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe; but it shall be lawful at any time during the exhibition to sell, for delivery at the close of the exposition, any goods or property imported for and actually on exhibition in the exposition buildings or on its grounds, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import
duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: Provided, That all such articles, when sold or withdrawn for consumption in the United States, shall be subject to the duty, if any, imposed upon such articles by the revenue laws in force at the date of importation, and all penalties prescribed by law shall be applied and enforced against such articles and against the persons who may be guilty of any illegal sale or withdrawal: And provided further, That all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section, including salaries of customs officials in charge of imported articles, shall be paid to the Treasury of the United States by the Ohio Centennial Company, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 5. That medals with appropriate devices, emblems, and inscriptions commemorative of said Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition and of the awards to be made to exhibitors thereat be prepared at some mint in the United States for the board of directors thereof, subject to the provisions of the fifty-second section of the coinage Act of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, upon the payment by the Ohio Centennial Company of a sum not less than the cost thereof; and all the provisions, whether penal or otherwise, of said coinage Act against the counterfeiting or imitating of coins of the United States shall apply to the medal struck and issued under this Act.

SEC. 6. That the United States shall in no manner and under no circumstances be liable for any bond, debt, contract, expenditure, expense, or liability of any kind whatever of the said Ohio Centennial Company, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or incident to or growing out of said exposition, nor for any amount whatever in excess of the five hundred thousand dollars herein authorized; and the heads of the Executive Departments, the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum, the Commission of Fish and Fisheries, the Department of Labor, and the Bureau of American Republics, and the board of management herein authorized, their officers, agents, servants, or employees, shall in no manner and under no circumstances expend or create any liability of any kind for any sum in excess of the appropriations herein made or create any deficiency.

SEC. 7. That at the close of the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition the exhibits of the United States Government shall be returned to the several departments or bureaus from which they were received; and such collections as may be acquired by the board by purchase, preparation, gift, or otherwise, illustrating the natural resources, industries, customs, and commerce of the other American Republics, shall be placed for permanent preservation in the United States National Museum.

SEC. 8. That the appropriation herein made, of five hundred thousand dollars in all, shall take effect and become available immediately upon the proof being made to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the conditions prescribed in section three of this Act have been complied with.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 435.—An Act To amend the internal-revenue laws relating to distilled spirits, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That under the conditions and limitations imposed by section fifty of the Act of August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the support of the Government, and for other purposes," allowance for loss shall be made as to all distilled spirits produced and originally gaged for deposit prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and which lawfully remain in any internal-revenue bonded warehouse, after the expiration of the period