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GEORGE Armington of Ludlow, Vt., caught four "enormous rats" in his trap in one day recently. Now let some ignoramous get up and say Vermont is only a one horse state" if he dare!

ONE of our mechanics asked for a boat to get over that sag in the sidewalk at the Boulton and Gray line post, Monday, as the water was three or four inches deep on the walk. What the city engineer allowed such a sag there for, we could never comprehend. The petition for a boat would naturally go to the water committee.

If you are dissatisfied with things in general or any one thing in particular, get up a petition to the city council. Some folks seem to think life would not be worth the living if they could not file a petition with the council. It may not do any good, but like the little pills, it won't do any hurt. That is what the council is for, of course.

WE are glad to know that Editor Dunn's book, "General Nelson's Scout," is having a good run, for a second edition is already called for. As a thrilling story for children, full of lessons of patriotism and heroism, it has no superior, and it costs only \$1.25, and it will be read and re-read, don't fear that.

THE farmers of Lake County are to have an agricultural meeting of two days, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 22, at Grays Lake. We see the editor of the News is on some committee with a lot of other fellows who don't know a red pepper from a yellow carrot. We expect to be called upon to speak on the Vermont remedy for hens losing their teeth in connection with the January thaw!

THERE is a young man in this city who, out of a not extra large salary, puts by five dollars every month and has been doing it for a long time. Ten or a dozen years hence, when he wants to start in business for himself he won't have to borrow the money to pay for his business cards and the first stock of stationery. That fact is worth more to him among business men than forty letters of recommendation from the minister, etc.

THERE are said to be 125,000 Spiritualists in the country, Cleveland, Ohio, being the center of influence. This ism has for years seemed to us to be the biggest delusion and fraud of the century. An old mechanic once suggested that some fish could only be caught with the choicest bait, skillfully managed, but some few will bite a bare hook. It seems to us these folks are biting Satau's bare hook, for of all empty pretenses it takes the cake.

PASTOR Rabb preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning on the "Power of the Christ." The points discussed were, prophecy proclaimed him the Messiah with power; Christianity's beginnings were small and feeble, but became mighty in development, and third its power is wholly spiritual. He said many churches and many Christians were seeking to build on social distinctions and qualifications, only to fail. For church work and success he rather have one godly woman, though she earned her daily bread over the wash tub, than twenty-five society ladies with cold selfish hearts. Mr. Rabb never seems to think of how his bold utterances of the truth may affect his social or other standing,

his work is to preach the gospel and he does it.

WAUKEGAN has hit upon a truly novel and taking idea - an old fashioned country spelling school, in a big hall, with States Attorney C. T. Heydecker, as "school master" to pronounce the words. They will choose sides, pick out spellers and spell, finally spelling down; the last one to stand receiving a prize, we presume. That is a plan to be adopted here. It is well nigh forty years since we run such a spelling school as that. Let us have one.

A POPULAR MOVE.

The mention of the "Green Mountain Boy" for mayor was the most popular suggestion ever made in the News. Men gathered on the street corners to talk about it; at least, two men were seen to gather on the old post office corner by Dunn's store, and one gathered on McDonald's corner, and all talked about something. Their faces were wreathed in smiles as though they were pleased and we are sure it was the prospect of the Boy for mayor. One or two men are reported to have vowed they would not be shaved or have their hair cut till the "Boy" is elected. This excites the barbers, for if this movement becomes general it will hurt their business. The city council may be petitioned for an early election, so as to relieve the tension and give business a boom.

We are credibly informed that the aldermen are practically unanimous in favor of the "Boy", at least there can't be more than seven or eight opposed to him. Everybody seems to recognize the fact that nothing since the opening of the electric railroad has given such a promise of business and social improvement as the candidacy of the "Green Mountain Boy."

We will now let the "Boy" rest till after the holidays. Meanwhile he stands, seven days in the week on the same old, broad, solid, sound timbered platform, and has a few more good plank in his political lumber loft to be added if necessary. The "Boy" is on deck for the public good and not for any personal or clique ends.