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Rat Bounty Law Now In Effect

Got any rats about your home, store or office? Don't let the cats get 'em if you have, because after August 24 rats will be a valuable asset. Under the new state bounty law which goes into effect on that date, rats are valued at five cents a head. In order to realize on the pesky animals it will be necessary to present the heads neatly lopped off, in batches of not less than five to the city clerk. When the clerk has satisfied himself regarding the correctness of the rat hunter's claim as to when the animals were captured he will issue a certificate for presentation to the county clerk who shall draw a warrant on the county treasurer the latter being instructed by law to pay from funds in the county treasury five cents in good American coin for each head.

The law does not say that the rats must be freshly slain, but City Clerk Lindsay asks each prospective rat hunter not to keep the rear rats too long before realizing on them. It will be up to the city clerk to destroy the rat heads after he accepts them over the counter.

"I am not going to stick my nose into any rat bag," said Lindsay, Saturday morning. "I'm going to ask the rat catchers to dump their bags on the lawn in front of the city hall. Then I'm going to use a pair of powerful field glasses through which I can inspect and count the heads from the third story of the city hall. I'll throw the certificate out the window. Live rats are bad enough, but I much prefer them to be dead ones."