

PECKSNIFF.

The *Star* is troubled. For years it consorted with the plunderers of the taxpayers—the wooden pavements, city extension, charter amendments and everything that promised boodle or dividends.

It helped to elect the present city government from top to bottom. The JOURNAL fought against these cliques, rings and the *Star* as their organ and helper. Democrat as the *Times* was, it helped its party, for these gangs belonged to it, but the *Star* pretended to be independent and worked with them for itself.

Never a day since the *Star* had life has it done anything in city affairs except for itself, its own pocket, or, as now, for revenge.

The *Star* knows it is untrue to the city's interests and it knows the JOURNAL is, and always has been, the dependence among newspapers of honest measures and honest officials. And when the men whom it is now fighting because they would not pay its price, from the mayor to the marshal, have "fixed" it again, the JOURNAL will be found doing the work of the people and the taxpayers against their old enemy and its friends.

The *Star* knows it speaks falsely when it charges the JOURNAL with either indifference or want of vigilance. The JOURNAL simply doesn't feel called on to back the *Star* in a matter of revenge against individuals for losing its pay as the friend, champion and advocate of the very men it now denounces.

Every reform demanded the JOURNAL has fought for years to secure, while the *Star* consorted with the plunderers. Now that the happy family has fallen out it must hoe its own row. The JOURNAL will attend to that of the people.

The desperate game whereby "thousands of dollars are annually stolen from the taxpayers" was seen by the editor of the *Star* for years with never a protest. He ran an "independent" paper, which always indorsed the man who could put up the most money. The men have stopped wasting money on the *Star* and the editor is mad at the men and at the JOURNAL because it will not jump in now and "hold the bag" while the *Star* slips out.