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PROGRESSIVE IMBECILITY.

The *Star* is at it again. It has lost Hope and now it is like a rabid dog biting at everything in sight. It not only attacks the office holders, but slurs all the citizens who do not look through its glasses. It goes even further than that in its madness. It has given notice to the county officials, verbally, through its owner, that they can never hold office again, because, forsooth, the *Star* will not let them.

On what sort of meat does our Caesar feed that he has become so great? When did the *Star* become the political dictator of Kansas City? Has it not learned that its influence amounts to less than that of the humblest voter in the whole city? The insufferable pomposity of the *Star* has so disgusted all decent citizens that it is only necessary for an office-seeker to secure its condemnation to insure his election.

~~The *Star* suggests to the~~ JOURNAL should settle its libel suits. For the benefit of the *Star* the JOURNAL will state that the political libel suits were withdrawn by the instigators immediately after the election without the cost of a cent to the JOURNAL or the making of a single promise. The JOURNAL is under no bondage either to the "gang" or to its own desires for personal aggrandizement. It has no boulevards to advance nor has it any desire to dictate the nominations of the mayor or the governor whom it fought through a long and bitter campaign.

Some time ago the JOURNAL advised the *Star* not to cry so loud and the people would not know how badly it was hurt. That advice is given again. If the *Star* will follow it, it will not become such a laughing stock to those who easily see through all the pretenses that instigate that paper in charging such men as George Kumpf, A. J. Mason and George Holmes with being dishonest officials and of ousting one man because he will not work to their interests as against the taxpayers.

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