Crowning Insult to Him Who Occupies the Presidential Chair political cartoon, 1876

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IMAGE DESCRIPTION:
A fox, standing on the back of a donkey, places a "crown"actually, a goat's head labeled "The Scapegoat"on the head of a lion seated in a throne labeled "presidential chair." The fox has a book titled "Party Catechism" sticking out of its pocket. Assorted animals, including rabbits, mice, a duck, a vulture, and dogs, look on. In the distance, the U.S. Capitol provides a backdrop. In front of the capitol building are members of the press, represented by barking dogs and a unicorn, a giraffe, a donkey, and a bear holding up quills. In this cartoon, Thomas Nast expresses sympathy for outgoing president Ulysses S. Grant, who was criticized in the press for the misdeeds of his officials and for (in Nast's view) forces beyond the president's control.

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