SKILLBUILDER PRACTICE Interpreting Political Cartoons

The corruption and graft exhibited by numerous politicians during the Gilded Age did not go unnoticed by the nation's political cartoonists. Examine the political cartoon below and then answer the questions that follow. (See Skillbuilder Handbook, p. R24.)



- 1. What is the subject of the cartoon?
- 2. From where is the politician stealing money? How is he doing it?

3. What is the meaning of the cut "red tape"?

4. What point is the cartoonist trying to make?