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# Political Alphabet

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A stands for Ananias,  
The politician's patron saint.  
B is for Boodle, which  
Doth all legislation taint.  
C stands for Congress, D.C.,  
Where all kinds of laws are invented.  
D stands for Democracy,  
Whose dupes are somewhat demented.  
E stands for Expansion, which  
Stands for piracy and plunder.  
F stands for Freedom, a word  
Mostly used for political thunder.  
G stands for Gall and Gab,  
The politicians' greatest essentials.  
H is a sulphurious place  
Where lawyers need no credentials.  
I is the personal pronoun  
That the candidate uses most.  
J's for a four-legged rascal,  
Prototype of a political host.  
K stands for Kansas State,  
Where Mrs. Nation smashes things.  
L's for Lying, a habit  
Never discouraged by political rings.  
M stands for Militia and Muskets  
The props that uphold every State.  
N stands for National Spirit,  
That divides all humanity with hate.  
O stands for Oligarchy,  
That rules with a scepter of gold.  
P stands for People, whose rights  
By the political shysters are sold.  
Q stands for political Quacks,  
Who would cure every ill with a law.  
R stands for Republican rule  
That's supreme from Maine to the Kaw.  
S stands for Stupidity, the same  
That fills so completely the dear people's heads.  
T stands for Teddy, out onlyest Ted,  
Who would so strenuously stamp out all the "Reds".

U is for the Union  
A venerated fake.  
V is for Violence,  
That governments make.  
W's for Washington,  
Where the lawmakers revel.  
Z's for the Zeal  
That statesmen serve the devil.

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