

Dear Spotts: Two wakes holve gone bye sinse $O 1$ tuk me pen in hand to tell you, me deer Spotts, the pollytical newes in thot dear riorida which has, in layte years, bin loike a stepmither ter me; but the fault has not entoirly been me own, but chiefly the postmaster's thot minion iv a daycadent monarcay, bad cess to him, who wud not thrust me fer stamps wid which to mall me letuner if Us had written it.
T'was only this mornin thot the post boy brought me the letther containin me pinsion which Uncle Sam is afther me starboard shoulder blade whilst leanin against the door iv the panty iv the battleship Texas listenin ter the pealin iv the potatoes, which pinsion, as ye well know, because minny's the toime Olve been afther tellin ye, was saycured by our mutual but noble frin summy Toulivur, known by his innimys, may the divil fly away wid em, as Frappay, James the statesman, phat delights to shake the han iv the poor paypul ivery six years, and then shakes em all togetner fer six years more.
But call him as they may, oi'll niver cease ter raygard him as the wonder Iv the age, fer no man but him could hoive got that pinsion fer yours truly, withouwt which of wud be comiv borrowin the the deep humuliashun iv money twice as often a small pace Bu. as OI was afther sayin its ther pollyitcal news in Florida O'll now be tellin ye, because you hoive been cut off from the main source iv supply sinse Major Healey an yourself have gone to work.

Before OI forget it in the enthusiasm iv me raycitle, Ol wish to thank ye fer ther tip ye gave me in your last letther, as ter which wan iv the two soobernaytorial candidates brought out by Uncle Henry's newspapers, will to post wid the real money on m. Do Watson's a dead wan since he dayciared his intenshun ter vote fer legislature? it coomes up in the nixt gence how Bad luck ter his impu ter ixpress dared he make so bold as know ther rule lain down Didn't he ance iv free agints iv n fer the guid will? He wud tall iv ther paypul's wud he? Well did got, and tis glad ol am fer wan thot 23 is the number fer him fer wan tho is the wurrud handed out phin his trayson was made known.

Now that they candydate'
cided on, OI holve composed a day paign song which of flattuer meysilf will lead the boys ter victory or dough. It goes somethin loike this:

Oh! you blg an little grafters Get in line, get in line, All the dollars that you're after The doughe, all ther cime. The dough bag will soon be open All by and with this token That don't contain the broken or it's Bill Chorus.
clect them that we wil
For we've got to swallow Bryan Though bitter is the pill.

How does that strike ye fer a sone

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markin iv their ballots according to the best city attorney Jacksonvilte iver tainted money? I don't loike to be have.
considered eggotistical but it's me Well, this year its the same thing Oi make the man who wrote Ta-Rah-only different, and this difference is Oi make the man who wrote Ta-Ra- where Oi get me laugh in. Now lis-Boom-de-Ay look loike tin cents worth $v$ prunes.
Before committing ut to the cold unayin worruld, Oi took mesilf ouwt in the cow lot and sang ut to the family pig, an vayloive me or not, but it's tner blissed truth, or may Oi niver again hear ther resinous voice iv Nat
Walker calun ther roll, if that pig Walker calun ther roll, if that pig eat and drink just the same as any other pollytician.

Well Spotts, me darlint, Oi started ouwt ter tell yer the pollytical news and have allowed mesilf to be switched off into poetry, but Ol'll not kape ye in suspenders inny longer. Here ut is: Oi hoive ut from a rayliable source that Triay has quit playin solitaire. Puat do you thin.. iv thot? This manes, iv course, thot there will be no hird house organized nixt sission iv the legisiature, an consequently the motto iv thot sission will be N. D.notning doing. For, wid Traiy quit iv playin solitaire there will be no explainashun iv his presence in Tallahassee nixt spring, an paypul possessed iv wan and anouer awke afther askin an somebody will ayeventually begin to suspect Triay iv makin a two months sojourn in Tallahassee a two years for other purposes than his true wan iv gettin a quiet place to play solitaire in.

Spakin iv pollyticks Oi am raymoinded iv Barrs, an whin I tnink iv J. Murdock these last few days it's three to keep them from droppin off me as Oi taugh, an laugh, an laugh. Here's how Oi heard it an as tis a dead saycrit yet Oi whil tell ut ter you, so you can tell ut as wan iv your wurruld raynoune. jokes.
Fer siveral years, phast as ivery man knows, me three frins Holloman, Wilson an Carter, hoive been pullin off in Jacksonvil.e a gigantic fake calied the Carnivul. It was a foine schame for the annexation iv coin thot these boys framed up. They used the Pro Bono rublico gag an got all their concissions iness min from besides separatin the bushess min from their nard earned coin game, in columns iv iv Honner" brace tions run by Imms iv the two publicalie Ringworm. To get an WilHonner all ye had to do the Roll iv up a check and the bigger the check the more honner ye got, an if ye pheck tight wad ye are at wance ciassed as a miserable knocker Well ye know how
loxey iaree wurruked thisgantly the polite "howlu up" in years spaycies iv Oill not dwesl on ut, fer it ran loike the graft in wan iv our great insurance companies wid the smootuness iv ut. They made iverybody give up and thin made em lol.ae ut.
They got J. Murdock, the city's attorney, to ten the councu to give em by ordinance widout paying a license, pass ling good murdock in the free pass line, an by having Charley Jones news idiotorials celebrated front page Douglass Wetmore which he loike councilman) sadd thot J. Murdock is
ten! After holloman, George and winie got their free ordinance passed, turo the curtesay iv J. Murdock, twas him thot took another think. Says big chump $O i$ am to let these srafters et an ordinance that will let them immuts widout payin a city license give their cheap shows in the city pnin Oi am afther givin a show the same time accrost the St. Jonns River which Oi own If these fellows want which. Oi own. If these fellows wan ought to pay fer the privilege; fer tis mesilf that's the natural receiver iv free privileges handed out oy the city iv Jacksonville. So, Oill just put a.lit tie crimp into em by looking up the law, as findin law for innything oi want fer mesilf is the easiest thing oi do."
Wid thot the PAYtrionc city attorney found out that the council had no ight to pass any law exemptin side shows, no matther if they are fakes Phin payin incense to the city.
Phin the news iv Murdock's daycisot was broke ter Willie Ringworm he amount wan ter figure ouwt the

The Carnival Fiakirs, Hollomon, Wilson and Carter, have started their Roll of Honor, so we get out our regular stock cut.


