

To the Voters of the 23rd Ward:

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Dear Friend:

I wish to call your attention to the election to be held February 22nd, on Washington's Birthday. At this non-partisan election the Republicans and Democrats vote together in selecting the best and most trustworthy man for office. This is a very important election and if you are interested in good government, you should vote for a man who is honest and fearless in protecting the rights of the people against greedy corporations.

Mr. James H. Poage, candidate for Alderman, is a man who can be relied upon to guard the interest of the people. He is a lawyer by profession and has resided in the Ward for the past twenty-four years. Mr. Poage is a man of broad experience in public affairs and understand the needs of the people. He has pledged himself to vote and work for a five cent fare, for the reduction of the high cost of gas, electric light and telephone service.

Tom Wallace has served six years as Alderman in the City Council and during that time he has shown himself to be a weak, incompetent and an unfit man for the office. He worked and voted for the notorious traction ordinance which was in the interest of the street car companies and which Mayor Thompson and the people defeated at the Polls several years ago.

Alderman Wallace proposed in the City Council that a water meter be placed in every home, thereby increasing the cost of living. Why did he permit the Gas Company to manufacture poor gas and raise the cost of it? You know how he voted on increasing the cost of electric light and telephone service.

When Busse was Mayor of Chicago Mr. Wallace received thousands of dollars from the City as Real estate expert. He is not satisfied with his salary of \$3500.00 a year as Alderman, but he is working for Brundage, the Attorney General of the State. Alderman Wallace is supported by Mr. Brundage of Evanston, the Political Boss of the 23rd Ward, whom you defeated recently for Committeeman of the Ward.

He has been endorsed by the M. V. League, an organization supported by representatives of corporations and the public utilities. Wallace has also been endorsed by some of the newspapers, not because he has been a useful public servant, but for the reason that he has opposed Mayor Thompson in his fight for a five cent fare and against the public utilities, home rule for Chicago and other important measures beneficial to the people.

A vote for Wallace is a vote for Brundage and boss rule.

Tom Wallace left the Republican party two years ago and worked for the Democratic candidate for Mayor against William Hale Thompson.

Because of the character and ability of Mr. James H. Poage and the unfitness of Tom Wallace, the Swedish American Republican Club has endorsed Mr. Poage for Alderman and hope that it will meet with your approval.

His election will be a credit to the Ward.

Yours very truly,


President.

