

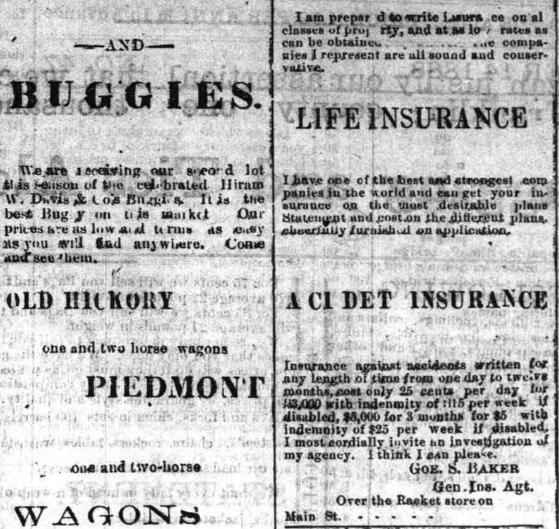
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The Race For The Spolls.

When the Democrats came back after wandering twenty-four year in the wilderness, they exhibited an appetite for office that was not altogether unnatural under the circumstances. But it was nothing to the hunger and thirst that less thau four years of abstenance have developed among the Republicans, One of the striking features of the present political «ituation is the unanimity with which the idea of civil service retorm has been abandoned. It seems to be agreed that all such new-fangled notions have been voted out, and there is not the least pretense in any quarter that the speils do not belong entirely to the victors, poor training

It may be interesting about next March, to recall some of the observations made four years before on the subject of removals from office, to say nothing of the utterances of party platforms meanwhile, But this interest will be rather historical. It is now conceded that the offices belong to the saints and it must be acknowledged that the saints are not backward in coming forward to claim them.

History relates that the elder Harrison succombed to the officeseekers in a month, finding his only escape in death. If the grandson prove better able to stand the pressure it will be because he is not without experience in the distribution of patronage. And yet the pressue of 1840-41 was not a circumstance to that which already



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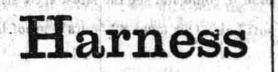
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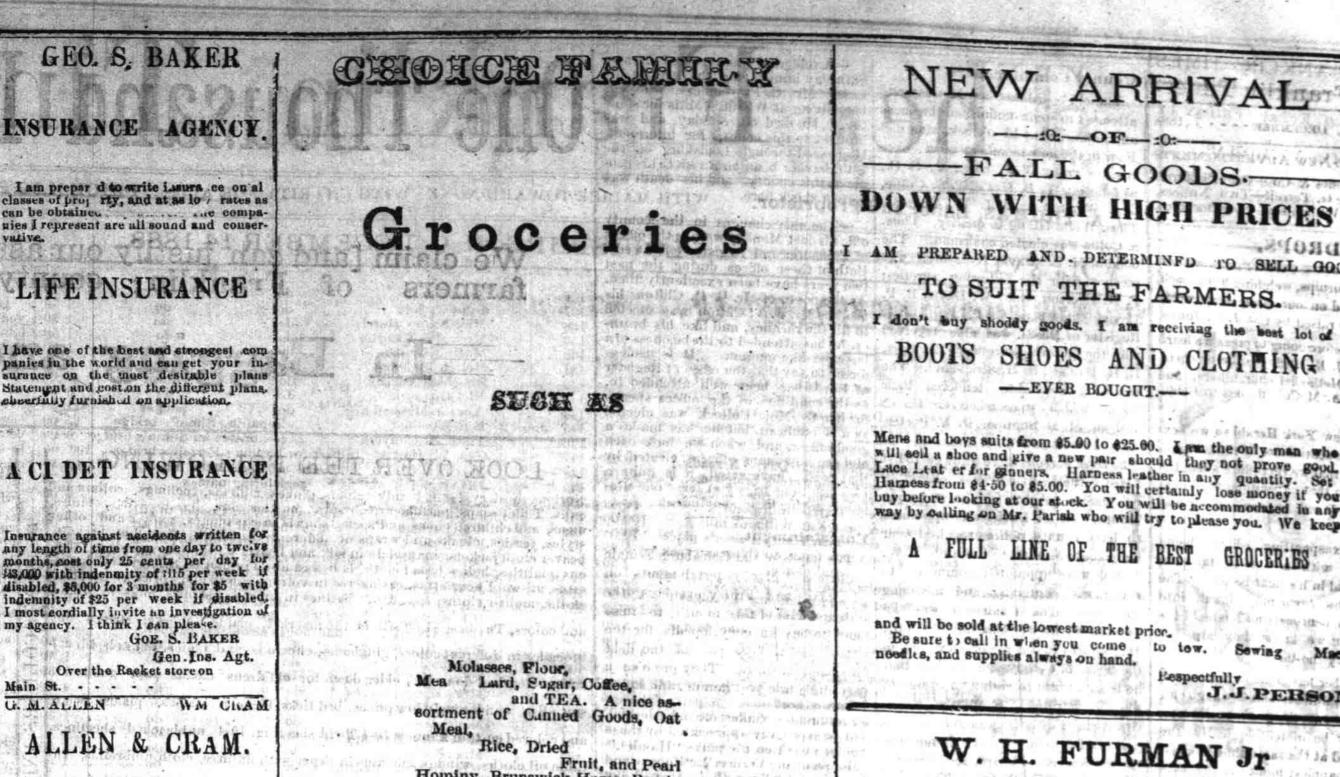
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