PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 20, 1852.

MY VOICE IS FOR "PEACE."

"Cock-a-doodle-doo!"—In the name of the French nation—I mean the French empire—I am glad pray for peace! We want peace. What are armies? Necessary evil. What is glory? Smoke!" Something after this fashion the Louis Napoleon at Bordeaux.

An owl in a holly bush is a familiar object of the gravely ridiculous; but the owl is beaten. Think of an eagle in an olive tree. The soaring carnivorous bird, that, instinct with glory, moults the battles from, and cleaves the air, at the same moment down upon the dying. Beak and claws red and wet with blood; and gorging, gorging its belly full.

But this is all over. The eagle gives up a fresh diet; and forsaking its rocky high place, will become even as domestic poultry. The eagle will perish, and no doubt do its best to coo, perch on olive trees—living upon olives, as a pet parrot eats shelled almonds.

After all, it is natural that the man tired of gunpowder—especially of the civic sort, that made the glory of the 2d December—as he nears the throne should desire to sit still awhile and rest himself. And will he not have bees about him—a very swarm of golden bees—all suggestive to the imperial mind of industry, and reward, and fanciful labor, and sweet content! And, therefore, from the very bottom of his heart,—if he has a bottom; though from the profundity of the sympathies attributed to the man by a certain loving church, we doubt if the bottom has ever yet been fathomed:)—therefore does Louis Napoleon hunger for peace. "Crook me that sword into a stable; melt me those helmets into spurs; convert me those helmets of the Imperial Guard into bee-hives." There must be the thoughts, the aspirations of the man that like a newly bruised eye, is fast becoming

"But how," exclaim inquisitive people may ask—"how about the steam navy?"

To be sure. There is the *Napoleon*, capable of transporting 6,000 troops."

Yes; and the *Austerlitz*, first rate man-of-war steamer, with broadside weight of metal that can splinter up Gibraltar! What are these and others on the stocks for? All for peace?"

"For peace," replied the Emperor. "Built expressly for voyages of discovery."

"For the gardens of the Hesperides—*aside*, or the branches of Folkestone, to trace the sources of the Pantolar—*aside*, or the source of the Thames!

Nay! Lucy peace—peace is my mission. And so believing, how I yearn to plant the olive in the Tower of London, or the forecourt of Buckingham Palace."—*Punch.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROPOSALS FOR GUN CARRIAGE TIMBER.

War Department,
ORDNANCE OFFICE, WASHINGTON, }
NOVEMBER 10, 1852.

PROPOSALS will be received until, and including, the 10th of December next, for Five Hundred Thousand feet of Live Oak Timber, to be delivered at such of the navy yards as may be designated by the Secretary of the Navy, in the following proportions, at the several Arsenals of Watervown, Massachusetts; 450 complete sets at the United States Arsenal at West Point, New York; 50 complete sets at the United States arsenal at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 50 complete sets at the United States arsenal at Augusta, Georgia; and 50 complete sets at the United States arsenal at Old Point Comfort, Virginia; the whole Proposals will be received for each arsenal separately.

The timber above described must be delivered on the 1st day of January, or between the first of December and the middle of March, and must be straight grained, free from all defects of shake, knot, and rot, and of large scantlings from the centre heart, except in pieces of knees which must be of the proper form to fit the beams and timbers to the dimensions shown stated. It may be delivered from time to time during the period above mentioned, and will be duly inspected and measured by the Commanding Officer, or other authorized person, at such navy yard, &c., as may be designated by the Secretary of the Navy. Proposals will be received, the quantities so received, and certificates of inspection and measurement issued, in no other form than in the subjoined one, which per centum will be retained by the United States, until the contract is completed, when the amounts so retained will be paid to the contractor, but it will be forfeited if the timber shall not be of the character fit to build the vessels named.

For further particulars as to inspection or other agreement, application may be made to the officer designated by the Secretary of the Navy, to the Commanding Officer of either of the arsenals named.

No proposals above mentioned timber will be attended to unless signed by the contractor in person, or his agent, duly appointed by special permission of the Secretary of War.

Proposals will in any case be made to cut timber on private lands, and will be made as above stated.

Proposals will be received in sealed envelopes, addressed to the subscriber, and endorsed "Proposals for Gun Carriage Timber." H. K. CRAIG,
Colonel of Ordnance.

To be inserted in the following papers, Republic, and Intelligencer, Boston; Courier, Albany Register; Courier and Enquirer, New York; Inquirer and North American, Philadelphia; Gazette, Baltimore; Patriot and Union, Harrisburgh; Gazette, Pittsburgh; Republican, Cincinnati; Courier, Louisville; Courier, Charleston, S. C.; Courier, Savannah, Georgia; Courier, Mobile; Courier, New Orleans; Missouri Republican, Pittsburgh; Courier, Detroit; Bulletin, Milwaukie; Argus & Register, Chicago; Union, Nashville; Argus & Gazette, Bridgeport, Ohio; Post, Cincinnati; Gazette, Louisville; Courier, Charleston, S. C.; Courier, Savannah, Georgia; Courier, Mobile; Courier, New Orleans; Missouri Republican, Pittsburgh; Courier, Detroit; Bulletin, Milwaukie; Argus & Register, Chicago; Union, Nashville; Argus & Gazette, Bridgeport, Ohio; Post, Cincinnati; Gazette, Louisville; Courier, Cincinnati; Courier