

"The Amana Colony," October 14, 1869

THE AMANA COLONY.-

The Colony consists of a succession of small villages, seven in number, lying along the Iowa river below Marengo.

It was organized in 1855 - nearly 15 years ago- and now contains about 1,300 inhabitants.

The Colony owns 20,000 acres of land.

The first village settles, called Amana, is much the largest, and is now a nice little town of 400 inhabitants.

It is the parent of the others and the principal officers reside and carry on the operations of the Colony here.

The Colony is conducted on the principle of having all things in common.

The poorest man in it owns as much of this world's goods as the richest.

They are a religious sect, and all who join them must conform to their views.

They are all Germans.

A correspondent of the Cedar Rapids Times who recently visited the Colony describes the people as apparently contented and happy.