

Socialism in America.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE EAST.

(CONTINUED.)

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Owen's COMMUNITIES.—I must pass briefly over the Owen Communities. The only one of these that needs attention is that at New Harmony; and nothing but the fact that we have gathered intelligence of a tract of land—including the capital village—that cost \$150,000, makes this worthy of notice, for it was an utter failure from the beginning. We will not go into the details of the alarms and panics induced in by the American people, under the fond delusion that they were making thorough trial of integral association. All these interests and associations were due to "handfuls of shreds and dissolutions."

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Well, the whole thing soon vanished like a dream. Owen said, after the final dissolution, that he "wanted honesty and freedom, but got dishonesty." He wanted honesty, and instead he was continually troubled with the impudent. He wanted industry, and he found idleness. He wanted cleanliness, but he found dirt. He wanted usefulness, and he found waste. He wanted to find desire for knowledge but he found apathy."

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OUR YOUNG EXQUISITE.

Turning from the amateur socialists of Owen's Communities, I come to the wonderful outbreaks of Fourierism, which was initiated by Horace Greeley and Albert Brisbane, in 1842. A fatal idea in the granary of a division of the people against our absurd "perfected, peaceful, perfectibilizing civilization," as Fourier calls it, may be obtained from the numerical records of those who actually took part in the affair. The lists are found on Macdonald's lists do not include those who engaged in obscure, spasmodic attempts, and who would make any number here; while the converts to the doctrine, who were ready to take part in the movement when it became an assured success, have been estimated at ten times the actual workers, so that in all about 200,000 of our citizens must have been converted to the name of Fourier in those early days of the new hope. An old gentleman tells me that the excitement was so great that any man who got possession of a book and a few acres, and settled down on the new basis, was sure to be overrun with recruits (many of them "doubtless like those of Falstaff") in a few weeks. It was like the time when the multitude followed Christ into the cities, save that the excited multitude, according, was lacking. Yet though these fantastic attempts were such disastrous failures, old socialists maintain that they can still maintain their hold on our people and that a yearning toward social reconstruction has become a part of the permanent inner experience of the American people.

Well, Mr. Greeley and those who followed him in the cause devoted to Fourierism in the Tribune had got the people fairly warmed up, the stamps for the provocative *center-right*. It would be amazing, if there were not a tendency to locate in the localities in which the most of these anarcholy experiments were instituted. Fourier will put his note upon all such movements as are to come, our people determined that if they could not gather men and money in accordance with the master magician's formula, they would at least have the magical number of men. Rock-shouldered mountain-saints, as well as feathered flocks, were \$1 an acre and the latter were \$100.

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