

Old poster urges poor easterners head for Oregon

"Bound for Oregon!" is the heading for a poster issued by H. C. Porter of Aumsville to advertise farms he had for sale in this area 70 years ago. A copy of the poster was brought to The Mail office last week by Roy Porter, a nephew of the Aumsville real estate agent.

Old fashioned bold type says: "Hurry Up There! If you expect to escape from the region of cyclones and blizzards and secure homes at reasonable figures in the land of "Big Red Apples" where the crops never fail and the climate is unsurpassed."

The pitch goes on to say, "For the time will soon be here when none but the wealthy can purchase homes in this greatly favored Willamette Valley. I am prepared to give you homes where you will have all the advantages of schools, churches, daily mail and railroad facilities without having to pay fabulous prices for the privilege of living near a large city. Come by Narrow Gauge Railway, or to Turner and take stage the (4 miles)"

Sixteen pieces of property are listed. One says, "50 acres, price \$900; nearly all plow land; small house and stable on public road; a few fruit trees and small fruits; a wild huckleberry patch on place worth \$250; school, post office and R. R. Depot 1½ miles."

The bill containing three wood cuts typical of the period, was printed by E. M. Waite, Steam Printer, Salem