

Journal of a whaling voyage to the Pacific

Ochotsk Sea

Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1854

Fresh breezes from S.W. and foggy. At 1 A.M. ran into a field of ice, steering under whole topsails, kept off until got by it and luffed south with fore topsail aback. Wind died away and fog cleared off at 5 A.M. saw ice do. <sup>at 10<sup>th</sup> 1/2 miles</sup> Alameda <sup>at 11<sup>th</sup> 1/2 miles</sup> with light breeze, at 12 M. took a breeze from S.W. & steered N. thick fog. Lat. 52.30 N. Long. 145.45 W.

Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hrs fine breeze from S.E. & S. with thick fog. Steered N. through the night and N.W. the latter part. Got up 45 fms cable, bent it and got aboard anchor of the tow.

Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hrs fresh breeze from S.W. thick fog. At 10 A.M. clear. Saw several ships, and ice do. Spoke ship Mercury Diamond, of N. Bedford tows this season. Shortened sail at sunset. Lat. 54.45 N. Long. 144.15 W.

Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup>

First part fresh breeze from S.W. & clear weather, latter part foggy. Boarded ship Montreal, Genl of N. Bedford, tows this season working to S.W. along the edge of the ice.

Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Light S.W. breeze and heavy the first part, latter part thick fog.

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light breeze from S.W. & thick fog, latter part fresh breeze from S. At 1 1/2 P.M. fog lifted, made some sail and steered N.W. City set in thick, at 5 P.M. got soundings in 87 fms. 1 sail in sight.

Ocean on board ship City of New Bedford

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Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>

Lay aback through the night, with fresh breeze from S. heading N. At 5 A.M. braced fore & main W. at 1 made the land, kept away N.W. with fine weather. Cape Elizabeth 8 miles distant at noon. 2 sails in sight. Lat. 54.26 N. Long. 142.55 W.

Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>

First part light breeze from S.W. and clear. Steering N.W. Middle calm, latter part fine breeze from S.W. with thick fog. Steering so W. saw 3 sails. Between Cape Elizabeth & St. Maria.

Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Light baffling breeze through the night, drifted off shore, latter part breeze from S.W. stood in. Saw 3 sails. Cape Elizabeth bearing S. by S. Cape Maria S. by E. dist 15 miles. Lat. 54.26 N. Long. 141.11 W.

Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light breeze from S.W. & clear weather. At 10 P.M. took a strong breeze from S. hauled top G. sails, at 1 A.M. doubled reefed fore & main topsails. Latter part moderates made all sail. Working up to mouth of Saginaw Gulf. Saw 13 sail outside the bay. Cape St. Maria bearing S. by E. dist 20 miles.

Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>

Fresh breezes from S.W. & clear weather. Lay aback through the night. Saw two boats in shore, saw nothing, came aboard at 2 P.M. and kept away N.W. with light breeze from S.W. Cape Maria bearing S. by E. dist 30 miles.

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>

First part light breeze from S.W. & fair weather. Middle and latter part thick fog with variable air & calm. Course N.W. Cape Maria bearing S. by E. dist 15 miles.