

Saturday Nov. 30th 1872

Came in with strong breezes from the S.W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering N.W. by W. with all prudent sail out cruising - at 10 a.m. struck colored water - of a Dark Green - saw one or two sail one standing to the E. looking much like a whaler. In the P.M. saw several humpbacks finbacks and sulphur Bottoms. A steamer passed up bound up the River la Platte at 4 P.M. wore ship and sounded in 35 fathoms of water, soft black sand water being green indicating we were well in on the Banks.

Lat at 4 P.M. 34.20

Long by Chron 52.30

Sunday Dec. 1st 1872

All night light air from the W. and calm. all day fresh breezes from S.W. Ship cruising to the S.E. with all prudent sail out. Water rather green at 12 M. judged ourselves clear of the banks. steering S.E. all day at 7 P.M. night shortened sail for the night. Saw several sail through the day.

Lat 36.01

Long 51.40

Monday Dec. 2^d 1872

All day strong gales from the S.W. and overcast. Ship by the wind under close reefed top sails to the S.E.W. In the P.M. saw a sail we took for a whaler, going to under easy sail - saw also one sail steering to the E.

Lat 36.41

Long 51.10

Tuesday Dec. 3^d 1872

All day strong gales from S.W. and overcast. Ship cruising by the wind on different tack the sail we called yesterday a whaler in sight, saw for her until we proved her to be a merchantman then luffed to the wind all day in blue and green water with plenty of birds. Lat 37.01 Long 50.00

Wednesday Dec. 4th 1872

Came in with moderate breezes from the S.W. and fine weather. Ship by the wind to the W. with all sail but foretopgall sail set. in blue and green water alternated all day - in the P.M. saw two finbacks.

Lat 37.00 S

Long 51.10 W

Thursday Dec. 5th 1872

All day light breezes from N.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship in the morn. standing to the E., tacked and stood to the W. with all sail out. Saw plenty of birds all day. and at 4 P.M. fell in with plenty of finbacks. In Green and blue water all day alternated. In the P.M. saw birds feed on schools of small fish. Nothing more but one sail in sight.

Lat 36.26

Long 52.47

Friday Dec. 6th 1872

All day strong winds from N.E. and very smoky weather - poor seeing - ship standing to the S.W. with all prudent sail out. Water all the day very green and appearance of soundings - tried three in the night and found no bottom. Tried at 12 M. and found 54 fathoms. sandy bottom.

Lat 36.26

Long 54.00

Saturday Dec. 7th 1872

All day strong N.E. gales with rain and overcast. Ship cruising to the E. & S.E. with all sail out shutable - nothing in sight but birds - Ship in green & blue water all day - No Obs.