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Ship Cyrus whaling on the Coast of Peru, Paul West. 1855

Friday
September 13th Brisk winds at S E B E and fair weather. stood off S W B W all day with all sail set, the Sea of a deep blue color and entirely destitute of anything living in it, or floating on it. at 7 P.M. Water {Dist 100 Leagues} and having run this Dist. for two days past without the least sign to be seen for Whales, concluded to stand in again toward Cape Blanco, as tacked ship stood in by the wind the latter's course. Not much to do on board.

Saturday
September 14th Light winds at S E B E and S E stood in E N E and by the wind all the 24 hours with all sail set, still on blue water but nothing to be seen, except a few spinbacks. Employed at overhauling the Riggs of the lower yards, of ends of the M. Stay &c. as necessary about the ship. No whales on this Ground.

Sunday
September 15th Brisk trades at S E and S E B E and fair W. with flights of Mist standing in by the wind at 10 A.M. saw two strange Sail. tacked ship stood off till 12 found we had the advantage in sailing, and saw one ship make the Harlequin Signal. tacked ship and at 2 P.M. spoke them they were the American Ships Walker and Harlequin. No late Political News, nor any Whales seen lately hereabouts. stood off by the wind all the latter part with fresh winds. saw nothing to day but humpbacks. Cape Blanco {Dist 80 Leagues}

Monday
September 16th Brisk trades at S E and fair stood off by the wind till 8 A.M. when at 110 Leagues from Land, without the Green water, and no sign of whales, tacked ship. stood in by the wind without seeing any more than humpbacks. at 6 P.M. Cape Blanco {Dist 75 Leagues} so ends without Whale.

Tuesday
September 17th Commences Brisk winds at S E and fair weather. latter part very fresh winds and rugged weather. stood in by the wind all the 24 hours with sail enough set for the breeze. saw nothing alive in the Sea but one humpback. at 3 P.M. lost sight of the Walker & Harlequin continued standing in by the wind all the latter part. at 6 P.M. Cape Blanco {Dist 65 Leagues} water very blue.

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Wednesday
September 18th Very fresh trades between South & S E all of this day. and very rugged weather. stood in E B N under as much sail as the breeze would allow, which is single sheeted topsails, till afternoon, then double sheeted, at 6 P.M. made Cape Blanco bearing East 8 or 10 Leagues, (having stood in East since 11 o'clock) weather heavy laid off and on under double reef all night. latter part saw nothing in the Sea during the course of this day.

Thursday
September 19th Commences very fresh trades at South, stood in East under double sheet, at 6 A.M. made the Land, found ourselves set off shore by a current at the rate of 2 knots, all night, at 10 A.M. in shore, Cape Blanco East 2 Leagues, wind very fresh, steered N E and then kept four & 5 P.M. then down along shore, keeping at a proper distance from the Land to find the Enemies fruit boats, at 5 P.M. lying abreast of Rattos point, saw two boats at Archer's Cove in shore. Arrived and sent two boats to take them, but they being nothing but Log-boats, took their cargoes, consisting of Plantains and a little Indian Corn, took it on board and stood off by the wind that has got to be moderate at about S S W.

Friday
September 20th Commences moderate winds at S W B W laying off & on at 5 A.M. found ourselves set to 7 S W about 25 miles in the course of the night, wind light and variable till 3 then took the trade wind at S W, with which we ran down along shore to 4 N E and at 1 P.M. saw two boats prepared, and boarded them, but found them to be the same that we boarded yesterday and entirely empty, continued running down till sunset without seeing anything upon the water, when at 6 P.M. Tumbay River {Dist 20 Leagues} hauled off by the wind under all sail, at midnight Calm.

Saturday
September 21st Calm all the first part of this day laying at about 9 Leagues distance from the Land, (current setting to S W) at noon light Westery airs inclining Southwesterly stood off by the wind to S W and at 4 P.M. saw a large ship towed by us under easy sail, standing in S W by the wind at 5 gentle breeze at S W steered W S W all the latter part. at 6 P.M. Rattos point in sight bearing E S E.