

Ship Erie of Fairhaven on a Whaling



Friday August 27th A.D. 1852

First part

Strong breeze at S. E. and pleasant weather the ship on the beam tack under short sail. Struck and towing down the last 2 whales home in sight. Middle and latter part strong wind and hazy weather from N. W. at 7 A.M. saw plenty of whales, lowered all the boats but could not get fast saw 1 of the Massachusetts boats. Struck a whale and got 1 captured. Lat. of Ob. 58° 32' N.



Saturday August 28th 1852

First part

Blows a gale from N. W. and a heavy sea the ship heading to the S. and under S. E. top sails the land in sight to leeward to Portland and Massachusetts in sight. Middle and latter part fresh breeze from N. W. and pleasant at 4 P.M. saw large whale, lowered 3 boats the Star, boat struck 1 iron and dross came on board at 12 M. the Trident in company thus ends this day. Lat. of Ob. 54° 5'

Sunday August 29th 1852

First part light baffling air

and pleasant saw 2 ships and some Killen and Devil fish. Cape Elizabeth bearing E. by N. 18 miles Dist. the latter empty in company the former Middle and latter part light air from S. and pleasant steering N. N. W. at sail out saw the Trident in the W. end board. No whale so ends this day.

Monday August 30th 1852

First part light breeze

from S. and wind thick fog steering N. by the wind saw nothing Middle and latter part strong wind from S. and and fog at intervals saw a ship to leeward. thus ends this day.

Lat. of Ob. 58° 34' N.

Long. of Ob. 148° 31' E.

Voyage to the North Pacific Ocean August

Tuesday August 31st A.D. 1852

First part strong

Strong wind from S. E. and foggy the ship head N. E. and of the wind Middle and latter part fresh breeze at S. E. and clear hazy weather ship head N. E. and under easy sail saw nothing thus ends this day.

Wednesday Sept. 1st 1852

First part fresh

breeze at S. E. some fog at intervals the ship going to N. E. and of the wind all sail out saw nothing Middle and latter part fresh breeze from S. E. and some fog steering N. E. saw 1 whale thus ends this day. Lat. of Ob. 54° 05' N.

Long. of Ob. 148° 40' E.

Thursday Sept. 2nd 1852

First part brisk

breeze at S. W. some fog and rain steering N. E. all sail out Middle and latter part light breeze at W. and fine weather steering S. N. E. saw the land in the Northern Ocean catches employed in ship's duty so ends this day.

Friday Sept. 3rd 1852

First part light breeze from S. E. and fine weather steering E. by N. saw nothing

Middle part blowing a gale from S. E. ship on the Eastern Tack

Latter part moderates and still on the Eastern Tack

Lat. of Ob. 58° 03' N.

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