

S.O. Journal on board

February 1871

Tuesday Feb. 14th

Fine weather boiled all day. the head made 42 bbls oil nothing in sight

Wednesday Feb. 15th

Forecast we surely have been with good weather with this oil or to take care of it and finished boiling today so much more to add up

Thursday Feb. 16th

Present with a strong breeze, our course was N. by E. the jaw of that whale was 10 ft. 9 in. in length, jammed the Samuel Thomas

Friday Feb. 17th

I towed down the oil this morning and at 11 o'clock. Shook the Black Eagle Capt Swain. the whale stowed down 9 bbls. so we have 405 bbls towards 1800. scrubbed ship

Saturday Feb. 18th

Dullness again prevails it seems so after we get through a fare of oil because there is no more confusion and busting about

Sunday Feb. 19th

Massachusetts has not yet disappeared from view. Two sails in sight we were under close reefed topsails a stiff breeze blowing

Monday Feb. 20th

Fine weather with a light breeze. Was on the starboard tack heading East saw a school of Blackfish and two or three sails

Tuesday Feb. 21st

Good weather and a good breeze was heading East under double reefed topsails and courses two sails in sight, here is eight mugs oblique set down on this page and if they are such as can be made anything of I must call myself foolish, but who ever reads it will save me the pain of self reproof

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Wednesday Feb. 22nd

Nearly calm. And warm for February. was heading S.E. Massachusetts no work Washington to the Bay

Thursday Feb. 23rd

Nearly calm from Fernandez off our weather beam course E.S.E. sent down main top sail and top gill net sail and sent up new ones

Friday Feb. 24th

Fine weather with a light breeze had all sail out. in the morning picked up a man-of-war's boat that had probably been carried away by wind or something else course E.S.E.

Saturday Feb. 25th

Fine weather and a light breeze course E.S.E. recently run out the bottom board of 1871 has been up for a week for a 30 bbl. whale but now it is no more

Sunday Jan. 26th

Good weather and a light breeze course S.E. by E. one sail in sight a merchantman taken by the way we are carrying sail I should say we were bound for Two Hundred

Monday Jan. 27th

Good weather was sailing on the fore top sail all day from morning till night course was E.S.E. Curious bottoms and firebacks in sight and two sails one of them took a steam whale alongside just at night

Tuesday Feb. 28th

Good weather with a light breeze from the south course E.S.E. ran down to the 15th John Carver the one that took the whale yesterday Capt. J. went on board the J.C. is 7 months out with 550 bbls oil belongs to New Bedford after the gammon left our course again with all sail out so February leaves us