

Journal on board

S.P.C. April 1871

Tuesday March 28th

Took wood, potatoes and the remaining casks were filled with water, and when mischief come - or rather four o'clock - the watch went

Wednesday Mar 29

Was busy taking small stores on board such as onions, pumpkins, cabbage, butter, pig, etc. one or two at night the Port watch went ashore

Thursday Mar 30

Got everything ready to sail, the schooner anchor broke, some coal stowed away, but the wind came out ahead so we are here yet

Marcella, Roman, and 2 Colonel came in today Starboard watch ashore again

Friday Mar 31st

Calm, and warm, enough to make any one feel lazy. Morning Star came in. This afternoon had taken 250 bbls since we were

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Saturday Apr 1st

Another storm was probably at it, for at least we have a N. wind today. How much longer shall we be compelled to stay here in this land and water of fear?

Sunday Apr 2nd

Fine weather and a fair wind but not as much made us. The John Carver sailed today

Monday Apr 3rd

This morning we were - or I was at least - very a running and thumping on deck. Three men were getting a raft and their clothes overboard to swim ashore but were of course caught. Smilers came on board. Hove up anchor and now we are far far from the land of fear. seasickness prevails

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Tuesday Apr. 4th

A strong breeze was here to make close reefed main April, jammed the Talcabano of Talcabano had just taken 50 bbls. of oil but could not boil

Wednesday Apr. 5th

Hove to under close reefed main to sail, nothing in sight but finbacks humpbacks etc.

Thursday Apr. 6th

Made sail this afternoon but not a bit of good did it apparently so true it made us go faster, but it did not give us oil or leave us anything

Friday Apr. 7th

Good weather with a light breeze. Two sails in sight and both of them, boaters at sight we jammed one - the B. M. of N. Bedford 27 tons out with 100 bbls. oil

Saturday April 8th

A light breeze from the South about all we did was to tack ship three or four times, a real pleasant day in April

Sunday Apr. 9th

A calm, or near enough to it, and nothing to see except a school of Blackfish and one sail

Monday Apr. 10th

Good weather with a light breeze from the South nothing was seen except finbacks humpbacks porpoises grampuses etc and they are nothing to us

Tuesday Apr. 11th

Peace - idle time - I know not what they mean. Tears from the depths of some dreary despair rise in the heart, and gather to the eyes. In looking over the happier autumn fields. And thinking of the days that are no more.

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so much from Alfred Tennyson for Tuesday Apr 11th not that any idle tears rise in my eyes but perhaps they would if I knew enough or knew not far to