

Journal on board

In Port. 17 October 1871

Thursday Oct. 19th

Cloudy and rainy. This reminds me of some of the most miserable days of my life. Still raining, weather and work to do. Port watch ashore at night.

Friday Oct. 20th

Starboard watch ashore on liberty. The weather was good but I did not do much hunting but yet I enjoyed myself very well all this time the watch on duty was slowing wood & water.

Saturday Oct. 21st

Port watch ashore on liberty today and we did not have a Kanaka a Chilean and a Spanish man of color. went to the hospital today their complaints being scurvy rheumatism and loss of toes. the last named.

Sunday Oct. 22

Neither today and rainy but we had a fine time of it on shore. we was on liberty. two of the watch went to the calaboose two were away today and one yesterday our third mate was discharged yesterday.

Monday Oct. 23rd

The landward watch had liberty today and the watch on duty. look wood. we went in swimming at noon and 6 and I guess all the others caught cold.

Tuesday Oct. 24th

Now we are ready for sea I suppose. we took the remainder of our wood. bread and other small stores. fourth mate promoted one. But now.

Wednesday Oct. 25

How many more such dull days must be passed here? I hope not many. for there is neither work or play for us. all we can do is to listen to the work of or sound of hammer picks shovels of the workers on the rail way.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

In Port. October 1871

Thursday Oct. 26th

A good morning but it was for us. we were intending to sail today. our fourth mate cook and six chilanos came on board. this afternoon the Anna Rosa & this port and an English bark came in. they were close together and just as they were coming to anchor the Englishman's yards lower and topsail sailed away. the Rosa's misser topmast & barrow boat and made quite a smashup.

Friday Oct. 27th

Good weather. the wind is north so our prospects for sailing today are not very bright no more shore for us since no boat is allowed to come alongside and none to leave. this is dull to say the least and the prospect is fair for staying here for three days more.

Saturday Oct. 28th

The wind was blowing strong from the north making it impossible to go to sea today so here we are making ourselves miserable tonight and dropped the second anchor now turn in.

Sunday Oct. 29

A pleasant morning this with a light south wind at ten o'clock we hoisted topsails and made preparations to leave but the wind was hauling so here we lay, a transport and two mail steamers came in.

Monday Oct. 30th

Rainy and a north wind. a brig. and a mail steamer came in. if we lay here much longer I must write about the doings on shore what I can see from on board ship.

Tuesday Oct. 31st

Today we did actually leave. and I can't say that I am very sorry. at about ten o'clock we were going as fast as a light breeze would carry us now we are nearly out of sight of land.