

Journal on board

At Port, November 1872

Wednesday Nov 27

A pleasant day and a boat's crew of us went 'quahogging'. had a pretty good time of it but was rather hungry before we got back. Starboard watch at night

Thursday Nov 28

Another pleasant day and no work, but we get along just as well as if we had it.

What shall I write about? when we stop on board ship and sleep all day and at night go on shore and see nothing, tell my dreams? they would be as interesting and as sensible as some things I do write

Friday Nov 29

All asleep yet. during the day although at night there was a little more stir. the starboard watch went on shore and visited a sick man who had been poisoned here on shore intentionally no doubt.

Saturday Nov 30

Rather too much wind for comfort had we had work, but we managed it very well to take a few sacks of potatoes and then sleep until three o'clock when the port watch got supper and went on shore



Bark Alfred Gibbs

SPO December 1872

Sunday Dec 1st

A nice day for a run on shore but a run on shore we did not get out one of us, probably on account of some men that did not come off this morning, a large American man of war came in this morning. Pusawla

Monday Dec. 2d

A strong south wind and this is the day set for sailing but the poisoned man had to be discharged and likely two or three more will. steward is very sick today

Tuesday Dec. 3d

A good south wind, at nine o'clock part of the crew came off and one man more was put on shore sick, but we were finally all together and double reefed the topsails hove up anchor and at four P.M. were underway so here we are now plowing the salt sea and looking for enough to get home and out of this

Wednesday Dec 4

I am really homesick - for steel I must call Teacahano now. I did not think I ever wanted to see the place again the first time in there but it really seems like home now and I think could be kind-very sleep too - to stop there and work on shore out if God gives us some oil this season before another year rolls around we will be in N America what then is left of us