

Bark Alfred Gibbs off Cape Horn.

Remarks Wednesday Dec 7th 1870

Begins with a heavy Gale from the W. & W. by N. Lying too under Close reefed Main Top sail, Main Spencer, Bare Top Mast and Bare Stay sails, blowing very heavy with an awful sea. Barometer $29\frac{3}{4}$ in. rising very slowly. At 2 P.M. began to moderate very slowly. But blew very heavy in the squalls. At 7 P.M. Barometer $29\frac{5}{8}$ in. two sails in sight - One have too head to the south, with ourselves, the other running under two close reefed Top sails and Bare sail. At 9 were ship to the W. & W. Middle part moderating. At 5 A.M. near calm, and standing to the westward. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. and falling. Later part wind from the Northward and raining. Made some sail and steered S.W. two sails, in company. Wind hauling forward again. At 11 took in the Main Top sail. At noon Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. No Obs.

Remarks Thursday Dec 8th

Begins with strong winds from N.W. and increasing with rain. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. At 2 P.M. wind hauled to the westward and began to increase. At 5 P.M. took in all and have too under Close reefed Main Top and Stay sails. At 7 P.M. blowing another heavy Gale. Barometer $29\frac{2}{10}$ in. Latter part blowing very hard. At noon Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. Lat 57-14 Long 66-00

Remarks Friday Dec 9th

Begins with a heavy Gale from the westward, have too head to the S. Under Close reefed Main Top sail and Stay sails. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. At four O'clock P.M. it increased, and blew until 8 the hardest - I think that I ever knew it at sea. About the sea very heavy. When we could perceive that it moderated a little. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. and rising very slowly. Phenomenon hauling to the southward slowly. Middle part still moderating slowly. At 3 A.M. were ship to the westward. Wind S.W. At 8 Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. and still rising. Set close reefed Bare Top sail. Latter part strong winds from S.W. by S and squalls. Heading N.W. by N under Close reefed Top sails and reefed Courses. Steer two sails, one going to the westward the other eastward. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in.

Lat 57-12 Long 66-34

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Remarks Saturday Dec 10th 1870

Begins with strong wind from the S.W. heading to the S.W. under Close reefed Top sails and reefed Courses jib and Spanker. Barometer at 1 P.M. $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. the wind dying out and hauling to the westward. At 10 P.M. were ship to the S. Latter part wind S.W. by W. heading S.W. under Double Reefs and reefed Courses, raining. At 7 A.M. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. at noon $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. a ship in company. Lat 56-52 Long 66-51

Remarks Sunday Dec 11th

Begins with strong winds from N.W. and slowly hauling more to the W. heading S.W. by W under Double reefed Top sails and reefed Courses. At 1 P.M. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. At 7 P.M. $29\frac{3}{10}$ in. and slowly hauling. Middle part wind N.W. and raining. At 3 A.M. took a squall. took all but a Close reefed Main Top sail and Stay sails. it blew a gale until 7 A.M. then began to moderate. wind W. At 8 set Close reefed Bare Top sail. At 10 set reefed Bare sail. Barometer $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. Lat 57-34 Long 67-42

Remarks Monday Dec 12th

Begins with moderate winds from W. with big squalls. heading S.W. under Close reefed Top sails and reefed Bare sail. At 3 P.M. wind W. by N. Barometer low $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. O dear me! I hope we are not to have another heavy Gale. It does not look like one. But we cannot tell. God rules the Calms and Storms. At 7 P.M. Barometer still $29\frac{1}{10}$ in. Middle part wind S.W. and raining. heading to the westward. under Close reefed and reefed Courses. At 7 A.M. Barometer $28\frac{1}{10}$ in. Latter part wind W. & W. heading to the S.W. under Close reefed Top sails reefed Courses jib and Spanker. Barometer $28\frac{1}{10}$ in. at noon. O dear me when shall we get a wind, so as to get round this stormy Cape. The Barometer is so low; that I feel very anxious, we may not have a Gale; But what keeps it down so, I do not know. two sails in company.

Lat 57-33 Long 68-21