

Bark Alfred Gibbs Cruising off Palcahu.

Remarks Tuesday Dec 31st 1872.

Begins with fresh breezes from the N.W., heading by to the Westward. At sundown. Close reefed and wore ship to the N.E. This is the last day of the year. We have not caught over 1000 lbs. But I am very grateful for what we have taken, 800 lbs. Latter part moderate breezes from W. heading by to the Southward.

Lat 36-40 Long 74-50

The year is past and gone. And is to be recalled with the things that were. I hope we shall not have to pass another New Year here. This is the third we have passed away from home this voyage.

So Ends the year 1872

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Remarks Wednesday Jan 1st 1873

Begins with moderate breezes from the Westward and cloudy. This is the beginning of another New Year. I shall like to get 600 lbs and get home by the middle of next week. Latter part fine breezes from N.W.

Lat 36-33 Long 74-14

Remarks Thursday Jan 2nd. Begins with pleasant breezes from N.W. by W. Saw one sail. Latter part fresh breezes from S. Saw three merchant barks.

Lat 36-45 Long 73-45

Remarks Friday Jan 3rd Begins with strong winds from the S. At 3 P.M. the bar bearing N.E. the Island St. Maria bearing S.E. by E. by compass 8 miles. Wore ship to the Westward. Caught 1 fish to day by drifing. Latter part strong winds. Under close reef.

Lat 36-29 Long 74-04

Remarks Saturday Jan 4th Begins with a gale of wind from S.W. & a very bad sea. Under close reef. Main top sail and stay sails. Latter part a gale from S. But slowly moderating. Lat 35-15 Long 74-44

Remarks Sunday Jan 5th Begins with strong winds from the S. heading N.W. under close reef. Latter part strong winds. At 8 A.M. put away for Marino Head. And I hope we shall get oil to pay us for it. passed a whale bark.

Lat 35-34 Long 74-37