

Bark Alfred Gibbs towards New Bedford.

Remarks Sunday June 2<sup>d</sup> 1873.

Begins with the Gale still blowing very heavy. From noon until 2 P.M. was the heaviest squalls. I thought in the forenoon the squalls could blow us aboard. But was mistaken. I stood on the poop by the wheel house when I could not stand without holding on. At 2 had a terrible squall, after that I could perceive it abate. And I was thankful for it. For to run through the night would have been awful. And I dare not tuff too. Steering E N E to E by N. merely running (run) before the gale because I dare not leave too. At 4 P.M. took in the fore top sail, and prepared to tuff to the wind under a close reefed main top sail, and fore topmast stay sail. I watched for a good time as my judgement could direct; and put the helm down, asked God's blessing on my judgement, and exerting to save myself, and the crew to my care. The good old bark came to the wind, and I do not think shipped a bucket full of water. And it was a blessing to be thankful for. Barometer at noon  $29\frac{5}{10}$  at 4 P.M.  $29\frac{1}{10}$ . at 7 P.M.  $29\frac{5}{10}$  at 8,  $29\frac{8}{10}$  Still blowing a gale. but greatly moderated. No squalls.

Middle part continues to moderate. The squalls came with less force. at  $2\frac{1}{4}$  P.M. it was fit to run again. put away N N E under two close reefed top sails and fore sail. latter part moderate. at  $10\frac{1}{2}$  P.M. all drawing sails set. quite a heavy swell running from the S W. I feel very thankful for the good ending of the gale. Barometer at 7 P.M.  $29\frac{5}{10}$  at noon  $30\frac{2}{10}$ . Thermometer  $58^{\circ}$ .  
Lat  $34-27$  Long  $34-14$

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Remarks Tuesday June 3<sup>d</sup> 1873

Begins with light breezes from S W by S. Calm at N E. at 3 P.M. changes to N by E. all drawing sails set. Barometer  $30\frac{2}{10}$  at 7 P.M.  $30\frac{25}{100}$ . Thermometer  $60^{\circ}$ .

Middle part calm. at 4 P.M. took a breeze from the N. heading by to the E N E. with a heavy swell running from the S. at noon wind N N W. Barometer  $30\frac{4}{10}$  Lat  $33-30$  Long  $33-08$

Remarks Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fresh breezes from S N W. with a heavy swell running from the S. Barometer high. at 4 P.M. wind N N W. Calm at E. under whole top sails and courses. latter part fine breezes. This is the first pleasant day we have had since we sailed from Palcahuano. all sail set. Lat  $30-44$  Long  $32-43$ .

Remarks Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Begins with pleasant breezes from S W by W and fine weather. Calm at N by E. all sail set. latter part light breezes and fine. It appears strange to have such weather after having such a rough passage. But the boat out on the water. Crabs, we have but two boat crew. I did not expect to lose one, or I should not have sold so many. passed a ship heading by the S. Barometer  $30\frac{2}{10}$  Lat  $28-20$  Long  $32-34$