

Bound to the Arctic Ocean

Friday April 30th 1869
This day the wind from S, S, East to S, West steering
North by East employed breaking out for water and
St Pauls fish. Saw Porpoises and black fish.
Latitude in 59.52 North
Longitude 161.50 East

Saturday May 1st 1869
This day wind from S, S, West to S, West with fog
and rain employed scrubbing ship in side, saw a few
birds, and two hair seals, killed one of our pigs weighing
about 175 lbs, - No observation to day it being thick weather.
Supposed Latitude 42.00 South

Sunday 2nd A good breeze from S, S, West to west
steering North by East, first part employed setting up
rigging fine it quite a cold job, and the rigging stiff
passed quite hands to an old tree, with the rope
attached to it, Saw one fin back whale, and one seal
Latitude in 41.34 South

Monday 3rd a good breeze from the S, West all sail
set that will draw employed, hauling fore and
main staysail, putting up a small stove in the cabin
and other small jobs. Saw nothing of the fish. Found
fine our ship to be in the Latitude of 47.19 North
and in the Longitude of 166.50 East.

Tuesday 4th Wind from South to West, blowing a
gale our ship under a close reefed main staysail
and main spencer - quite a heavy
sea running - No observation to day

Braze ye the lead ring unto the
lead a new song.

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Tuesday May 4th 1869
This day at midwater made sail on our ship
Wind from West to S, West steering towards
the North, employed in small jobs about the
ship, supplied our crew with Boots and
Tobacco to those that wanted. The day end
quite good weather again Latitude in 52.46 N
Longitude 168.30 East

Thursday 5th This day good weather the wind
from West to North and cloudy employed picking
over our Potatoes find about one half of them
rotten, Saw fin back whales a large number
of them, Saw many ducks flying about a
Latitude in 51.12 N Longitude 169.14 E

Friday 6th Cloudy weather the wind from
East to S, East steering towards the North
it is quite cold, nearly to freezing, Saw fin
back whales, and ducks, employed making
trimmet, putting our cutting blocks aft, cleaning
mincing machine and other small jobs
No observation it being cloudy

Saturday 7th Good weather wind E, S, East quite
smooth steering towards the North at 10 fms. Saw two
right whales, lowered our boats for them but without
success employed breaking out between decks to
the day end good weather
Latitude in 55.20 North
Longitude in 170.10 East

Saw right whales
the first time

