

15 days from N.Y. Latitude Longitude
Sunday, December 21st 1862

We are now 2 weeks from N.Y. and were it not that we had kept this Memorandum of incidents it would be almost impossible to relate what has passed. Every day seems to be a duplicate of the one just passed. I often think of New York and my many friends that are behind - and wonder to myself what they are all doing. 21st day of December at the Store the boys are no doubt busy taking account of Stocks. and by this time they must be well along with their work. I hope they will not forget to write me. I imagine Mr. Hayden is now with them - and I can hardly realize that so many miles now intervene between us - and that I am never again to participate in the business matters. I once lost so much interest in - One Year ago I never dreamed of this - And my only Brother and sister - How are they. And our Willamette and Coventry. How are they all - and what are they all doing. Providing they are all well. They no doubt think of us on the Ocean - and remember for us when the fierce Winter blasts howl by. And on such an evening as Sunday when sitting by the log fire - which casts its flicking light around on them that sit musing of the future - and our destiny now and then shuddering as a heavy blast on the falling shut comes driving against the windows and occasionally felling the quivering of the probability of our being in such a storm. But what all this is taking place - which in our imagination we picture we are in a warm climate. And on this Sunday we must have, among ourselves - thought of what was probably undertaken. Place at home. This now 9. And we are through our breakfast. The difference of time between home makes the rising of the sun where we are some 2 hours earlier than when at home - that is - the difference of time is 2 hours earlier. When it is 9 o'clock here it is now 7 o'clock at home. At 8 Am. we have our breakfast - the ship going along with a stiff breeze. 7 or 8 miles an hour. Comes to Topsisail at 10 Am. Capt. came on deck and ordered for Main and Mizen top gallant sails set. And we are now pitching into a heavy head sea - at 11 Am. Signals - anchor in. Ready about S.W. Masts aloft on deck. Work in fore and Mizen top gallant sails and the ship sides ease -

the vessel ships but very little water and the decks are comparatively dry. Com. Mary George Chertin and myself Mr & Mrs Regin have been on deck many all the forenoon. The watch on deck are sitting on the spans on the waists some reading - and letting stones. - 1 P.M. have had dinner and are again on deck to note the ship's headway - the weather is about the same as in the forenoon. George and myself have been very busy - reading the Standard. Weather very cloudy - at times sun showing out from beneath the clouds - tried to get an observation but failed. - 8 P.M. have had a heavy squall. Ship heading up to S.E. the corner - much rain - lowered away the topsails and put two reefs in each. - Every prospect of this being a bad night - Ship pitching badly. - now heading E by N. - all about sitting. - So ends this day.

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arrived at 7 1/2. for the last 3 days Charley has woken up every - and wanted to get into my berth - to play. "Yes I must have cards - he says - and so I hand him the little box containing 3 Boxes of Soap and an old pack of cards - then he will play with - until it is just time to get up. He is as a general thing healthy - and eats like a pig. - Have had breakfast as usual - since steady. Have Royals set. - Watch on deck about Ship's duty 12 M. have been at work mending sails along with George. 1 P.M. took ship standing on the Larboard tack now head S.W. - and weather squally. Capt. impatient about wind holding on as it does. It has now been ahead for some days. And we are expecting to take the N.E. Tacks. 3 P.M. have just taken ship again standing on the Starboard tack - now head E by N. - Capt. says he will go about again at 4 7 P.M. - Have look'd ship and are now standing on the Larboard tack and heading S.W. It is somewhat strange that we should head N.E. on one tack and S.W. on the other. It seemingly heads us off - every time we go