

Bark *Mermaid* Cruising for Whales.

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> Comes in with strong breeze from S.W. The Bark heading N.W. all hands employed stowing down oil in the main Hatchway. This morning Mr Moore was badly hurt by a cask of oil that got away from the men who were rolling it. He was caught against the lee rail and his shoulder badly bruised but I hope no bones broken. Stowed down about twenty five barrels this day tomorrow I hope will finish.

Lat 27.21 Long 108.50 E

Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup> This day Comes in with good weather and fresh breeze from S.E. The Bark steering S.W. Employed repairing the Starboard Boat at 1 P.M. Saw whales going to windward low for them and got nothing. No chance Mr Moore is getting along nicely. Cooper repairing Casks

Lat 27.08 Long 108.25 E

Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup> Comes in with good weather the Bark steering by the wind carrying all sail through the night. at daylight saw the whales again, going to the leeward. lowered all three Boats the Bow boat struck and saved a small whale got him alongside about 3.30 P.M. and cut him in, finished about 7 P.M. Baby Eddie is quite sick since last night, he seems feverish.

Lat 27.20 Long 108.47 E

Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> Comes in with light breezes from E.N.E with rain squalls at 7 A.M. saw Whales going to the Westward, lowered three Boats for them. The whales turned to windward and lost them in a Squall. Saw them again about 11 A.M. got nothing no chance

Lat 27.40 Long 109.04

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Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> 1870. This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from N.W. The Bark steering to the North. Middle and latter part much the same. This day the watch Employed stowing down oil in the main Hatchway, and Mr. Watson and Mike working on the Starboard Boat. Mr Moore is getting some better

Lat 28.23 Long 109.21 E

Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup> Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the S.E. steering S.W. at 2 P.M. lowered for a lone whale going to the N.E. Struck about 4 P.M. to the Bow boat and saved the whale. Latter cutting finished about day light

Lat 27.12 Long 108.03

Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fine weather steering S.W. by S. at 8 A.M. saw whales going S.W. lowered three Boats Mr. Watson struck a calf after being fast 5 hours line cut and lost the calf. the Bow boat struck a large whale and lost him. no chance. the whale run and sound could not get to him. The waist boat slow

Lat 26.25 Long 107.46

Thursday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> This day fine weather light S.E. winds at 10 A.M. saw whale going to the windward lowered for them with three Boats without success. Whales went off to the windward. Middle and latter part much the same

Lat 24.42 Long 105.10

Tuesday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> This day fresh breeze from S.E. steering by the wind to the South. at 8 A.M. saw Whales going to the windward quick did not lower no chance.