

Port Townsend London Island

See 5th Saturday Blowing heavy from the westward with much rain. Afternoon wind veers more south still blowing. Last evening found on the outer coast the debris of some unfortunate ship apparently had been lumber loaded at the period of disaster in years back. Took and towed on board a spar for square sail yard having carried away end coming out. Nothing to identify found on the rocks. Day ends strong willawans

See 6th Sunday morning moderate breeze and then and stove to sea. in hopes of reaching Deer Island got a severe drubbing. Kept down fire and at and was glad to arrive back to our old anchorage. Day ends clear but blowing heavy in Port Townsend

See 7th Monday Strong gale from the westward rain and hail at intervals. Still laying in Port Townsend sea ragged on the outside.

See 8th Tuesday very stormy from the westward with much rain. Men went on shore to wash clothes. Latter hours strong willawans from the North West one Boat went down the Harbour. for wood. Day ends stormy. Transit of Venus this day and change of old to new moon

See 9th Wednesday. Strong gale. and fearfuller sea outside accompanied with squalls of Hail, rain, and snow. all these 24 hours.

See 10th Thursday. The night has blown fearfully wind more southerly and clear. morning moderates a little. shot 7 geese this day. aft cut wood filled water. Afternoon wind goes West and strong and blows up again heavy. Thus ends the day. O dear me. such weather

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See 11th Friday Storming all day and night. morning pulled down to the rocks outside mountained sea and could not land. Saw a few seals.

See 12th Saturday stormy wind North West. Still in the Harbour of Port Townsend.

See 13th Sunday morning weather moderates and clears. weighed anchor and stove to sea working westward. after Breakfast wind freshens up and storms. Sailed flying jib and clewed up the Gaff Topsail wind and sea increasing. Hauled down our mainsail to reef it. Robert doubtless aloft furling topsail mate spoke to one of the watch to go up and assist Edward Wagner started first. and after completing the job and half way down or more fell to the deck and died immediately. Nothing we could do to restore consciousness having broken by collision with the deck or cast. his skull. He was on board faithful to duty and died deeply regretted by his fellow seamen. May God receive his soul into his kingdom and comfort the poor bereaved hearts of Father and Mother stricken by this calamity. Such dismal weather and high sea cannot approach the land which is dreary as ever. Thus ends another day. and another life

See 14th Monday Heavy and continuous gale with thick gloomy weather all this day. schooner heading to the South kept off and laid before the wind morning schooner rose in a mountainous sea. not unlike a tidal wave and drove heavily and carried away jib boom and also attached. made up our minds to run for South Island for better weather. Day ends ragged laid out the boy wagon ready for burial at sea if we cannot reach land