

Journal of a whaling voyage on board the *g.m.s.*

482. Wednesday Feb 23rd 1853.
Commences with strong gales from N.W. at 1 P.M. wore ship to N.W. W. under storm sails. Middlepart fresh gales and squally. Scatterpart strong breeze at 7 A.M. set double reefed topsails and stunsails. Steering N.W. at 10 A.M. spoke ship Sacramento of Newburgh. 500 tons laden 60 days from Havre Round to San Francisco California 305 passengers. at 11 P.M. wore ship to N.W. Lat 43. 38. S. Long 56. 00 W. *St. Louis*

483. Thursday Feb 24th.
Commences with strong breezes from N.W. Steering N.W. at 6 P.M. furlled fore topsails and luffed to the wind heading N.W. Middlepart more moderate. Scatterpart fresh breezes heading N.W. Lat 43. 18. S. Long 57. 11 W. *St. Louis*

484. Friday Feb 25th.
Commences with fine weather and calm at 1 P.M. lowered the boats for killing but could not get near them. at sunset took in sail. Middlepart moderate. Scatterpart light breezes and smoky weather. 1 sail in sight. Lat 43. 11. S. *St. Louis*

485. Saturday Feb 26th.
Commences with squally weather and smoky at 1 P.M. spoke ship Crossack. Arcum of Newburgh 30 mths old. Broke of whale round home (but lettuce). at sunset took in sail. Middlepart thick and moderate. Scatterpart light breezes from N.W. heading N.W. Saw 10 school of right whale: porpoises. Lat 41. 46. S. *St. Louis*

Back Atlantic.

486. Sunday Feb 27th 1853.
Commences with fine weather and moderate heading N.W. at sunset took in sail. Middlepart moderate. Scatterpart fresh breezes and cloudy weather steering N.W. at 1 P.M. rounded in 58 fathoms of water. Lat 42. 15. S. Long 57. 15 W. *St. Louis*

487. Monday Feb 28th.
Commences with fresh breezes from N.W. and thick weather. Steering N.W. at 3 P.M. double reefed fore sail. at 4 P.M. luffed to the wind heading N.W. at sunset took in sail. Rounded in 51 fathoms. hauled aboard head yards and caught a mass of fish. Middlepart fresh breezes and thick weather. Scatterpart the same heading N.W. Lat 42. 15. S. *St. Louis*

488. Tuesday March 1st 1853.
Commences with fine breezes and cloudy weather Steering N.W. wind N.W. at 3 P.M. kept off N.W. at sunset took in sail, wore ship, and rounded in 55 fathoms. Middlepart fresh breeze. caught a large number of fish. Scatterpart fresh breezes and cloudy weather heading N.W. at 8 A.M. kept off to S. at 9 luffed to S.W. at 11 breezes sharp heading N.W. Lat 42. 26. S. *St. Louis*

489. Wednesday March 2nd.
Commences with thick weather and fresh breezes from N.W. heading N.W. at 5 P.M. took in sail. Middlepart moderate with a squall of wind towards morning. Scatterpart calm and thick weather. Employed in breaking out for hold for water. one sail in sight. Lat 42. 13. S. *St. Louis*