

Fri Dec th 1 1882

This day com with pleasant weather with a fine breeze from the S.W. & R.R. heading S. To day repaired the fifth bow topmast stay sail & spinnaker. Stowed down the main sail & made it shorter. Set it up again. Sick still off duty

Sat Dec th 2 com with fine weather with a nice breeze from the S.W. & R.R. heading S.W. To day repaired the bow & main topgallant sail sent them up & bent them again. The steward & likewise the 2 men forward still sick & off duty. The steward I can't make out what kind of a sickness he has he says that he feels no pain only he feels weak in the legs

Sun Dec th 3 com with fine weather with a light breeze from the S.W. & R.R. under all sail course S.W. by S. at 4 P.M. set astun sail. The sick still off duty

Mon Dec th 4 com with fine weather wind S.W. under all sail course S.W. by W. To day the bow swifter parted. Took a knot in it & set it up again. At 2 P.M. hailed a school of small sperm whales toward for them. Caught 4 little ones. Bow Boat caught one. All one small whale. L. Boat 1. H. Boat one

Tues Dec th 5 com with fine weather at 6 A.M. com to cut finished cutting at 2 P.M. com to boil at midnight. The sick still off duty. The steward is very low. I don't think that he will live. I think that his heart is not right

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Wed Dec th 6 com with clear weather with a fresh breeze from the S.W. & R.R. under topsails course S.W. by W. at 6.30 A.M. Hailed a school of large sperm whales toward for them. The L. Boat struck a large whale & killed him took him to the ship at 1 P.M. I think he will make 100 lbs if we save him. The sick still off duty

Thurs Dec th 7 com with clear weather with a fresh breeze from the S.W. & R.R. at 8 A.M. commenced to cut finished cutting at 6 P.M.

Fri Dec th 8 com with a fresh breeze from the S.W. & R.R. commenced to boil at 8 A.M. The steward is still very sick. I think that the other ones are rather improving. The steward is crazy about all of the time. if he ever gets well he will do more than I think he will

Sat Dec th 9 com with fine weather with employed in boiling

Sun Dec th 10 com with pleasant weather. Employed in boiling. To day stowed down about 45 bbls of oil. To day spoke the big Raymond. The sick still off duty

Mon Dec th 11 com with fine weather finished boiling at 11 am. At 6 P.M. made sail started S.W. by W. I think the steward is rather better to night

Tues Dec th 12 com with fine weather. To day finished stowing down oil. The sick still off duty