

Barque Pacific Bound to the River

La Platte In the year of 1875

Tuesday Nov 30th All day moderate breeze from the south and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out in Co. with a fleet of 18 sail. all bound to the south. Two whales the Seine & Abram Barker - somewhat squally all the A.M. - Water blue and clear with but a few birds in sight. Lat. 2.19 N Long. 27.45

Sunday Dec. 5th Comes in with moderate trades from S.E. and fine pleasant weather - ship steering S.W. by S with all sail out - two sail in sight steering to the S.W. and two steering to the N.W. - water blue and clear with a few birds & flying fish - Nothing more in sight. Lat. 2.27 S Long. 27.45

Wednesday Dec. 1st Comes in with light baffling air from all points of the compass but most from the south with small showers of rain - ship working to the south with all sail out - some thirteen sail in sight all working to the S. In the P.M. sent a boat on board the English ship Mamma Chanta capt. Malony 45 days from Cardiff with coal for King George's Sound. Reports had been in the dandelions for the last eleven days - Water blue and clear, no sun therefore no Obs. The M. less Lat. 4 D. R. is 2.35 Long 24.00

Monday Dec. 6th All day moderate S.E. trades and fine pleasant weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out - several sail in sight most of them going to the S.W. - water blue and clear. Saw several birds and many flying fish and some Portuguese man of war. Saw one whole squid, large. Lat. 4.38 Long 20.10

Thursday, Dec. 2d All day moderate breeze from the S and overcast looking like rain ship by the wind to the W.S.W. with all sail out several sail in sight all but one steering like ourselves by the wind - Water blue and clear - saw some birds but no other indications of whales - all the A.M. a steady breeze which we hope will turn into the trade. Lat 2.27 N Long 24.16

Tuesday Dec. 7th all day moderate breezes from S. lat being as we suppose the regular trades and fine pleasant weather - ship steering in the A.M. to the W.S.W. with all sail out. One sail in the noon steering to the S.S.W. - water blue & clear with some birds - Nothing more in sight all day. Lat. 5.53 S Long 31.50

Friday Dec. 3d Comes in with moderate trades from S.E. and fine pleasant weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. & S.W. by W. with all sail out. We think that now we are in the trades as the winds are quite steady. Nothing in sight all day. Lat 11.15 N Long 26.20

Wednesday Dec. 8th all day light airs from S.E. and fine pleasant weather - ship steering W per compass for Pernambuco with all sail out. At 9 A.M. saw the land ahead and at 11 saw the city. Several sail at anchor outside & several others under weigh - at 2 P.M. wife & myself with 2 d. mate and boat's crew went on shore - and at 6 P.M. arrived on board again being unable to obtain letters or anything else, excepting a few oranges pineapples & coconuts being a church fast or holy day. Steered to the S.S.E. all night.

Saturday Dec. 4th all day moderate trades from S.E. and fine weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. with all sail out - are making slow progress, everything goes past us - our copper is very ragged - saw three sail, two steering S the other W.W. Lat 0 17 S Long 25 50

Thursday Dec 9th all day light airs from S.E. and fine pleasant weather - ship by the wind to the S.W. for the Abrolhos banks - saw the land all along shore about 20 miles East in the A.M. - 2 sail in sight. Lat. 9 06 S Long 24 47 W