

Baque Pacific Cruising in the South

Thursday Feb. 15th Monday Feb. 14th - Best one
In the P.M. ship heading E S E per compass by
the wind. at 5 P.M. raised Sperm Whales by Mr. P.
one point on sea low - saw three all going to wind-
ward on S S E, per compass. - lowered two boats
but without getting near the whales - took in light
sails for the night - and as the wind hauled kept ship
S S E all night under easy sail

Tuesday Feb. 16th comes in with fresh
breezes from the W. and fine pleasant weather, at
daylight raised Sperm Whales by Antonio Rogers boat.
Steuer going most S S E, supposed to be the we saw
the night before - lowered all four boats and soon
the last boat fastened to a large one - saw but
two - the whale was running one and boat had much
trouble in killing him - did not get him alongside
until about 10 A.M. - Hooked on & cut his head
off and body in by night - His head lying alongside
all night weather fine - judge the whale will make
120 bls Oil Lat. 37.54 Long 51.06

Wednesday Feb. 16th comes in with mod breezes
from the N. and fine weather. Hooked on to the
head in the morning and cut it in - then started
the works - made sail and stood in to the S E
- saw through the day plenty of birds and several
schools of small fish - holling Lat 37.00 Long 51.43

Thursday Feb. 17th comes in with fresh
breezes from the N. - ship under easy sail all night
lying to heading to the W. - made sail in the morning
and stood to the S E with double reefed topsails & fore-
sail - nothing in sight all day but birds & fish -
saw several schools of the latter - Watch employed
in boiling - water blue Lat. 37.33 - 52.11 W

Atlantic Ocean in the year of 1876

Friday Feb. 18th comes in with moderate
breezes from the S and clear weather except early in the morn.
when it rained some with very heavy looking weather in the S.
ship under easy sail all hands employed in stowing oil
in the fore hold stowed from the last whale 140 bls
from last whale & 10 do from the flukes & small
picked up and about 5 from last two whales of fat
lean oil - finished stowing by 5 P.M. and cleared
up decks at 7 P.M. spoke Leon Morris. Capt.
Winstlaw coming on board - reports seeing whales
last Sunday in Leo, with Ganer in Lat 39.08
Long 51.26 going S.W. quick Lat 38.18 Long 52.10

Saturday Feb. 19th comes in with strong
gales from S.W. and overcast, poor seeing - ship
cruising on different tack with all prudent sail
out. 13 hrs. Leon, Morris & Ganer in sight - water
blue with plenty of birds Lat 38.19 Long 52.19

Sunday Feb. 20th comes in with strong
breezes from W. N. W. and clear overcast but smoky,
making rather poor seeing - ship standing to the
S with all prudent sail out, cruising, with the
Leon Morris in sight - saw her manuevering in
the A.M. but she did not get any whale. Part
saw going to the S.W. under easy sail saw al-
gerines and many birds Lat 38.43 Long 52.18

Monday Feb. 21st comes in with strong gales
from the W. with clear Zenith but very smoky horizon
ship under easy sail having steered S all night. at
6 A.M. made sail & kept ship S by W. - nothing
in sight - water rather green with but a few birds
ran until 10 A.M. then kept ship E until 12 M.
then N. E. under close reefed topsails - ran N E
until sundown then luffed to the wind heading N.
the weather much better - saw in the P.M. Algerines
Lat 40.07 Long 51.30