

Feb 1856

Barque Ben of San Francisco in the Pacific Ocean Bound North
Thursday 21st
Commences with strong winds thick rainy weather from
the Westward leading to the S.W. under short sail
and ship and brig steering to the S.W. middle and latter parts the same 30 Ends
Lat 33-21 S Long 117-32 W

Friday 22nd

Commences with strong winds from the Westward with
thick rainy weather leading to the S.W. under
short sail at 4 P.M. wind from S.W. with clear weather
steer S.W. double reef topsail fore Main sail and
spanker middle part equally leading from S.W. to
S.W. latter part the same 30 Ends

Lat 31-51 S Long 117-25 W

Saturday 23rd

Commences with strong winds and squally weather from
the W.S.W. leading by the wind on the Starboard tack to the
S.W. double reef topsail fore Main sail and spanker middle
and latter part the same one Brig in sight leading
to the S.W. 30 Ends

Lat 30-09 S Long 117-40 W

Sunday 24th

Commences with strong winds and squally weather
from the W.S.W. leading by the wind to the S.W.
on the Starboard tack one sail in sight caught a
porpoise middle part from the W.S.W. tack to the
S.W. latter part wind from the S.W. leading by the wind
on the Starboard tack to the W. at 5 moderate set flying
fore Mizzen topsail and whole Main topsail at 4 thick
and rainy take in light sail double reef the Main topsail
30 Ends 30 Ends

Monday 25th

Commences with strong winds from the S.W. with thick
rainy leading by the wind on the Starboard tack to the W.
at 6 P.M. taking the Main sail middle part wind from S.W.
lead to the S.W. and set the Main sail latter part
wind from the W. lead to the S.W. with thick rainy
squally weather taking Main sail fore and spanker and
double reef the topsails 30 Ends

Lat by deadreck 49-45 S
Long by chron 79-45 W

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Barque Ben of San Francisco Bound down the Coast Chile
Tuesday 21st
Commences with strong breezes from the W.S.W. under
ship to the S.W. and made sail middle and part wind from
S.W. steer S.W. by S.W. with squally weather with hail
30 Ends Lat 47-50 S Long 80-10 W

Wednesday 24th

Commences with strong breezes from the S.W. steering
S.W. with squally weather at 5 P.M. steer S.W. middle
part the same latter part pleasant breezes from S.W. and
fine weather employed at making a new gaff topsail
out of a fore topsail standing sail 30 Ends

Lat 45-28 S Long 78-50 W

Thursday 28th

Commences with pleasant breezes from the S.W. leading
by the wind to the S.W. at 5 P.M. strong breezes taking
light sails and double reef the topsails and lead to the
W.S.W. middle and latter part wind from S.W. leading to
the S.W. taking fore and spanker and double reef the
topsails thick rainy weather 30 Ends

Friday 29th

Commences with strong winds from the S.W. with thick
rainy weather at 2 P.M. breezing taking the fore topsail
at 9 wind W. lead to the S.W. middle part set
the fore topsail and steer S.W. by S.W. latter part strong
breezes with heavy squally steer S.W. by S.W. and turned up
the Starboard Tack 30 Ends

Lat 43-50 S Long 78-15 W

Saturday 1st

Commences with a gale from the W. at 1 P.M. taking
the fore topsail and have the ship to rugged to run
at 3 wind S.W. kept off S.W. middle part steer S.W.
latter part moderate with thick cloudy weather set whole
topsails employed at making a new gaff topsail 30 Ends

Lat - Long by chron = by deadreck 78-58

Sunday 2nd

Commence with light winds from the S. steering S.W.
get out later middle part the same latter part steer S.W.
30 Ends Lat 39-50 Long 77-50 W