

Sunday

25 This Day began with Southerly weather Thermometer 18 above zero. It is raining Snow all Day. The Ladies were out for a walk yesterday. I saw the Sun at noon just above the Horizon it is Dark and Lamey. The Horizon and Sky looks as though they were flattening out not much arch to them than is to be a Concert given on Board of the Beluga by an Amateur Minstrel Troupe on Thanksgiving Night. The Name of this Troupe is The Herschel Island Snow Flake Troupe &c

Nov 26

Monday This Day began with fine weather and calm Thermometer 20 above zero we saw nothing of the Sun to Day as it began to snow at 12 O'clock but only a lightening the weather remained mild all Day. I went on Board of the Thrasher and saw the man that was frost bitten he will have to lose three of his fingers on the right hand and half of two on his left and some of his toes on both feet the skin on the Gales of both feet has come off leaving them bare got two Wolf skins from my Native. The Snow Flakes were on Board rehearsing for Thanksgiving last night. Capt Tiltons boat got drunk and stole the Captains Room this morning they put him forward so ends the Day.

Nov 27

Tuesday This Day began with good weather Thermometer 3 below it is a cold looking Sun in light we have to burn lights all the time. Very below if you wish to do anything middle and latter part fine in the Night wind headed around to South West. So ends &c

Nov 28

Wednesday Began with fine weather wind N.E. Thermometer 10 above had a walk over to the Ice Ponds with Capt Porter to morrow we will see the Sun if it is clear for the last time this year it will be gone for 44 Days the 12th of January will be the Day we will look for So ends &c

Nov 29

This Day began with clear weather and a strong N.E. wind Thermometer 14 above and it is Thanksgiving Day above all others that brings us to the minds of our Friends and Family to our friends a year ago to Day I was at home with my Dear Wife and to Day I don't talk it makes me homesick I have had no invitation on the Dinner on Board of the Alexander and a complimentary Ticket to go to the Concert given by the Snow Flakes now I am going out for a constitutional I think I will try the Lewis and Clark most of the Ships are Banked up now and in their looks they put me in mind of the Duck Gun Boat at the World's Fair this Evening I went to the Concert it was very good and I think that all hands enjoyed themselves we had Roast Pork for Dinner on Board of the Alexander the Salad was moulded in the shape of a Green Fish and it was very artistically done. The Steward of the Concert was over there was a Lunch of Sandwiches cake & Ice Cream I wore my cloth clothing and was very comfortable after Lunch was over we sat and talked about half an hour and all went on Board of their respective Ships. Excepting the performers who went on Board of the Thrasher when a Supper was prepared for them that must have astonished the Boys Stomachs and so ends Thanksgiving Day in the Arctic Ocean or Herschel Island Lat 68-30 in the year 1894 I think it was passed very pleasantly by the most of us if not all yours Truly. The Sun did not show up to Day so that we will have to Dock him for the next 6 weeks

Nov 30

This Day began with Good weather. Wind S.W. Thermometer 5 below so far as any Life is concerned the clear of snow and ice it is a Desert in the middle of the Day it is light enough to write or read below without the help of lamps I took a walk to the Ice Ponds and on board the Narvik a little while so ends &c