

Blackstone Dec 1844

Saturday Dec 14th
First part of this day strong wind from the Northward and heavy weather. Steering East took in fore and main topgallant standing sails and rigged in lower standing sail boom. Latter part fresh NW gales and thick rainy weather at 1 P.M. took in topmast standing sail and flying jib and left topsail at 10 P.M. took in fore and main topgallant sails. Latter part fresh wind from the NW and pleasant weather. Left standing sails below and at 4 P.M. men employed in ship's duty. So ended with all sail set and a fair wind. Lat 45° 17' South Lon by Chron 121° 57' West

Sunday Dec 15th
First part of this day strong winds from the NW and squalls of fine rain. Steering E by N at 6 P.M. took in lower standing sail and fore and main topgallant standing sails. Middle part strong winds from the Northward and squalls of rain. Took in fore and main topgallant sails and mainsail. Latter part strong gales from the NW with heavy squalls of rain took in the waste board and double reefed the topsails. So ended this 24 hours. Lat 45° 31' South Lon by Chron 118° 32' West

Monday Dec 16th
First part of this day strong westerly winds under double reefed topsails. Middle part more moderate. Took reef out of the topsails and left topgallant sails. Latter part moderate and squalls of fine rain. Winds baffling from NW at 11 P.M. took in topgallant standing sail and lower standing sail. So ended this 24 hours breezing up at NW. Lat 45° 33' Lon 115° 20'

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Tuesday Dec 17th

First and middle parts of this day fresh gales from the NW took in fore topmast standing sail topgallant sails and mainsail and single reefed the fore topsail. Latter part fresh gales from NW took the reef out of the fore topsail and left topgallant sails and fore topmast standing sail. Steering E by N. Heavy squalls of fine rain occasionally throughout the 24 hours. So ended this 24 hours. Lat 45° 32' South Lon by Chron 115° 50' West

Wednesday Dec 18th
First and middle parts of this day fresh winds from the NW and squally steering East at 11 P.M. carried away the topmast standing sail halyard took it in and fore topgallant sail. Latter part fresh wind from the NW. Left the mainsail and fore topgallant sail. So ended this day. Lat 45° 37' South Lon by Chron 108° 24' West

Thursday Dec 19th
First part of this day fresh winds from NW by S and pleasant weather. Middle part light winds from the Northward. Left topmast standing sail. Latter part breezes up from the NW and cloudy weather. Steering E by South throughout the day. So ended these 24 hours. Lat by Chron 46° 24' Lon by Chron 106° 14'

Friday Dec 20th
First part of this day strong westerly gales and thick rainy weather. Shortened sail down above reefed topsails. Middle part more NW and fine rain and thick weather. Took one reef out of the main topsail. Latter part rained. Took and spust away under single reefed main topsail and double reefed fore steering. At 8 P.M. So ended. Lat 47° 13' Lon 102° 50'