

news. she had the day previous spoken the Congaree of New Bedford about 3 years out and only 1300 barrels of sperm oil. this ship had spoken the Coral of New Bedford also with 2000 barrels; she was 25 months, may we have the same luck. Our cooper has been suffering with the fever and ague and a good deal of my time has been devoted to him; I myself have had 3 bites, but they are now gone and I enjoy good health. the cooper is recovering and will I trust soon resume his duties.

Feb 12th Saturday night I was quite unwell Monday and did not get any sleep during the whole night. I felt about the same all day yesterday, and had the chills several times during the day; today however I feel much better. Nothing at all is going on and every thing is very dull! We today head W and it is rumored that we are bound to the off shore ground.

Feb 19th Last Tuesday I was taken down with Monday the fever and ague. I took an emetic and felt much better, I had but one ague and the fever did not remain on me over and day and a half. I am now however again pretty well and trust I will not again fall sick. Nothing has been doing and nothing of any importance has transpired. We saw one ship; she was under a very heavy press of canvass and shaped her course as near as we could see to the Sandwich Islands. Latitude 3° 40' south longitude 95° west

Feb 22nd Nothing of any interest whatever has Thursday occurred since Monday and nothing has been seen from masthead save a few porpoises and cowfish. We are now to the

northward of the line and I see the waters of the North Pacific for the first time. Today is my birthday and I now begin a new year with a firm determination to attend the end for which I am now an exile from home. I today form new resolutions and with the help of God I shall follow them implicitly. I am now 18 years old.

Feb 23rd Friday. The weather is fine and pleasant there is nothing at all doing - nothing seen from masthead today - last evening looked for blackfish but did not save any - we are going along sharp on the wind and heading S by W

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Wednesday. It is now almost a month since I have added any to my journal - it is not however altogether my fault for during the past month I have been quite unwell and unable to write. I now take the first opportunity to relate what has taken place during that time. On the 2nd inst we gammed with the ship Messenger she was 19 months out and only 550 barrels of sperm oil. she had seen several ships, & all appeared to be doing well. the next day we spoke the "Catawba" of Nantucket 10 months out 300 barrels. On Sunday the 4th inst sperm whales were raised from masthead at about 9 1/2 o'clock there were some to leeward and some to windward the 2^d and 3^d mates were ordered to lower and pull to windward - while the 1st and 4th mates went to leeward. We pulled to windward by good fellows and got pretty handy to the whales but finding it of no use to chase them we gave up the chase and returned on board at about 1 o'clock. We had been on board ship but a few minutes, when the Captain sang