

The "Independence of Independence" made another trip to Salem and return yesterday afternoon. The engineer is still having some trouble with the machinery and will not attempt a regular run until all is in smooth working order, but he will keep hammering away, and endeavor to make at least one trip each day and keep the engines at work until they are worn smooth. The boat did not run as well as desired on account of the fact that a 22-inch propeller was given only a 15-inch dip, and therefore wasted power, but this difficulty was overcome by ballasting the stern with rock. This put the propeller down into the water, and the boat ran along nicely, about as fast as the ordinary river steamers.

Measurements were taken for the cushions and upholstered work, and within a few days the boat will be as comfortable and comfortable as the floating palace. Captain Skinner expects to return to Salem today, and will no doubt bring a few passengers and some freight. Yesterday on the return trip he carried a quantity of freight, ship-