



FRANK THOMSON, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

AMERICA'S NEW RAILWAY KING.

From Car Shops to Presidency.

From the Times-Herald.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—There is a comforting continuity in the election of Frank Thomson, who is a model railroad man, to the presidency of the Pennsylvania, which is the model railroad of the United States.

the tremendous property that is now worth \$1,000,000,000.

Mr. Thomson's family was more or less prominent in the old days. His father was a judge and a congressman. Well known in the early years of this century.

Frank Thomson steps into the president's office of this great concern, himself a common product with the property of the common policy that produced them both.

When his military career was at an end in 1864 young Thomson had learned all that was to be learned of the details of railway management, and the severe discipline which came as part of the lesson served him well ever afterward.

Mr. Thomson is not the ideal railway magnate. That is to say, he is not hollow-eyed, abstracted, and wrapped up in stocks and bonds.

The Pennsylvania thrives under that system which has been mislabeled "civil service." Properly called, this system is a system involving reward for merit.

With most of the plain Indians marriage consists of picking out the maiden, leading her to a cabin or wigwam and installing her as mistress of the house and cornfield.

(the squaw he intends to take next), and then in a short, bombastic speech he stigmatizes his wife by giving her over to the tender mercies of other braves, while they look upon him enviously and consider that he has performed an act of bravery in his desertion.

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SIMPLE HOME MASSAGE.

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From the Philadelphia Times. A physician of high standing says that he thinks massage will be used far more in the near future than is at present, and he instructs the families under his charge in the art of massaging each other.

A general treatment should begin with the feet, the subject lying down; each foot should be taken and rubbed and squeezed, all the time rubbing and squeezing up, just as if you were trying to send the blood out of it toward the heart.

"Noblesse Oblige." We do not expect so much of the hoiden as of the educated architect, of the navvy who digs the trenches as of the engineer who sets out the work.

For the Hands. A very good preparation for chapped hands may be made as follows: Three drachms of camphor gum, three drachms of white beeswax, three drachms of spermaceti, two ounces of olive oil.

From a City Standpoint. "Talk about unreasonable people," said the real estate agent who is just going into business; "that man wants me to be sure to rent his farm to somebody who has had experience."

ANCIENT AND MODERN ATHENS. The City is Nearly as Populous Now as Ever in Its History.

At the accession of King George. In the year 1833, the population of Athens did not exceed 45,000. The advance has been more rapid since then, especially during the last twenty years.

The sources of information as to the population of ancient Athens are indeed vague; but from a passage of Xenophon giving the number of families as 10,000, and from a passage of Athenaeus, indicating the proportion of slaves to freemen at the time of Demetrius Phaleratus, it may be calculated that at that epoch the population of Athens, including that of the Piræus, was about 180,000.

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