

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: A hydrous silicate of lime. Formula: $\text{CaSiO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$. Analysis (on material carrying admixed calcite): SiO_2 33.98, Al_2O_3 2.34, CaO 43.14, CO_2 10.99, H_2O 9.48; sum 99.93.

PHYSICAL AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES: Color white, $H=2-3$. Sp. Gr. 2.53. Uniaxial, negative.

OCCURRENCE: Found as small, radial platy to compact masses in the cracks in noselite-phonolite from Schellkopf near Brenk associated with phillipsite, calcite and aragonite.

DISCUSSION: Since the material analyzed was so impure and since no quantitative optical properties are given the mineral must be classed as doubtful. The massive mineral suggests the very doubtful mineral tobermorite. W.F.F.

NOTES AND NEWS

While the March issue was going through the press the Editor received the good news that Colonel Washington A. Roebling of Trenton, New Jersey, had given the Society a very substantial endowment, the income of which may be used for expanding the Society's publication, THE AMERICAN MINERALOGIST.

The letter, addressed to the treasurer, accompanying this generous gift is printed herewith in full.

Feb. 15, 1926.

Alexander H. Phillips,
Treas. Mineralogical Society of America,
Princeton University,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

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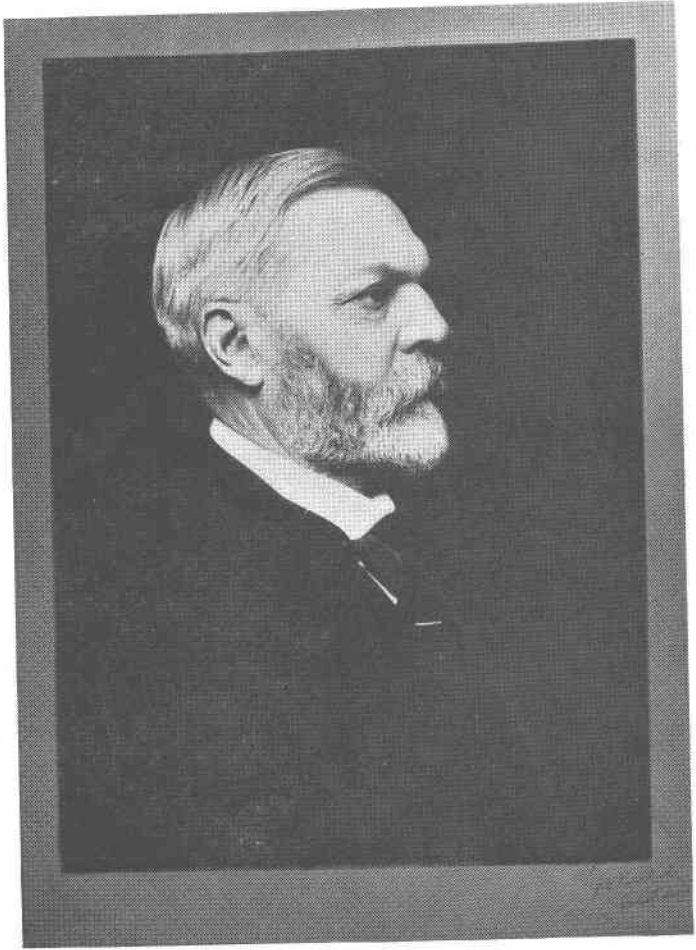
Sincerely yours,

(Signed) WASHINGTON A. ROEBLING

Witness:

(Signed) ROBERT B. GAGE

The Editor, in behalf of the officers and members of the Society, wishes to express to Col. Roebling his grateful appreciation for this timely gift, which will now permit THE AMERICAN MINERALOGIST to serve its constituency more adequately than has been possible in the past.



COL. WASHINGTON A. ROEBLING
Donor of an endowment for mineralogical publications