and at noon we took the train for Richmond and Washington, finally returning to Philadelphia Sunday evening, after a most instructive and on the whole enjoyable vacation trip.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES**

**THE PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, JANUARY 10, 1918**

The president, Dr. Leffmann, in the chair. Fourteen members and one visitor present.

Mr. John F. Vanartzdalen presented a paper on The Minerals of the Paper Mills and Jarrett’s quarries, Montgomery Co., Pa. The rocks of the quarries, hornblende gneisses of various types, were described and the minerals noted. The lecturer exhibited a large number of specimens from the quarries.

Mr. William Knabe reported the opening of Wood's mine and Lov's mine, near Texas, Lancaster Co., Pa., locally famous in the past for brucite, kammererite, and other serpentine minerals. *Samuel G. Gordon, Secretary*

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**FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sunday, April 12; Brinton's quarry, Osborn's Hill, and Strodes Mill, Chester County, Pa. Meet at 69th St. Terminal at 8.15 A.M.

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**NOTES AND NEWS**

At the meeting of the Geological Society of America in St. Louis, December 27–29, 1917, the following papers of mineralogical interest were presented: Glaucnite in dolomite and limestone in Missouri, by W. A. Tarr; Fluorite in the Ordovician limestones of Wisconsin, by R. M. Bagg; and The occurrence of a large tourmaline in Alabama pegmatite, by F. R. Van Horn. The crystal described in the last was originally over 3 feet long and weighed about 250 pounds; the top of it, showing distinct the rough terminal planes, is now in the Museum of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Washington Star thus comments on the increasing value of colloidal carbon:

> Oh, carbon is a precious thing
> Whose prices we can ne'er control.
> Oh, give to me no diamond ring!
> I'd rather have a ton of coal.

Dr. Francis M. Van Tuyl, formerly instructor of geology in the University of Illinois, now assistant professor in the Colorado School of Mines, in Golden, Colo., has enlisted in the aviation corps.