## **Facts About** Cambria County

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CRESSON TWP. (Continued) Andrew Carnegie had heard that Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Penn-sylvania State Health Commissylvania State Health Commissioner, was examining and looking for a site in the Allegheny Mountains to erect a sanatorium for consumptive (tuberculosis) patients. Carnegie was the possessor of a large tract of land on the Summit of the mountain, having intended to build a home there for his mother.

Mr. Carnegie wrote a letter to Dr. Dixon, a copy of which I have in my library, offering this tract of land to the state for that purpose.

In the letter he said among

of the Commonwealth Mr. Carnegie was a great steel king.

The tract of land he conveyed consisted of 498 acres. It is located near the top of the Alleghenies on the highest ridge in the state near the Maryland line in Somerset County.

This kind act of Mr. Carnegie's pleased Dr. Samuel G. Dixon so much that he further exploited the ground and put his stamp of approval on it. After the legal matter of conveyance, the title passed to the Commonwealth on Feb. 12, 1910.

In the letter he said among other things that he would be pleased to give the land to the state if the Governor would ac-

He also requested a copy of the legislation on the subject, and I do not intend to follow the stated "I am greatly pleased that description of the boundaries in

Feb. 12, 1910. A smal portion of the tract is in Blair County but the greater part is in Cambria County. The

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ground plan of the building, the architect merely elaborating on the general scheme. His intuition and enthusiasm in the early days gave it a fine start. The Sanatorium has kept pace with the progress of medical science, and all the latest devices and techniques for curing of tub-

erculosis are in use there. Dr. Dixon died in 1919, his loss being felt greatly by the state and by the Sanatorium. It is not our intention to write a history of the Cresson Sanator-ium in this article, but I am con-

strained to write just a few facts about it. One of the first things those in charge did was construct a school for the patients of school age. This was sometime between 1925 and 1927. The school was fully equipped and staffed, and the course of study was the same as urse of study was the same as that in other public schools. The pupils who finished the eighth grade took the same exams and were awarded the same certifi-

county. A few years later a swimming pool was constructed by polio putients. All recreational facilities for both fun and exercise now are to be found there.

cates as other students in the

What impressed me most was

Driver's licenses run from Feb.

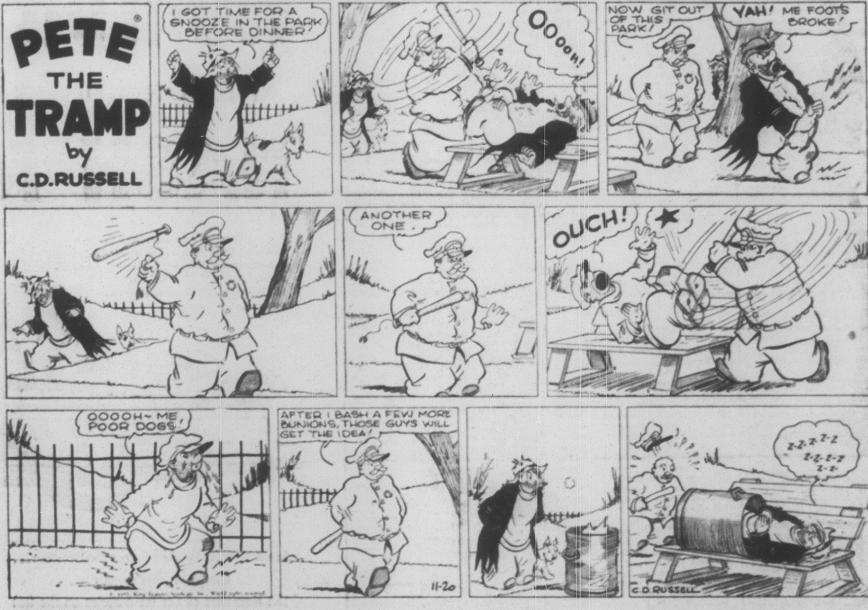
If am privileged to give it to the Keystone State, to which I am indebted for my fortune, such being evidence of my fortune, such being evidence of my gratitude. This letter, signed by Andrew Carnegie, was dated at New York and is found of record in the Recorder's on Sept. 8, 1908.

We are very happy that an old friend of ours, Dr. Devereaux of Cresson, played a prominent part in the transaction. Gov. Edward Sydney Stuart was the governor of the Commonwealth. Mr. Carnegie was a great stell king.

The transaction are a meeting being held in the Carnegie and Dr. Samuel G. Dixon.

Mose of the evergreen trees which may be seen along Route to fine address changes. Gifted of cambria county, Pa. Office of Cambria County, Pa -When anybody keeps right on talking when you want to, he's a By Swan











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