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### TENDERFOOT HILL

Taken from Riverside Park, this view of Tenderfoot Hill, once known as Mount Lookout, was taken before the road to the top or the gazebo was completed. The Monte Cristo Hotel can be seen through the trees center right and the railroad station on the same platform to the left.

## The Death Of An Old Dog

10/31/1902 - The old landmark at the Monte Cristo hotel has passed away. Few there are in Salida or among the many thousands of guests of the Monte Cristo during the past ten or twelve years who will not remember the splendid dog "Buster" or "Duke," as he was formerly called, and regret to learn that he is no more. Few there are among us in the higher walks of life who have as many

warm, true friends as this faithful old dog.

He was possessed of qualities of heart and mind, of intelligence and affection which were almost human and which endeared him to all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Catlin had him wrapped in a sheet and placed in a box and buried on the summit of little "tenderfoot hill," opposite the hotel. Many of the guests and employes of the Monte Cristo were present and assisted in laying him away. - *The Salida Mail.*

1/6/1903 - Mr. C. F. Catlin has erected a tablet on the summit of "Little Tenderfoot hill" over the grave of the noble dog, "Buster" or "Duke," as he was formerly called, for so many years a conspicuous landmark about the Monte Cristo hotel and a universal favorite among its guests.

The tablet is two feet wide, four feet long and thirty inches high. The top of the tablet bears the following inscription:

In Memory of  
"DUKE"  
A FAITHFUL DOG  
of the  
Monte Cristo Hotel.  
Died October 29, 1902  
Aged 29 years

On the end of the tablet is a splendid photograph by Ray and also the obituary which appeared in this paper at the time of his death, both framed. Between the bottom and top slab a ton of rock has been placed which will secure its permanency for many years, provided it is not maliciously destroyed.

Mr. Catlin anticipates that the grave of this splendid dog will become a popular pilgrimage to tourists and others as the view is as equally as pleasing as from the top of "Old Tenderfoot" and it can be reached with much less fatigue. In the spring the grave will be cleared and seats provided for visitors. - *The Salida Mail.*

4/28/1903 - The name of the small hill opposite the Monte Cristo hotel has recently been changed from "Little Tenderfoot Hill" to "Dukes Hill" in honor of the splendid old dog, "Duke," who for so many years was a conspicuous figure upon the platform of the Monte Cristo hotel, greeting strangers and friends alike as they came and went, and whose burial place and tomb, upon the summit of the hill, is not only an object of interest to all who knew him but is daily visited by both our townspeople and strangers in numbers that would surprise those not in a position to know.

In view of the growing popularity of "Dukes Hill" as a resort for tourists and others, Mr. Catlin, has

had the stones removed from the upper portion of the hill and the pathway leading to the tomb and will in the near future provide seats for the comfort and convenience of visitors.

The view from this point is very beautiful and can be enjoyed with much less fatigue than from the top of old Tenderfoot hill which adjoins it. - *The Salida Mail.*