

A WISE TEXAN.

Or, How a Capitol Guide Lost a Possible Big Fat Fee.

A stranger from Texas sauntered into the capitol and fell into the hands of a guide who offered to show him the sights of the building, says the Washington Post.

"Good enough," quoth the Texan. "Before we begin, let's take a drink."

Being of an accommodating nature, the guide consented, and the two quaffed a couple of quaffs right gayly. The guide's eyes bulged when the Texan drew from his pocket a big fistful of bills in paying for the liquor, and he scented a handsome fee. He led the Texan all over the building from the crypt to the dome, and into both houses. He pointed out all the celebrities, and then, by way of a wind up, took his victim to statuary hall and placed him on one of the whispering stones.

"Stay there," the guide said, "till you hear me speak."

Then the guide disappeared in the crowd to the other stone. A lady was standing on it, and the guide waited a moment for her to leave. The Texan, who was getting uneasy, looked round, and not seeing the guide, set to thinking. Just then he saw a young girl look at him and smile, and later two boys did the same. A great light suddenly broke upon him. Instantly he left the stone, and as he disappeared from the hall and started for the big door, he muttered in the hearing of a policeman:

"I may be from Texas, and some green about city ways; but I reckon I'm a leetle too wise to be caught holding the snipe bag again."

And then he and the guide's fat fee vanished together.

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