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**Wild Scene in the House.**  
[The Col. Stevenson referred to in the following, which we clip from the Idaho Statesman of a recent date, is Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives, and a brother of Hon. C. C. Stevenson, President pro tem. of the Senate of Nevada. It will be seen that he is a "chip off the old block:"]

On Wednesday, Mr. Paddock introduced a resolution as an addition to the standing rules of the House, the substance of which was to exclude divorce bills from being introduced, to the exclusion of more important business. After rather a warm debate the resolution was adopted. Before, however, the vote was declared, Anderson, who had voted against excluding divorce business, changed his vote to the affirmative, and, when the vote was declared, gave notice that he would on to-morrow (Thursday) move a reconsideration. The bill to dissolve the marriage relations between Lydia Ann Patten and her husband was then taken up, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Here the Speaker called Mr. Luney to the chair, and, having taken the floor, said that the number of divorce cases that were being pressed upon the House, to the exclusion of more important business, was becoming a nuisance, and that he was himself heartily tired of them, and would vote against any more being granted. He proceeded to say that members had been annoyed by divorce hunters and their counsel so much, that they could not attend to their more important duties, and that some members had got so much interested in such cases, that they had swapped their votes in other bills for votes for their divorce bills; and also stated that members from Boise, Alturas and Idaho counties had swapped their votes. These remarks caused quite a sensation, four or five of the divorce members jumping up at once, crying "Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speaker!" The Speaker ruled that "Stamp" proceeded to deny the charge of swapping his vote, and said Mr. Stevenson's remarks were false. Anderson sits down. Whereupon "Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speaker!" was again heard from six or eight parts of the hall. The Speaker, Mr. Luney, ruled that Mr. Stevenson had the floor, whereupon Mr. S. proceeded to state that Anderson had informed him that he (Anderson) had to vote for the Schnable divorce bill, to get the divorce bill he had introduced through the Council—and if that did not mean swap, he did not know what language meant. Mr. Stevenson sits down, and "Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speaker!" is again heard from various corners of the hall. The Speaker ruled that Anderson had the floor, whereupon Anderson, in his usual wild and incoherent manner, attempted to explain away the remarks made by Mr. Stevenson, as to his being obliged to vote for one bill in order to get votes for another, and closed by blubbering out that Col. Stevenson was mistaken, and sat down amid cries of "Mr. Speaker!" repeated simultaneously from divorce members. The Speaker ruled that Mr. Stevenson had the floor. Several members remained standing, claiming the right to be heard, while Mr. Stevenson repeated the language used by Mr. A., to the effect that he was obliged to vote for the Schnable bill, to get votes for the bill he was going to introduce. The scene now became one of confusion. Several members, thinking they had been aimed at by Mr. Stevenson's remarks. Amid the confusion the House adjourned, and the scene was then beyond description, several divorce members surrounding the Col., and claiming amends for personal insults. The Col. manfully stood his ground; said he was responsible for what he said, and that "none need wear the cap unless it fit him." During the hubbub, Anderson said that if any one made use of the expression that he had sold himself it was a lie; whereupon Colonel Stevenson went for him, saying, "You are one of those fire-eaters, are you?" At this "Stamp" crawled, and said that "if any one said he sold his vote was liable to be mistaken. This remark doubtless saved poor "Stamp's" bacon, and he wandered about the hall like a whipped cur, and will ever carry the brand "Stamped" upon him by Col. Stevenson.—Of a Legislative Swapper."

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