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## EDITORIAL

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### OKLAHOMA AND THE CHIROPRACTORS.

"Slowly but surely the public is becoming informed regarding the utter inadequacy of chiropractic, and legislatures are beginning to deal with this cult more intelligently. There is no more fitting proof of this than what recently took place in Oklahoma. The chiropractors had made their customary attempt to secure a legal status in that state without having to comply with the requirements of the Medical Practice Act. This bill was defeated. Another bill was substituted for it, which properly placed their recensure in the hands of the state board of medical examiners. The latter bill was passed in spite of a powerful lobby, who referred to the bill as 'the crowning iniquity of the medical trust,' 'this damnable bill,' 'damnable crime,' and other like epithets. The bill had passed the Senate and was being considered in the House when 'Dr.' Willard Carver, the leader of the chiropractors and head of a chiropractic college in Oklahoma City, made an astounding and utterly unfounded charge, that the medical profession had raised 'a fund of over \$674,000' to defeat chiropractic legislation in Oklahoma. He thus charged, by implication at least, that the Senate had been bribed. The Senate took prompt action by citing Carver to appear and answer contempt charges. A report says that on his inability to offer proof of his statement, he was fined \$500 and sentenced to serve ten days in jail. These procedures are a duplicate, although somewhat more spectacular, of what has been going on in many states during the last few years, in the efforts of this ill-trained group of 'healers' to obtain the right to practise medicine without first securing the education required by medical practice acts. During the present sessions of the various Legislatures, excepting in one state—North Carolina—their efforts have been defeated. Meanwhile, Oklahoma has secured an amendment to its Practice Act, giving the licensing board ample control of this medical cult.—*Journal American Association*, June 9, 1917."