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In Massachusetts the legal profession is "viewing with alarm" the possibility that because of the unjustifiable expense of jury trials, motor tort litigation may be taken away from them as were workmen's compensation cases.

### ADVANCE OF MEDICINE VS. LAW

Of the two leading professions of the country, law and medicine, the statement is made that the practice of medicine has made revolutionary advances within this last century but that no such meritorious claim can be made by the legal profession. On the evening of the radio address by Dean Pound, a physician also gave a talk on yellow fever and its frequent recurrence in this country prior to 1900; that in 1900 as a result of heroic scientific experiments it was definitely determined that yellow fever was transmitted by only one agent, the mosquito, and by only one species of that insect, and that since that year the menace of yellow fever has disappeared. Reference is made to the increasing efficacy of treatment of other diseases, tuberculosis among them.

Contrasting the work of the medical profession it is said that the legal profession has almost stood still because it continues to look askance at scientific methods of approach to legal problems, particularly court procedure, although an eminent western lawyer has expressed himself as believing that a change is coming over the members of the bar and that they are gradually beginning to see that the conservative attitude heretofore taken is actually depressing the cause of justice.

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### IN MEMORIAM

FELIX B. TAIT, one of the oldest members of the Colorado Bar, passed away on March 17, 1933.

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