



Hi Everyone,

I recently attended a seminar that left me pondering the way I look at my career and my life in general. The topic was neurology and at times pretty dry material. The speaker must have sensed this and as a result implanted within his presentation some interesting sidebars. One such sidebar was the following:

In the early 1900's chiropractic, like modern medicine and osteopathy, was just getting started. Chiropractic, however, did not have established state or federal licensing requirements. So, what happened when the M.D.s or D.O.s didn't like the chiropractors setting up shop in their town? Often, they would complain to the local authorities and the chiropractors would be fined and/or jailed for "practicing medicine without a license."

Here's where it gets interesting.



Enter Shegataro Morikubo, an apparently brilliant Japanese man who immigrated to the U.S. for the sole purpose of becoming a chiropractor. Already well versed in Eastern medicine philosophy and fluent speaker of six languages, "Sheg" found chiropractic particularly interesting,

enough to travel all the way to Davenport, Iowa. While Sheg was in school, LaCrosse was becoming a powder keg of controversy as a local osteopath seemingly had a vendetta against any chiropractors practicing in his town. He personally saw to it that the local chiro's were prosecuted to the fullest extent possible. Shortly after Sheg graduated he decided to act. He believed so strongly in the principles of chiropractic, he decided to move to LaCrosse and set up his practice, certain that when the time came he could defend himself and chiropractic as being a separate and distinct profession. Not only did Sheg move to LaCrosse, he set up his practice in THE SAME BUILDING as the vindictive D.O.! Sure enough Sheg was arrested and jailed, and sure enough he and his lawyer prevailed, setting a precedent which benefited many chiro's all over the country.

It was then the speaker at my seminar put a picture of Sheg on the screen and simply asked, "How many of you would put your career, your money, and your freedom on the line for something you believe in?" I would propose we all need something in our lives we feel that passionately about...something to consider.

Thanks for Reading,
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