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The volume of the statutes, instead of being arranged into political and civil procedure, criminal and probate codes, and subdivided into titles, parts, chapters, articles, and sections, as it now is, will be divided into about one hundred general titles numbered from one in sequence to the end, and placed in the code alphabetically, and these chapters will be divided into chapters, articles, and sections. This arrangement will be similar to the arrangement of the new United States Code Annotated, and to many of the revised codes of the different states as revised in recent years. With a proper frontal index of the alphabetical titles and a general catchword index of the subject matter, it should enable the user of the code to find applicable statutes more easily and quicker than under the present arrangement of the statutes.

While there are logical arguments for and against this plan the S. D. Revision Commission feels satisfied after an extended investigation that the advantages will heavily outweigh the disadvantages, and that all users of the code will find a distinct improvement over the present arrangement, and fully equal to any recent code revision in the country.

No definite announcement is yet made as to the sale price of the Code but in the event of no price change during the year think it probable that the subscription price will be between Eighteen and Twenty-five dollars, however this with the understanding that the dealer's profit is eliminated.

The Commission has advanced a tentative plan whereby the State Bar Association will take advance subscriptions from members at a prepublication price which will be much cheaper than the later sale price, providing that seven hundred sets can be sold to members. This would insure a sales price within the range specified and possibly less.

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The possibilities of the law for both good and evil were never better stated than by Sir Walter Scott, himself a lawyer, in his *Antiquary*: "In a profession where unbounded trust is necessarily imposed, there is nothing surprising that fools should neglect it in their stupidity, and tricksters abuse it in their knavery. But it is more to the honor of these, and I will vouch for many, who unite integrity with skill and attention, and work honorably upright where there are so many pitfalls, and stumbling blocks for those of a different character. To such men their fellow citizens may safely intrust the care of protecting their patrimonial rights, and their country of the more sacred charge of her laws and privileges."

Philip R. Davis in January Chicago Bar Record.