

**Would Have State Ease Last Hours of Condemned**  
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utes. And even if the neck is broken, we know that man with broken necks have lived and remained conscious for days, and even years. Death by strangulation on the gallows must be one of intense human suffering and indescribable agony.

"Electrocution may be a little more humane. But every time I read of an electrocution at our State Capital, I am made to shudder. We read of the prisoner being brought to the death chamber and placed in the chair. He is strapped hand and foot until he cannot move. The electrodes are applied. The switch is turned. We read of the rigors and contortions; might remain conscious after a demon body, of the odor of burning human flesh. The switch is turned off, the heart is still beating. The current is turned on again, and sometimes again, and in from three to five minutes the prison physician pronounces the victim dead. I say victim because he is a victim of one of the most barbarous customs ever practiced by a civilized country.

"Now I do not know, neither does any one else know, just how long a man might remain conscious after such a current of electricity is sent into his body. Expert opinion may say that consciousness is lost the instant the current strikes the body, but that is all opinion.

"I have recalled that the pain and agony of death when the current is going straight on is indescribable, it

to mention the dread of the ordeal that haunts the convict from the time the sentence is passed until he knows no more.

"When a surgeon goes to amputate a leg, does he bind his patient on a table, until he cannot move hand or foot, and proceed to carve on him while in full possession of all his faculties?

"Would I undertake to remove a man's eyeball without first giving him something to render him unconscious of pain? Should I undertake such a thing I would be branded a barbarian, and justly so.

"Then when the State of North Carolina goes to send a current of electricity through the whole being of a man, that might mean the most intense suffering conceivable. Why shouldn't he first be rendered unconscious by a pleasant and effective general anesthetic?

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"Practically every criminal executed has innocent loved ones. Wouldn't it be a great relief to an innocent old mother to know that, at

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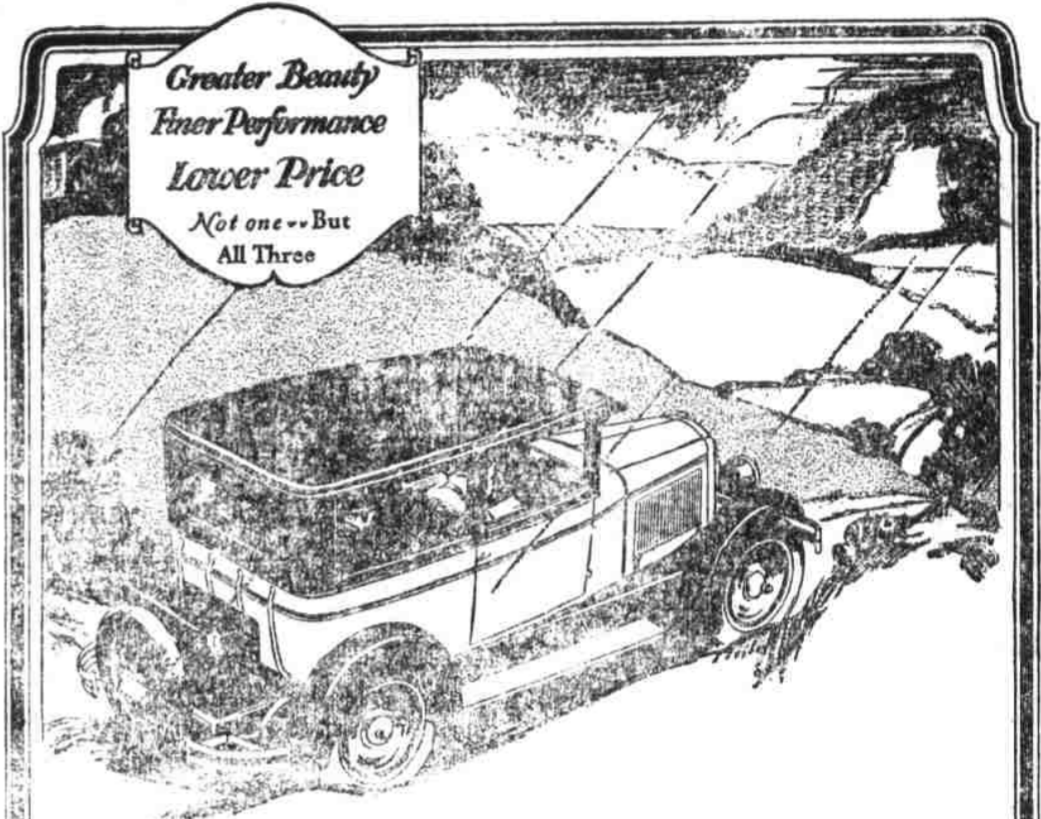
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