

Alfred E. Lutman, (13 Nov 1871 – 14 Jun 1922), The Appleton City Journal, Thursday, October 19, 1922, Appleton City, St. Clair, MO

BOY SAYS HE WAS PAID \$25 TO KILL AGED RECLUSE

Warsaw, Mo., October 13.---**Claud Estes**, 19; **Chambers Buckley**, 70, and his son, **Earl Buckley**, 36, were committed to jail today to await trial at the December term of Circuit Court on a charge of murdering **Alfred E. Lutman**, recluse farmer, who lived near Edwards, Mo., on June 14.

Estes testified at the preliminary hearing, which ended last night, that the **Buckley's** paid him \$25 to kill **Lutman**. **Estes** acknowledged he shot **Lutman** to death and left his body in a brush thicket in a near-by pasture, where it was found by a searching party one month later.

No case has come before the courts of this county in recent years that has caused such excitement as has this. The large circuit court room was filled to capacity from Tuesday noon until late last night and hundreds could not gain admittance. The state had more than thirty witnesses.

The slain man was a brother of **I. W. Lutman**, president of the Osage Valley Bank of Warsaw. Prosecuting Attorney R. D. Brunges was assisted in the preliminary hearing by T. C. Owens. The defense was represented by Henry P. Lay, member of the constitutional convention, and C. C. Barrett of Warsaw.

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