

**LEWIS MAKES
LARCENY CHARGE.**

**Directors of Loan Association
Brought to Court on Complaint
of Suspended President.**

HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY.

**Trouble Over Sequestration Of
Official's Desk.**

The Board of Directors of the Brooklyn City Building and Loan Association, seven in all, were in the Adams street court to-day charged with grand larceny. The complainant was Thomas F. Lewis, the recently suspended president of the association.

The accused directors were served with warrants last evening by Court Officer Charles Karcher. The warrants were issued late yesterday-afternoon by Magistrate Brenner on a sworn statement made by Mr. Lewis.

The affidavit reads as follows:

"Thomas F. Lewis, residing at 422 Thirtieth street, a real estate dealer, deposes and says that on the 15th day of February, 1901, divers goods and chattels, money and property, belonging to deponent, namely, \$460 in United States currency, desks, papers, deeds, checks, bills, books, records of business, mortgages and bonds, papers and documents of various descriptions, and a typewriter, were taken, stolen and carried away, by Joseph H. Delaney, Joseph V. Sculley, Theodore Sweeney, Joseph J. Mooney, Hugh J. Hoehn, George W. Dimmick, and Joseph Cox, from 81 Court street, in the borough of Brooklyn."

Mr. Sculley was served with the warrant at 81 Court street. Mr. Dimmick was found in the Water Purveyor's office, where he is employed, and Mr. Delaney was found at his law office on Court street. The others were served at their homes last night and came to court to-day. Magistrate Brenner instructed Karcher not to arrest the accused if they promised to appear in court.

They each entered a plea of not guilty and the hearing was set down for next Tuesday. The accused were all paroled on their own recognizance by Magistrate Brenner, on their promise to appear on that day.

Mr. Lewis while president of the Loan Association conducted a real estate business in the office of the association, at 81 Court street. His claim is that the money he left in the desk, as well as all the articles enumerated in his complaint, were his property, and that the Board of Directors, after suspending him, took forcible possession of his private property without warrant.

Mr. Sculley said to-day that he did not know what belonged to Mr. Lewis. He presumed that everything in the office belonged to the association.

"Mr. Lewis handed over the keys of his desk to me on the night he was suspended," said Mr. Sculley, "and he has made no demand for anything since then so far as I know. If there was anything in the office belonging to Mr. Lewis, and he could prove it, there would be no difficulty in his getting it."

There is a prevailing impression just now that the action of Mr. Sculley in sending for the police and the summary action taken in regard to Mr. Lewis and Financial Secretary Kampf, was premature, and would result in doing the association more harm than good.

The action of Mr. Lewis is regarded as preliminary to a civil action for damages because of the stigma placed on his reputation by his suspension.

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