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Lake Grand Jury Indicts Six for County Shortage

The special grand jury which investigated the shortage of \$100,000 in the accounts of Lake County Treasurer Roy W. Brasher and the withholding of some \$50,000 of township funds by Brasher, yesterday afternoon, after the superior of Waushara county, yesterday made a report to Circuit Judge John W. Allen, at Oshkosh, four true bills being returned.

County Treasurer Brasher, was accused of embezzlement of township funds, and of withholding of township funds, twice, as was also Harold Martin, in the same township. The defendant Savings Bank, Caleb A. Busch, Wisconsin, a former Waushara county treasurer, was also charged with the same crime. The treasurer of the Barrington Oil Co., Clark C. Nye, former cashier of the First National bank at Oshkosh, was also charged, and George H. Balston, former

The jury was composed of William A. Mergers, Grayville; Thomas Graham, Long Lake; Louis Neff, president of the village of Rut Lake; Justice Robert B. Kent, of Mendota; William A. Mergers, of the village of Lake Villa; Charles Webb and Ira Simmons, Antioch; James Welch, former supervisor from Kenosha; George W. Dyer, of George Platteau, Libertyville; David Lagna, Mundelein; Pete Stahlke, Vero; Harry Stanley and James H. Johnson, of Lake Park; John J. Kennedy, A. G. Taylor and Harold Arnes, Waukegan; T. H. McKinnney, North Chicago; Sidney Durrant, Lake Villa; William Wynn, Highland Park; Harry Chazy, West Deerfield; and Miles T. Laney, Barrington.

The bills returned follow:
Embezzlement of \$100,000 of Lake county funds—Ray W. Brasher.
Conspiracy to embezzle \$100,000 of Lake county funds—Ray W. Brasher, Harry E. Wall, Harry Martin, Caleb A. Busick, Clark C. Nye.
Conspiracy to embezzle \$32,000 interest moneys—Ray W. Brasher, Harry E. Wall, Harry Martin.
Withholding township funds—George H. Eirivson.
Caleb Busick was the only defendant in the court room when the jury filed in. The other defendants were in the county seat city with the exception of Nye. Capias has been ordered.

One by one the defendants came forward for arraignment with motions to quash. Defendant, Lewis, named by his attorney? This motion will be heard August 10 at which time they will return their pleas.

Bonds posted were as follows:

Bowsher \$20,000, Josephson L. E. Farmer \$100,000, T. J. Stahl & Co., represented by Attorney Ralph J. Day, \$20,000, \$20,000, Benjamin F. G. Smith, business manager of the Star & Herald.

Martin \$20,000, bondsmen: T. E. McGraw, George, Ralph Arnold, Elting Publishing Company officials, represented by Attorney George W. Field.

Bracher Resignation Received
Bracher has tendered his resignation which will be effective when the board of supervisors meets on August 14 and at that time they will appoint J. B. Moore, deputy county clerk, to succeed Bracher, according to reports current at the county seat. They will also provide a surety company bond for the treasurer.
Friends of Bracher are endeavoring to raise the money to refund to the county the shortage for which he was indicted.

Attorney Ralph J. Dady, counsel

that \$97,000 of the \$100,000 pledged by Bracher's friends had been collected and that the balance is expected in time to allow a settlement in full for the shortage to be made soon.

It is charged by State's Attorney A. V. Smith that Bracher also owes the county \$8,555.99 interest money and that today it was the general impression that this sum would be turned over at this time, as well as the \$100,000, Bracher said, however, that the interest money he received did not total more than \$2,000 and that it is questionable whether or not this money is due the county. He expressed the opinion, however, that an

Smith Will Prosecute

The fact that County Treasurer Drucker is settling for the money shortage is not the end of the financial prosecution, according to a statement made today by State Attorney A. V. Smith.

"The defendants used by the grand jury were not given any preference to payment," Col. Smith said in a written statement. They will be prosecuted for conspiracy to defraud, larceny, impersonation and without malice, based on the evidence taken on the second Monday of October.

The treasury shortage case dates back to the first of the month, when he first met of office. It is charged that Drucker, at the request of Dr. J. B. Bent, sent \$100,000 to Portland and Boston for deposit in the Farmers bank, and that he had received under another name with the \$100,000, which had been entered on Drucker's books as \$150,000.

When Pearlman took office, it is charged, he covered up this shortage. He, too, the state charged, took

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