## A Monument of

# Highest Integrity

How John H. Orvis, Dec'd. Met Hiso Obligations.

### INNOCENT PEOPLE SUFFERED

By Infamous Stories Peddled Over The estate, or THAT OF MY LATE HUSBAND." County to Injure the Memory of a

In the past two weeks a situation has presented, AND STILL IS LIABLE. arisen that is entirely unexpected, absoluthe character of Ellis L. Orvis, pry into writer. and even besmirch the memory of the legal action being taken at anytime by late Hon. John H. Orvis, whose body any disappointed creditor petitioning for was consinged to the tomb over ten a "filing of an account" or an "inventory years ago. The method by which this appraisment" of this estate over which work was, and still is, being done is as the Gazette is so much agitated BY AN-

dividuals had been summoned to our to require executors of this, or any simitown, they went home and soon were "as- lar estate, to file an "inventory and apsiduously" engaged in scattering as- praisement or an accounting." tounding falsehoods among neighbors In this connection we refer to the folthat greatly affected the good name of lowing: E. C. Humes estate, Gov. Curthis entire family; other political workers tin's estate, Dr. Hales' estate, all of in public places in Bellefonte cautiously which represented large interests, and scattered similar slanders until they only the wills were put on record and saturated into the remotest districts of in no instance was an inventory and apthe county. Next employed in this pur- praisement, and accounting ever filed. pose was the Gazette, a republican paper Were the executors of these estates of our town, whose editor makes great DISHONEST.? pretentions to decency and desires the Whenever a just claim against the respect of the community. It lent some Orvis estate is properly presented and is dignity to this contemptible work by un- not paid then, and then only, can an acfair comment, insinuating innuendos and counting, inventory and appraisment be indirect allusions that were persistently required, which is proof in itself that no repeated week after week to create the such condition ever arose since the will impression in the minds of unsuspecting was probated, and all heirs are entirely people that there was actually some satisfied with the administration of the thing bad back of it all. They framed estate.

buys his clothes out of town; appropriated eager for his trade. ance; he was sent to college on other people's money that was never returned; Harter stop his insinuating comments his father cheated certain parties out of about the debts of the Orvis family. If thouands of dollars; etc. Gazette unnecessarily began commenting about the late JOHN H ORVIS' debts, asked what the family did with the estate, wanted to know how they divided embezzled his father's estate? or account in the Register's office; the intimation left was that there was sometheir inquisitive noses into the private his just debts? affairs of this family and drag it through the sewers of the town.

is greater than the general public reali- and we therefore challenge you now zes, 'while the purpose and the instiga- to make a positive, clear, manly statetors are well known. To refute these ment, as to what you mean by your comvarious stories and set the public aright, as many are deceived on this point, we Gazette, upon the Orvis' family. solicit your careful consideration to a few facts:

It is well-known that in his lifetime From the Bellefonte Republican July 18, 1899: John H. Orvis became largely involved, by unfortunate business ventures. He did contract indebtedness that he could of a former County Chairman there is not immediately pay. Is that evidence a CAMPAIGN SUBSCRIPTION BOOK IN WHICH of dishonesty? Should he then have THE NAME OF JUDGE LOVE WHICH lived in a hovel, denied his family de-STILL REMAINS UNPAID. We are cent surroundings and his children prone to believe that among these who educational facilities? No, not when he eral Hastings and accusing him with the termine the case. was able to protect all his creditors, as defeat of the County ticket in recent he did-and no one ever lost a dollar- years, there are a FEW WHO COULD NOT by apportioning his salary so that a RISK A MICROSCOPIC INSPECTION OF THEIR large life insurance was carried for them, lican, July 13, 1899. an other amount annually applied to reduced these obligations, and the balance used for necessary living expenses. Chapter, 1 to 5 vs: When he resigned as Judge and took up active practice he kept reducing these obligations and increasing his life insurance so as to create an estate to not only fully protect all creditors, but to leave ample provision for his family in case of a sudden death. That is what JOHN H. ORVIS did? Is there any dishonesty here?

In the fall of 1893 he died. In Will Book E, page 10 his will is recordedwas probated Nov. 10, 1893. His estate consisted of his interest in the law firm of Orvis, Bower, & Orvis and life insurance amounting to \$100,000, of which \$80,000 was subject to the payment of any debts against his estate.

The very first provision in this will is a monument to the memory of this noble is the greatest curse that ever fell upon

"FIRST: I direct all my just debts not be given, nor public confidence inand funeral expenses to be paid out of spired. I pity such an unfortunate poundage, and a reduction was secured my estate, etc."

The executors were his widow and son Ellis. Upon the death of Mrs. Orvis in

1900 her estate passed into the hands of her son Ellis L. and her son-in-law. Harry Keller, as joint-trustees. Her Harry Keller, as joint-trustees. Her will is filed on page 505 of same book where she specifically provides an ample PROFESSIONAL FRAUD FOUND rangement was at once made to pay them off so that they might not be interested to do so. But the fact that where she specifically provides an ample sum for "paying debts due from my

Now the effect of this was that the Noble Man--All Completely Refuted greater portion of John H. Orvis' large Two Quotations -- Striking Contrast estate stood for over ten long years, liable for any and all just claims that could be

Ellis L. Orvis authorizes the statement, tely unwarranted, and decidedly unjust, that all claims against either estate were by which the privacy of homes have paid long ago; does not know of a single been invaded and innocent people have dollar of indebedness remaining unbeen made to suffer. At first it was paid and, if there is, and it is predeemed not worthy of attention, not sented it will be promptly paid-it erty in which he had acted as attoreven deserving passing note, but in that can't be avoided. Harry Keller, now we were mistaken. We now have refer. the other trustee, a reliable attorney ence to the various means that have (and a leading republican) made in subbeen employed in an attempt to assail stance the same declaration to the After hearing the evidence, the Lacka- he did, but THIS IS NOT SUCH A DENIAL AS

OTHER'S DIRECTION. As long as It has been discovered that after in- all creditors are satisfied there is no law

the hint that created the thought, but As the private character of Ellis Orvis never dared make a direct, manly accusa- has also been particularly assailed, we tion what was meant. The result is that deem it unecessary, to go into detail. The some unthinking people have been mis- public know him from daily contact; we led and this family has been defamed, never heard a reliable business man in To be more specific, the following are Bellefonte declare that Ellis Orvis had illustrations of some of the stories that ignored his obligations, with him; we challenge any merchant or business Ellis Orvis dont pay his store bills; man to the contrary; in fact, all appear

> Now we insist in all fairness, that Mr. Then the you have any charges, be manly enough hear of this snap action. NOW to specify them.

Do you say or mean that Ellis Orvis

thing wrong—by doing so such gossip Do you say or mean that Ellis L. mongers of the town could go there, poke Orvis has not, does not, or will not pay

### TWO QUOTATIONS.

APPEARS A MODEST SUM SET OFFOSITE

"Judge not that ye be not judged.
"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in thine "Or how wilt thou say to thy brother,

Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 'Thou hypocrite, first cast out the

beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's

### The Greatest Curse.

"A party and an electioneering judge a free people. Public satisfaction canjudge.-Justice Jonathan Walker.

"THIS is for the Judge."

## Fraudulent Practice; Loss of \$18,000

A Ghapter In The Career Of John G.O. Love Reviewed.

Charged From His Own Bench By confirms the idea that the purpose of the -- All Is On Record.

Judge who pronounced judgment against in his hearing at Judge Love's office, his friend Love's claims of integrity, and he is equally explicit as to what was After Love was elevated to the bench said. He is not sure whether Mrs. Bush in Centre county he was made defend-evidence against her, but Sheriff Walker ant in a suit over the sale of prop- is, and this supplies the deficiency. ney some years before. He sent for LARATION OF JUDGE LOVE THAT HE HAS Archbald to come from Scranton to STATEMENT, either to Mr. Walker or Mr. the private affairs of the Orvis family, There is no record anywhere of any opinion that Love had been guilty of a testimony to the contrary of these gentlemen. Judge Love further says there tations saved him."

> estate of the late Colonel Daniel G. gage, as well as to the judgment of Mr. Bush, who left a large amount of valuable real estate in Bellefonte at the took steps as they intended to do to protect themselves, they would have had to like \$30,000 which was a first lien. The second lien was a judgment in the courts THING THAT IT WAS WORTH, A THING THAT THE PARTIES EFFECTING THE were two other junior liens, owned by Pos

Bellefonte. He undertook to sell the entire property on the mortgage. He directly sworn to, as it is by these genbought up the two judgments of his tlemen, I CANNOT REFUSE TO DO SO, how- shall have been upon the bench? neighbors in order that they might not be adverse bidders at the sale. He adlieve, that there was a deliberate plan on der an old act of Assembly of 1705, out of his judgment. which required only ten days' time in VATE BARGAIN with the Sheriff to reduce the parties was that, and interested parties that his purpose of it. or judgment in the Circuit Court.

a figure far below its actual value in avail herself.

### LOVE'S SCHEME CARRIED OUT.

Love's scheme was carried out to the the same, why they filed no inventory Do you say or mean that he as an letter. The two judgment creditors re NOT AN ACTUAL FRAUD, AND executor defrauded any creditor or heir? ceived notes for their claims, and, ac. THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE TWO Do you say or mean that Ellis L. cording to arrangements, took no part in IN THE EYES OF THE LAW ARE up-to-date, building-brick plant, which is orders direct for them. A wholesale the bidding. Mr Moore's claim of \$18,-Your intimations have lead many of no knowledge of the sale. The valuable March 13, 1901, in the Philadelphia All this has been done, and the extent your readers to draw these conclusions property, perhaps the most valuable in North American, a republican paper mere nominal sum.

WHICH THEY LOST \$18,000.

the ground of the above alleged fraud. of law in this case : In the meantime Love had been elevat- "But having been made with the young men and women. ed to the bench, and he invited his avowed intention of cutting off the judg-

SAVED BY STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

had committed a gross fraud, and noth- able diligence have discovered the said sors and other gentlemen, at State Col. these things, and we believe that the arguments, Archbald decided that Love cutors, after his death, could with reasoning but the statute of limitations saved

In his finding, Judge Archbald said, in his opening sentence:

He then proceeds to the discussion of the case and says:

"It is just here, however, that the plained away, that in two different conversations it was declared by Judge Love, who was acting at the time as the a state of affairs. Having brought it with a particularity that cannot be ex- President Judge of Centre county courts. attorney for Mr. Tome, as well as for to the attention of the public, we feel of Mr. Orvis' action in favoring this session, Mrs. Bush, that the sale was to be a nominal one, for the mere purpose of changing title and cutting off a judgment in the United States Circuit Court on an obligation given by Mr. Bush with others as bail for the Beaver Mills, manifestly referring in this to the judgment to the attention of the public, we feel we simply perform a duty incumbent upon us at this time, so that the average citizen may know what he is doing when he prepares his ballot in the booth on election day, now close at hand. festly referring in this to the judgment of Mr. Moore. This was urged upon the of Mr. Moore. poundage, and a reduction was secured from him in consequence.

FRAUD WAS EVIDENT.

THEY WERE BOUGHT OFF in this way Judge Archibald--Case of Legal sale was to get the property for as little as possible, cutting off Mr. Moore just as is asserted. Nor does this rest upon the testimony of Sheriff Walker alone. According to The Hone R. W. Archbald was the attorney for Mr. Harper, it was repeated

themselves by bidding at the sale, an ar

"Against this, we have MERELY THE DEC-

Bellefonte and sit specially in the case. Bower, and that he does not believe that wanna Judge was obliged to render the ought To PREVAIL against the positive testimony to the contrary of these gen-

"But the practical effect of the pur-The case in which Judge Love figured chase of these judgments and the manifest purpose of it still remain. As lien was that involving the settlement of the creditors subsequent in rank to the morttime of his death. A trust company bid until their own judgments were covheld a mortgage against it for something ered, and this would have paid off the of the United States by A. C. Moore, SALE DESIRED TO AVOID, if they were try- any of them have been engaged in any ed admissions, all he invested was

vertised the sale upon the mortgage un- the part of any one to cheat Mr. Moore county been largely benefitted by them? We would not have made this compari-

SOUGHT AN "ADVANTAGE."

which to make a sale. He made a Pat- "What I think was in the minds of This is true. A large plant is being Which type of man and which quality his poundage of fees to minimum, in dent, he might not get notice of the sale, part of Curtin township, and a village is county prefer to see upon its judicial order to save the legitimate expenses of and so not appear to protect his interests, and regarding this as a legitimate adthe sale, and then informed the Sheriff vantage they sought to have the benefit plant is now employing a large number savings in successful local enterprises in doing all this was to CUT OUT A CLAIM if he did the property was put up fairly, with the promise of many more in, the citizens, or him who sends away the and there was nothing to stand in his way from bidding upon it. But the In other words, and it fact, Love's pur- chances were that he would not, and of the farmers of Curtin township. pose was to have the property bid off at this, no doubt, Mrs. Bush sought to Ask THE CITIZENS OF CURTIN AND NEIGH- speculations and where it ultimately is

'It must be confessed that the amiorder that Moore would not realize any- cable scire facias and the sale almost thing upon the claim. Mr. Moore, living immediately following it contributed to ENERGY AND PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS AND JUDGin another State, would probably not this, and we can hardly escape the conclusion in view of the evidence that that was the purpose of them. But the chief mistake was in buying off threatened bidders, the object of which is unmistakable, THIS WAS A LEGAL, IF VERY LITTLE DIFFERENT."

000 was not represented because he had All of the above article, appeared Bellefonte, was struck off to Love at a then-now is one of Roosevelt's and Ask the CITIZENS OF BOGGS TOWNSHIP new brewery at Philipsburg. Fairbank's best supporters. The de- AND MILESBURG AND THE MERCHANTS We proved how Love's henchmen as-Some years afterward Moore's execu- cision of Judge Archbald, from which ESPECIALLY, WHETHER THEY APPROVE OR sessed liquor dealers in 1899 to fight ments for the past three weeks in the tors. Moore having meanwhile died, the above extracts are made, can be DISAPPROVE OF MR. ORVIS' ACTION WITH Hastings. learning of this condition of affairs, em- found in the Prothonotary's office in REGARD TO THE WALLACE BRICK PLANT? ployed counsel and entered legal pro- the Court House and is part of the rec. It is true that Ellis Orvis, in conjunc- sale liquor dealer at Osceola, is reported ceedings in the courts of Centre county ord known as case "No. 214 January tion with a large number of other public as working strongly for Love. to set aside the sale on the ground that a Term 1899" a copy of which can be seen spirited citizens of the county, has aided Go out into the Snow Shoe district GROSS FRAUD HAD BEEN COMMITTED, BY in our office. In addition to the North in the construction and maintenance of and you will find the same state of af-American article, we add the following an independent telephone system, caus- fairs. It was sought to set aside this sale on choice extracts from Archbald's findings ing not only reduced rates but giving The liquor representatives have openly

consequence.

"More than five years having elapsed THE RESTRAINT OF COMPETITION? since A. C. Moore the Party defrauded, After listening to all the facts and in his lifetime, and the plaintiffs his exefraud, the trust resulting therefrom is barred by the statute and the present bill to enforce it cannot be maintained."

The above is copied from a leading state paper and from the records of our "It is with great reluctance that I court. It can not be disputed. As we real estate company was created for and FIND THERE WAS FRAUD IN THIS TRANSACT- understand the utterance of Judge Arch- is now doing, thereby giving employbald the estate of A. C. Moore was actually defrauded out of \$18,000, and John be even suspected as to this structure, G. Love is the attorney who conducted Sheriff Walker testifies squarely and inee on the republican county ticket for license in this locality. It fills a want in ing twenty years on the Bench. Gov.

### Not a Politician.

a politician. We admit this for argu- upon margins. ment's sake-in fact WE BELIEVE IT."-"Further than that, when Mr. Bush From Keystone Gazette.

## An Interesting Review of Business Ventures

How Ellis L. Orvis and John G. LoveO and Mr. Harper, as judgment creditors, has been investing the greater portion Invest Money.

Which Course is The More Creditable For a Man Aspiring For Judge--Facts Not Generally Known--"Stock

he caused to be printed in all the repub- he given to the laboring men of Centre lican papers of the county verbatim county or in anyway caused to be given copies of an article, with large headlines, to the young women of the county? No, charging that Mr. Orvis had invested in the Judge has no taste for such investa number of business enterprises in the ments. Even real estate does not apcounty, and that for this reason the busi- peal to him, when recently he was appealness of the courts would be delayed in ed to to contribute something to the case of his election, and justice might be new Y. M. C. A. building that so many denied to many persons. Just how jus- citizens regard of such value to our comtice might be denied was not made very munity, he was one of the very few that clear in the article, nor why such evi- positively declined to give a cent. No, gross fraud. Sitting in Love's place upon the bench, Archbald told the former that "nothing but the statute of limiunfavorable to Mr. Orvis' candidacy. speculative. For some years he has The Judge evidently thinks, from the been dealing in wheat margins. Later number of times of its publication, that he invested his money in Consolidated it is quite a valuable argument in his Lake Superior and U. S. Steel stocks: own behalf and therefore urges it so per- That was his conception of making sistently upon the public.

ment on the part of the investors. Nor and dollars of his money. Instead they amounting to about \$18,000. There ing to get as much benefit out of it as kind of litigation. If for ten long years swept away. Now, the usual term for residents in Bellefonte, for smaller sums.

Again Judge Archbald says. "The residents in Bellefonte, for smaller sums.

Love was not upon the banch at the larger than the residents in Bellefonte, for smaller sums."

Again Judge Archbald says. "The preside in any litigation involving these ling." It may not be illegal, but how Love was not upon the bench at the I take of it, on the testimony of Mr. various companies, why is it then neces- does it strike the good citizens of this time, being a practicing attorney at Bower and Sheriff Walker, and while I sary to believe that they will become county that our President Judge should

> Do not the people approve of invest- total of such investments? Is it consistments of this nature, and has not the ent with judicial dignity or judgment?

the president of a fire brick company. eratedly forced it upon the public. built in the wilderness in the northern of judgment do the people of Centre likewise springing up around it. This bench: him who carefully invests his He might appear, however, and of Centre county men at high wages, that are of great benefit to his fellow

> BORING TOWNSHIPS WHETHER THEY AF- swept away? PROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF MR. ORVIS' MENT IN THIS PARTICULAR ENTERPRISE?

money in the new Frank Wallace brick ed in Love's campaign, as proven last plant near Milesburg, and has thus week, in this paper, Republican comenabled the Wallaces and others inter- mitteemen in a number of districts were ested to erect and equip a high-priced, advised that an Altoona brewery will fill today giving employment to a large beer agent was in town on Friday and, number of the laboring people of Miles- we are informed, consulted Love at the burg and Boggs township, and will give Brockerhoff House. employment to many more in the future. | Judge Love recently inspected the

employment to large numbers of our boasted that they are fighting for Love

ASK THE BUSINESS FUBLIC OF CENTRE Bell, in Blair county, last year. friend, Judge Archbald, of Scranton, to come over to Bellefonte to hear and dement of A. C. Moore and having that practical effect, it was a fraud upon him and a resulting trust accrued in favor in once more into the grasp of a single propose to stand idle while most liquor once more into the grasp of the county and outside brown. COUNTY WHETHER IT WISHES TO GO BACK Do the christian people of the county COMPANY WHO COULD THEN ACT WITHOUT dealers of the county and outside brew

> So likewise our candidate is charged over our courts. with being associated with some profeslege, in a company which is intended to enormous campaign fund they are using build a large hotel for the accommoda- comes from this source. tion of the students and strangers at that Institution, for that is what the because the Legislature has forever prohibited by law the granting of liquor retired list at two-third salary after servthat community that is appreciated.

Judge Love and his friends will not make these inquiries. They know too well the nature of the answer and that the same will be given with no uncertain sound. In response to our inquiry, Mr. Orvis has stated that he has never "They insinuate that Mr. Orvis is not bought or sold a single share of stock

> But this, on the other hand forces us to consider how his Honor Judge Love | Twewty years - - [- \$100,000

of his large income, amounting to almost \$50,000, received from the people of WHICH CAN PEOPLE APPROVE Pennsylvania during the last ten years. Has he started or aided in the erection or construction of industrial enterprises giving wages to a large number of laboring men? They repeatedly declared he is "a poor man." What has Gambling vs Industrial Enterprises. he done with his money? What investments has he made that are of any use Judge Love imagined he scored a very or advantage to his fellow citizens in strong point against Ellis L. Orvis when | Centre county? What employment has money. He did not buy his stocks out-Let us examine into the merit of this right, but bought through brokers on what was called narrow margins. Judge None of these enterprises have been Love felt sure that they were going up unsuccessful, thereby showing bad judg- in price and thus invested many thousdo the records of our court show that went down and, according to his repeat-Judge Love has not been called upon to this kind of investment is "stock gambbad business judgment as to lose the

This article charges that Mr. Orvis is son had not Judge Love, himself, delib-

future, a new market is thus opening to most of his salary to the stock jobbers of New York and Philadelphia to risk it on

### BEER BREWERS.

Again, Ellis Orvis has invested some The Altoona beer brewers are interest-

Harry Washburn, the notorious whole-

and claim the credit for electing Judge

ers attempt to dictate who shall presid

Judge Love's candidacy stands for

### WHAT IT MEANS.

Ten years - - \$50,000 Twenty years - - \$100,000 At the last session of the legislature a bill was passed to put all judges on the Pennypacker vetoed it owing to the de-

Look out !

### Teachers Institute.

The fifty-eighth annual Teachers Institute of Centre county will be held in the Court House Bellefonte, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1904. This is a month earlier than usual.

Ten years - -