

HORACE M. LOWRY. In the advance of modern journalism the newspapers of Indiana county have not been behind. To-day better home newspapers are nowhere to be found in the State than are those of this county; nor do we know of the press of any county of equal population and wealth anywhere which surpasses them in the full and complete chronicling of local as well as general news. Foremost among the influential papers of the county-seat is the *Indiana Times*, edited by Horace M. Lowry, one of the progressived editors of Indiana. He was born at Clarksburg, in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1856, and is a son of Hon. John and Nancy (McCartney) Lowry. The Lowreys were among the pioneer settlers of what is now South bend township, in Armstrong county, where, in 1773, Joseph Lowry (grandfather) came from eastern Pennsylvania and settled on a tract of one hundred and seven acres, which was one of the original thirty-five tracts of land first taken up in the township. He served as justice of the peace for many years and married more couples than any other squire in the county. Hon. John Lowry (father) was born near the village of South bend, January 25, 1832, and died April 23, 1886, aged fifty-six years. He was educated in the common schools and by private tutors; he read law in the office of Hon. William M. Stewart, and Hon. Silas M. Clark, judge of the supreme court. He was admitted to the Indiana county bar in 1860, and soon became a prominent man in Indiana county, served as district attorney from 1862 to 1865, was elected as prothonotary in 1866 and held that office until 1873. In 1882 he was elected as a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania and was re-elected in 1884. During both of his terms he served his constituents faithfully and was chairman of the committee on constitutional reform. His journalistic career commenced when, in connection with J. C. Rairigh, he founded the *Indiana Times*, whose initial number they issued on September 4, 1878. On the 13th of November following, he purchased his partner's interest and was sole proprietor until his death, in 1886. he was an earnest republican who rendered valuable service to his party. In 1855 he married Nancy McCartney, daughter of John Y. McCartney, who was born in 1808, on what is now the State experimental farm near Indiana; married Sarah Coleman and was a merchant for forty years at Clarksburg. He was a son of Samuel McCartney, who came from eastern Pennsylvania, married Nancy Young, a native of Maryland, and died in 1815, of black fever, of which his wife also died in the same year.

Horace M. Lowry was reared at Indiana, where he received his education in the public schools of that place. He assisted his father in the publication of the *Indiana Times* until the death of the latter, in 1886, when he succeeded him as editor and publisher of the paper. Mr. Lowry has successfully kept the *Times* up to the demands of what a county paper should be, has always yielded the full and proper measure of support to his party and has never allowed any department of news, local or general, to be slighted in its presentation to the public through the *Times*. As a citizen Mr. Lowry takes a deep interest and just price in the advance of his native county, and as an editor he is zealous in advocating and supporting all movements for the benefit of the borough and the county.