

HORACE M. LOWRY, of the borough of Indiana, has been editor and publisher of the *Indiana Times* since 1886, when he succeeded his father, except for six years during which he was in public service. The father was one of the founders of the paper, whose first number appeared Sept. 4, 1878

Mr. Lowry is a native of Indiana county, born in Clarksburg, in Conemaugh township, Feb. 23, 1856, son of John and Nancy (McCartney) Lowry. The family has long been established in this part of Indiana, Joseph Lowry, grandfather of Horace M. Lowry, having come from eastern Pennsylvania and settled in South bend township, Armstrong county, in 1773. His tract of 107 acres was one of the original tracts of land first taken up in that township. He served many years as justice of the peace, and in that capacity married more couples than any other "squire" in the county.

John Lowry, son of Joseph Lowry, was born Jan. 25, 1832, near the village of South bend, and supplemented the education obtained in the common schools by instruction under private tutors. He read law in the office of Hon. William M. Stewart and Hon. Silas M. Clark, and latter a judge of the Supreme court, and was admitted to the Indiana county bar in 1860. In 1862 he became district attorney, serving as such until 1865. In 1866 he was elected county prothonotary, and held that office until 1873. In 1882 he became a member of the State Legislature and served two successive terms, being honored with re-election in 1884. he gave notably good service to his constituents, was chairman of the committee on Constitutional Reform, and did credit to the district he represented throughout the four years of his membership in that body. Meantime, associated with J. C. Rairigh, he had founded the *Indiana Times*, whose initial number, as stated, appeared Sept. 4, 1878. The partnership did not last long, Mr. Lowry purchasing Mr. Rairigh's interest Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> following, and he continued to be sole proprietor of the paper from that time until his death, which occurred April 23, 1886. in this relation to the community, as in every other, he demonstrated a degree of ability and public spirit which entitled him to leadership. He was loyal to the interests of his party, the Republican, to which he was able to render valuable service through the columns of his paper, which became one of the influential journals of the county, reliable for its news and to be depended upon in the encouragement and support of the best interests of the public.

In 1855 Mr. Lowry married Nancy McCartney, daughter of John and Sarah (Coleman McCartney, the former of whom was born in 1808 on what is now the State experimental farm near Indiana, and was a merchant for forty years at Clarksburg. His father, Samuel McCartney, who came from eastern Pennsylvania, married Nancy Young, a native of Maryland; they both died in 1815, of black fever.

Horace M. Lowry was reared at Indiana and obtained his education in the public schools there. Throughout his business life he has been associated with the *Times*, having begun work as his father's assistant and continued the paper as his successor after his death. He is thoroughly adapted for the work, by both nature and training, and has been public spirited in using his paper as the medium of an influence which has been materially felt in the progress and

advance of this section. The paper itself is kept up to modern standards, its material moral and literary make-up, as well as the spirit which animates all departments, showing that the editor is thoroughly abreast of the times.

In 1902 Mr. Lowry was elected to the office of register of wills and recorder of deeds for Indiana county, in which capacity he served two terms—six years—acceptably to the patrons of the office. At the close of his official term he resumed his duties as editor of the *Times*.

In 1891 Mr. Lowry was married to Margaret Ella Beatty, daughter of Richard and Eliza (Wilson) Beatty, of Wilkinsburg, Allegheny Co., Pa. Mr. Beatty for many years was engaged in the wholesale commission business in Pittsburgh, and was widely known throughout western Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry have had three children: Horace, born in 1893, who died in infancy; Elizabeth McCartney, born in 1896; and John Beatty, born in 1899.