

HONESTY IN JOURNALISM.

Were it not for the exceedingly dishonest and ill-bred tone of its leading editorial it would be but natural to suppose that the *Journal's* office boy had been turned loose on the fourth page of that paper yesterday. In bad English the *Journal* attempts to show that THE TIMES is not friendly to the people of Oklahoma.

The *Journal*, as well as the reading public, knows that THE TIMES has been foremost in its demand for the fullest investigation and the prompt punishment of all frauds and outrages connected with the opening of the Cherokee Strip, without regard to who may be implicated. It knows, too, that THE TIMES has steadily labored for the protection of the rights of the honest homeseeker.

In another column THE TIMES republishes the *Journal's* editorial with THE TIMES' demand for an investigation of all alleged frauds and outrages committed in the Territory by "sooners," government employes or soldiers. It also gives an extract from an Associated Press dispatch containing the only reference ever made in its columns to Mr. Flynn's resolution, showing the mendacity of the *Journal* and the littleness of its effort to curry favor with the public by assuming a rectitude whose only basis is a misrepresentation.

This is the *Journal's* habit. For months it has been engaged in a campaign of misrepresentation in its discussion of financial issues, and has labored with all its little might to thicken the gloom of misinformation upon questions in which the people are most interested and upon the decision of which the prosperity of its constituency and of the whole country most depends.

Will the *Journal* ever learn that a straightforward, honest course is as necessary to success and influence in journalism as in any other kind of business?