

**MAY 15, 1879.**

**APERTURBANCE IN THE INDIAN RING.**

The Indian Bureau has taken sudden alarm at the decision of Judge DUNDY. The *Chicago Times* slops and sloshes around at the opinion without pretending to even state what the opinion is, or the principle upon which it was made. The telegrams inform us this morning that the idea prevails in Washington the Judge DUNDY has knocked the infamies called the Indian policy of highway robbery into everlasting smithereens, and takes about the same idiotic view of Judge DUNDY's decision that the *Chicago Times* has done.

Let the Washington herd of lawless reprobates hold their peace for a while. They forget that the very purpose for which the holy writ of *habeas corpus* was invoked for the protection of STANDING BEAR and his people was not to violate but to vindicate the laws, and the rights of an oppressed people under the laws, and the rights of an oppressed people under the laws. Send out your big Judges like Miller and Dillon to revise Judge DUNDY, if you will. They may not prove to be the serfs of corrupt power that they are assumed to be by its beastly autocrats at Washington. Their wrongs of Government upon these Ponca Indians are lawless wrongs. They are monstrous wrongs. They cry to Heaven for redress from the lips of millions of good men and women all over our land, and a growing public opinion demands justice for a helpless and defenceless people. Judges Miller and Dillon are obviously sent here in the hope that they will remand the Indians to the remorseless rule under which they have so long suffered. Will they do it? Will they crush these remnants of a robbed and wronged and perishing race of men under technical constructions of law, and thus deprive them of that personal liberty which is the greatest of earthly possessions, to gratify the whims of their cold-blooded mercenaries and autocrats of power who have despoiled them of everything else?

But there is a higher court than the "full Bench" that is to rehear this case in Omaha, and there is grit enough, and humanity enough, and money enough in this part of the West, in our opinion, to make appeal to it, if appeal shall be necessary. This fight for human liberty and rights must go on, no matter who stands at the door.

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