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Old Chief Standing Bear.

Standing Bear, who died last month at his home on the Niobrara river near Niobara, Neb., was a well known Indian chief of the Ponca tribe. In 1877 Carl Schurz, then Secretary of the Interior, ordered the Poncas removed from their Nebraska reservation to Indian Territory, where a new reservation was set apart for them. Here they were left to begin life all over again.

They remained without any means of support and underwent untold misery until 1879, when many of them fell victims to disease and died.

Among the number that died was a son of Standing Bear. Standing Bear resolved to go back to his ancestral burying ground in Nebraska.

It is said that Standing Bear made a public speech to his people, declaring his intention to go back to Nebraska. When he started for there about 30 of his tribesmen followed him.

The Department dispatched General Cooke with a detachment of soldiers to arrest the Indians. They were not overtaken, however, until they reached the Omaha reservation, when they were

placed under arrest and taken to Fort Omaha to await further orders.

On arriving at Omaha under arrest, in charge of soldiers, a writ of habeas corpus was sued out. It was at this time that Hon. John L. Webster and Hon. A. J. Poppleton stepped in and volunteered their services on behalf of the Poncas, which was heard before Judge Dundy in May 2, 1879, and after careful hearing the Indian were released from custody.

Soon after he was released, Standing Bear toured the New England states and other eastern states until 1883, arousing public sympathy and sentiment in favor of his people. The result was that he was given back the reservation in Nebraska.

During his eastern tour he was accompanied by Mrs. Susette LaFlesche Tribbles, better known as Bright Eyes, and her husband.

It is said that Standing Bear during his tour in the East met and found a sympathetic ear with Miss Alcott, Edward Everett Hale, Wendell Phillips, Longfellow, Whittier, Holmes, and other famous people of letters.—Winnebago Chieftain.