

ON TO WASHINGTON

The Chiefs from Standing Rock go East to Visit Grover and Talk
over the Treaty.

A number of Sioux chiefs were in St. Paul yesterday, en route from the Standing Rock agency to meet the great father and the great council at Washington. They are interested in the proposed treaty for opening the reservation. Agent McLaughlin was in charge of the party, and Louis Primeaux acts as interpreter. At Chicago sixty-four chiefs will meet, and the entire party journey on to Washington. Those composing the St. Paul party are: Sitting Bull, John Grass, Mad Bear, Big Head, Two Bears, Thunder Hawk, Bear's Rib, High Eagle, High Bear, Gray Eagle, Fire Heart, Walking Eagle and Hairy Chin. They stopped at the Sherman house yesterday and attracted considerable attention. Most of them wore store clothes, and Sitting Bull apes the white man quite thoroughly. He has been East before, and enjoys the trip. He is fifty-six years old and is not so much a warrior as a diplomat among his people. John Grass, the leader of the tribe, is an orator of the Logan style and the most influential man in the nation. Mad Bear is a bloated monopolist among the Indians, with an avaricious love of gain, and has a great herd of cattle, also a magnificent mansion. John Grass, speaking on the proposed treaty, says that 50 cents an acre is too little and that \$1 an acre would be, but a nominal sum. The government has as yet made no surveys for allotment. There have been no schools and instructors but for ten years of the twenty promised by the treaty of 1868.

"The treaty of 1870 by which we ceded the Black Hills country," said Grass, "provides for our subsistence for such a length of time as may be required, as, after specifying certain rations agreed upon, it says, 'such rations, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall