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Mr. W. S. Campbell:

After you went, looking up notes and thinkin over, I see that the "torture" Red Nail (Wasu Luta) referred to when he was about 6 years old was as follows, viz: Some Western Sioux boys stole into the cornfields of the Cheyenne and swiped corn, and when they were caught at it, wawhide strings were tied tight around their thumbs and they were told to run home to their camp (about a mile away) and have them cut off before they died from pain.

The one about the Crow Woman being almost burned alive by mad Sioux women, for being a Witko (whore), was when Red Nail, born 1833, was about 14 years old. Red Nail always told me that Sitting Bull was two or three years older than he was.

So it is not impossible that Sitting Bull fired the arrow, to end the poor woman's life before the hysterical Sioux woman burned her alive. Or it may be that this knidly deed has been, by some, attributed to Sitting Bull, similarly as many things are attributed to one who becomes well-known.

Sincerely

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