recently having had the conceited Sitting Bull before them for assault, the tomahawk with which he attacked his antagonist, Shell King, was confiscated by the court, as was also / (457 picture on 456) Shell King's knife, with which he attempted to strike Sitting Bull."

Matters kept on in the even tenor of their way, the Indians slowly making progress, but with very few events which are worthy of note. On Sunday morning, July 29, 1888, Struck by the Ree, familiarly known as Old Strike, the chief of the Yanktons, died at Yankton agency. He was an extraordinary man, possessing honesty and excellent judgment, and he adhered to the provisions of their treaty of 1858 with a fidelity which amounted to a religious zeal. He was almost fanatical in this particular. He was opposed to progress and education, and in council made a strong speech against patronizing schools, but when the agent showed him the treaty in which he had agreed to provide for schools, he immediately hitched up his team and drove all over the agency compelling the people to send in all their children to school, and the institution was soon filled to overflowing. His influence was not confined to the Yankton branch of the Sioux. He was often consulted by other chiefs, and messengers setn a long distance to obtain his views on important matters. We have seen how he steadfastly supported the whites during the war of the outbreak. It was announced that he was more than 90 years of age at his death, but as a matter of fact he was precisely 84 years of age, having been born at Yankton on the 29th day of August, 1804, while Lewis and Clark were in council there with his people. He was a Catholic, but at his request his funeral sermon was preached by Rev. John P. Williamson, from the text, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

Oh yes, Lewis & Clark!

During this year a new effort was made to secure a treaty for the opening of the reservation, but the commissioners were unable to secure the necessary signatures from the Indians for the purpose, all of the old leaders like Red Cloud, Man Afraid, and Sitting Bull opposing the treaty. In the summer of