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**January 6 (Lewis):** We caught in a trap a large gray wolf, and last night obtained in the same way a fox which had for some time infested the neighborhood of the fort. Only a few Indians visited us to-day.

**January 7 (Clark):** Big White Chef...Dined with us, and gave me a sketch of the Country as far as the high mountains... I continue to Draw a connected plote from the information of Traders, Indians & my own observation & idea

**January 8 (Lewis):** Besides the buffalo-dance...there is the medicine-dance...given by another person desirours of doing honor to his medicine or genius. [*“Medicine” was the Indian word for things amazing or incomprehensible.*] He announces that on such a day he will sacrifice his horses or other property, and invites the young females...to assist in rendering homage...the dance is reserved for the virgins, or at least the unmarried females, who disdain the incumbrance or the ornament of dress.

**January 9 (Clark):** Several Indians Call at the Fort nearly frozed, one man reported that he had Sent his Son a small boy to the fort about 3 oClock, & was much distressed at not finding him here.

**January 10 (Clark):** the murkery this morning Stood at 40° below 0... about 10 oclock the boy about 13 years of age Came to the fort with his feet frozed and had layen out last night without a fire with only a Buffalow Robe to cover him...a man came in who had also Stayed out without fire, and verry thinly Clothed, this man was not the least injured – Customs & the habits of those people has ancered to bare more Cold than I thought it possible for man to indure.

**January 11 (Lewis):** We dispatched three hunters to join the same number whom we had sent below about seven miles to hunt elk. Like that of yesterday, the weather to-day was cold and clear, the thermometer standing at 38° below zero.

**January 12 (Lewis):** The weather continues very cold, the mercury at sunrise being 20° below zero. Three of the hunters returned, having killed three elk.

**January 13 (Lewis):** Nearly one-half of the Mandan nation passed down the river to hunt for several days. In these excursions, men, women, and