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Kelly Yellowhead, Informant

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Field worker

Kelly Yellowhead is 49 years old. He was born here on Polecat Creek right near Heyburn, the old Indian trading post, and he has lived here all of his life.

He is telling me about the Peyote religion among the Euchee Indians.

He is saying that the Kiowa Indians had given the Indians here what is known as a bitter herb. The Indians called this herb, Peyote. The Kiowa Indians had used it for 60 years or longer and he is saying that this herb is for the Indians to use to build up their body and mind toward God Almighty. The Indians used this herb to heal sick people among Indians.

In later years there are a few white people that used this herb also. The white people have advanced in this Peyote religious worship. Our white brother has taken up the Peyote religion worship among the Indians and he says there are white people who conduct themselves the way the Indian does. And, also, our white brother can sing the song of the Indian language and make it good.

This herb has helped many a person in health. The Indians usually put up a tepee tent to worship their God and also eat of the bitter herb for the good of their bodies and minds and also to thank God for this herb.

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It is in cactus form and looks like a radish when it is green, and when it is dried it looks like a dried peach, as Mr. Kelly Yellowhead is saying at this time about this Peyote herb.