

Mingo and North East Bates.
 A happy New Year to all. May we faithfully keep all of those good resolutions.
 The Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist Church were attended by a large crowd, Santa Claus being one of the very interesting features. The program was well rendered, and all present enjoyed the evening.
 Miss Zula Pelley came down from Kansas City last week to spend a few days with home folks.
 Mrs. Russell is visiting in Kansas City and Moberly.
 Fayette says disappointments are a man of a fellow.
 The box supper at McKinley school was a success. On account of teacher, S. E. Smith, being sick and unable to attend, Mr. Coonrod, the former teacher, took charge and managed the program with his usual success. Col. Ben Harrison gave boxes, which together with the boxes brought the sum of \$51.70. You have a sale, give Harrison a trial. He always gets results.
 Prof. P. M. Allison was in Mingo the first of the week meeting Democrats. He seems to be a very agreeable gentleman and well qualified for the position to which he aspires. He will, no doubt, have a large following in the race for County Superintendent of Schools.
 Edwin Kanady is visiting at R. S. Snow's this week.
 Charley Robinson will soon have his barn finished.
 Prof. Coonrod, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity, went home last Monday.
 Mrs. T. R. Staley and two sons went to Cass county last Sunday for a few days' visit.
 S. E. Smith is reported as improving slowly at this writing.

R. S. Snow and son hauled wood last Monday.
 What has become of the "spelling contest in Mingo? Have all the teachers forgotten about it?
 Did it ever occur to you that the person who "gathers news" and then goes and tells it to your neighbor or friend for the purpose of creating an ill-feeling between you, is about the worst emissary of the Devil that is running loose?
 Judge Smith is attending court this week. This finishes his services as County Judge, as his successor takes charge of the office Jan. 1, 1909.
 Sheriff Bullock was in this vicinity the first of the week.
 Richard Sheppard and his mother, Mrs. Covey, have been visiting relatives in this vicinity.
 Did you see Joe Mills present the cake? He possessed the chivalry of a Knight of the Middle Ages.
 It is getting about time for the weather man to "turn things loose."
 If you have a good horse to sell, see John Crust.
 Did Santa Claus come to visit you? He left a large hole in "Your Aunt's" stocking.
 The Misses Dale, Asbury and McClenny are taking vacation this week.
 AUNT JEMIMA.

Ballard Notes.
 The Christmas entertainment and tree at Oak Hill drew a large crowd, and every one had a good time.
 Prof. J. W. Harrison left Sunday for Western Kansas. His pupils at Fairview will have a week's vacation during his absence.
 Mrs. B. W. Davidson and children are visiting at her old home in Ralls county.
 Earl Anderson, who is attending school at Fulton, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Anderson.
 Misses Virgie Christie and Maud Green spent Christmas Day with friends at Archie, Mo.
 George Stevens is moving to the old Dr. Warford place, which he recently purchased from Brush Point, Mo.
 Grant Holliman and family have moved to Hamburg, Iowa, where he will take charge of a feed yard.
 Mr. Gloyd, who purchased the place, moved in last week.
 J. O. Maderias has sold his farm to Marion Catron, of Elk Fork. Mr. M. has gone to Kansas to look out a location.
 Dr. Miller was called to see Geo. Johnson, who was quite sick the last of the week.
 Misses Eva and Nannie Asbury spent Christmas at home. Miss Eva is teaching near Warrensburg and Miss Nannie in Cass Co.
 T. D. Embree, wife and baby spent a few days with her father, D. Teeter, last week.
 Mrs. M. S. Kelsey and children, Mrs. M. A. Richardson and children, of Butler, and Carl Decker and wife, of Shawnee, visited at the home of W. D. Kelsey Sunday.
 Ora Evans and wife, of St. Louis, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Evans.
 Mrs. Edgington, of Butler, is visiting relatives northeast of town.
 J. E. Owen, of Altona, purchased two teams of young mules from J. B. Hays.
 The proceeds from the box supper at Edwards was about thirty-two dollars. The cake went to Miss Minnie Christie as the most popular lady.
 A watch service will be held at Walnut Grove church Thursday night. Everybody invited to attend.
 BELLE.

Virginia.
 James Park, W. J. Smith, Charley Wers, Clark Draper and Elmer Norris were turning the ground over Christmas day getting ready to grow a big crop of corn in 1909.
 Geo. Zinn had a big crowd of his friends to help him eat Christmas dinner.
 Thoms Hockett's new blacksmith shop is a beauty and nearly completed. Mr. Hockett will soon be ready to do all kinds of blacksmith work.
 John Hedger and wife spent Christmas at Merwin with John Hussey.
 Cyrus Nestlerode and family, of Elkhart, ate dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Nestlerode, Christmas.
 Will Durst and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Durst's parents, C. A. Wallace at Amoret.
 Do not forget the ladies aid of the M. E. church gathering at Mrs. Will McKibbens Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31. A good time is expected. Bring your money for a lunch and see Aaron if he should happen to be there, and hear the past events of 1908 talked over and the promises to do better the coming year, all of which will be interesting to everyone.
 Do not forget the grand supper of the ladies of the Christian church the night of December 31. The last supper was stormed out. A good time is expected for all. Perhaps the newly married couple will be present, if you want to see them come to the supper. It may be the last chance you will get to see them for a while.
 Dow Wolfe, of Kansas City, Fred Drysdale, of Bramer, Mo., and Volny McFadden arrived in Park Town Thursday afternoon to spend their Christmas. Dow with his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wolfe and Fred with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Park, and other relatives and friends. Dow returned to the city Monday where he is in the real estate business with Blanchert & Klipp.
 The Christmas exercises at both the churches Christmas eve were good. The little folks did their best and were well paid in nice presents and they were as happy as could be.
 Willie and Albert Hensley, of Kansas City, were at the Christmas doings in Virginia Christmas eve.
 Geo. Harper, of Ohio, spent Christmas with his brother, Judge R. F. Harper.
 A fine vein of coal has been found near Virginia.
 The would-be-to-be candidates for office Charlotte township next spring are already plentiful.
 Isaac Lockridge is the champion debator in Elkhart township.
 Ed. Smith, the mail carrier on route 5, sent through the mail to all of his patrons on his route a nice post card Christmas with the picture of his mail wagon, horse, house and himself. It was a natural picture and a nice Christmas present and was gladly received. Ed. has been a faithful carrier, a clever gentleman and well liked by all his patrons.
 The German people northwest of Virginia had a fine entertainment at their church Christmas night. There is but two nights in the year when they have night gatherings and they appear to enjoy good health and have money to carry on their church work. They sleep and give rest to their body and mind and thus prepare both for labor.
 It seems strange to Aaron that when the boys come back to their old home all that seems to interest them is to talk to the girls.
 Miss Nora Jundy and Mr. C. S. Layon, of Cartersville, Mo., were married Christmas day by Rev. Shelton at his home in Butler. Aaron wishes them a long and happy life. Miss Nora was a good girl and an accomplished young lady. She has many warm friends around Virginia who extend congratulations. They left for their new home Monday morning.
 Dr. Smith reports old Mr. Dickerson very sick. He is past 80 years of age.
 Henry Wemas who has been on the sick list is slowly improving.
 The school teachers in Charlotte township will meet at Grandview school house next Saturday, Jan. 2, at 2 p. m. to discuss the Reading Circle work and other school mat-

ters. All teachers and persons interested in school work are cordially invited to attend.
 GRACE DARR, Pres.
 BONNIE WOLFE, Sec.
 Endeavor at the Virginia Christian church next Sunday evening at 6:30 Topic: The Duty of Making Resolutions. (Acts 11:19-23) (Josh. 24:14-25) Leader, Lee Hardfinger.
 G. W. Park and Son have some choice Duroc Jersey gilts and a few extra young males for sale.
 Mrs. Lou Garner is improving and doing fine.
 Thomas Hockett and wife visited at Belton three days last week with his wife's daughter, Mrs. Burris, who lives there. Aaron is acquainted with them. Mr. Burris bought hogs from Aaron years ago. Mr. Hockett says he had a pleasant visit while there. Of course, Mr. Hockett is of that kind, always enjoys himself where ever his lot is cast. He will be ready to work in his blacksmith shop soon.
 Miss Maddy teacher of Platoview school asks us to say that they will have a box supper Thursday night Jan. 7, 1909. All are invited to come with your gals and buy a box and have a good time. If Aaron should happen to go he will get a box for writing this notice and it will be gotten up by the best looking woman that will be there.
 Dr. Smith's father and sister from near Lebanon, Mo., are visiting him for a few days.
 William Wirtge of Kit Carson, Colorado is visiting Charley Wolf for a few days. Mr. Wolf is hauling him round in his fine carriage amongst his old neighbors. Mr. Wirtge left this vicinity about 25 years ago for the west. We learn he has done well, one corner of his farm joins the Union Pacific R. R.
 This closes the year 1908. Aaron has done his best to give the people far away the news of Virginia and its surroundings politically and the religion of the neighborhood and how it works with the people, how they love each other and how they help build up each other in the cause of the Master. We have told them how they treated the little Local Option girl until she passed over to the better land where the good people are free from the liquor effects and where Christian people do not fight the ones that are voting against the saloon. AARON.

He Paid the Forfeiture.
 It is not often that one pays a forfeiture willingly even gladly, and yet that is what Wesley Denton, cashier of the Peoples Bank, did when he provided two fine holiday turkeys, one each for J. R. Jenkins President, and C. A. Lane, Vice President of that institution. It came about in this wise. A few months ago Mr. Jenkins, elated with the phenomenal success of this new institution, predicted that by Christmas day the deposits of the Peoples Bank would reach one hundred thousand dollars. Wesley combatted this prediction and further said that if it came true, he would make Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Lane, each a present of the finest turkey the market afforded. Well, Wesley bought the turkeys, and he says he never paid an obligation more cheerfully in his life. At the close of business on Thursday, Dec. 24th, it was discovered that the deposits lacked only a few dollars of reaching \$100,000. Mr. Lane had his turkey on Christmas day and Mr. Jenkins enjoyed his on Monday, and as Wesley was the guest of honor at both feasts, it was not such a bad deal for him after all. The Peoples Bank is to be congratulated upon the magnificent showing it has made in the short period of five months it has been established. The officers in charge are recognized among our best business men and conservative financiers.
 Col. C. E. Robbins went to Independence, Mo., on Wednesday to attend the Missouri Auctioneers Association, being held at that place the last of this week. Col. Robbins always attends these meetings, and never misses an opportunity to secure pointers that will be of benefit to his patrons. He takes great pride in his profession and keeps fully abreast of the times, and realizes the importance of an exchange of ideas with live and successful auctioneers from other sections.
 Christian Church, Butler, Mo., will begin a series of meetings Sunday, Jan. 3, to continue as long as the interest demands. A. N. Lindsey, of Clinton one of the strong preachers of the state, is to be here on Monday, Jan. 4, to occupy the pulpit while the meeting continues. Mr. Lindsey has been very successful both as pastor and Evangelist. He is especially successful with men. You and your friends are cordially invited to attend these meetings.
 J. R. MAYFIELD, Minister.

Real Estate Transfers.
 O. T. Timmons to F. H. Holtman 40 a sec 22 Deer Creek \$2000.
 J. F. Belangy to Lavelle Argenbright lot 6 blk 5 Standish's add to Hume \$500.
 Geo. W. Blair to Wm C. McGinnis 4 1/2 a sec 14 Lone Oak \$1885.
 E. L. Moulton to R. L. Moore 320 a sec 28 Grand River \$26,500.
 S. L. Standish to H. H. Spencer lots 8-9-10-11 blk 5 Standish's add to Hume \$140.
 H. K. Spencer to A. Miller and wife lots 8-9-10-11 blk 5 Standish's add to Hume \$225.

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