

THE SPEN VALLEY RAILWAY.—Last evening, at a meeting of the Cleckheaton Chamber of Commerce, Mr. B. H. Goldthorpe presiding, Mr. Rawdon Thornton stated that, with regard to the new line of railway proposed to be constructed by the London and North-Western Railway Company from Heaton Lodge through the Spen Valley, only a portion of the route had been surveyed, and he gave as the proposed route what he said had been taken from the surveyor's plans. The new line, he said, is to commence at Heaton Junction, below the Navigation Inn, Mirfield, to proceed from thence to Turngate, Mirfield, on to Northorpe, and direct to the Liversedge Sewage Works, running between the caretaker's house and the residence of Mr. Josiah Rhodes; then across the valley to Coley Hill (crossing the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway line), running about 100 yards above the Heckmondwike Church, then direct by a tunnel to the residence of Dr. Broughton, into the garden at Mount Pleasant, then direct to the point of Mr. James Penny's house and behind Mr. Edward Firth's house in Leeds-road, also at the back of Mr. James S. Cooke's house, to the White Hart Inn, Littletown, where a station is marked. The line then is to cross Listing-lane just behind the Royds, and in front of the Walsh Houses; then to Spen, round in front of Spen Mills. After that it is to take round the Round Hill and to Gomersal; this is about as far as the survey has been made.—Mr. Thornton considered the route very satisfactory so far as Cleckheaton was concerned; it would be a very advantageous route as regards passenger and goods traffic for the district.—The Chairman stated there was not the slightest doubt that it would be to the interest of the Chamber to induce the London and North-Western Railway Company to touch Cleckheaton as far as possible.—The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Colonel Brooke, as chairman of the Yorkshire board of directors, with the object of obtaining an interview for the Chamber.