

THEFT OF NEWSPAPERS.—Yesterday, at the West Riding Police-court, Dewsbury, two little boys, named Montrose Drake and John Cheevers, deserters from the Leeds Ragged School, were severally charged with stealing a number of *Leeds Mercury* newspapers, the property of Thomas Rogers, newsagent, Mirfield. It appeared from the evidence that on Tuesday last the prisoners, in company with another boy also of the Ragged School, loitered about Mirfield Station, and when the prosecutor's errand boy put the papers in a barrow at the bottom of the station steps and proceeded to fetch the others, the prisoners took the papers away, and afterwards began selling them. The justices ordered each prisoner to receive ten strokes with a birch rod, and they were afterwards taken back to the Leeds Ragged School.