

THE NEW LINE THROUGH THE SPEN VALLEY TO LEEDS.—At a meeting of the Heckmondwike Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night, Mr. W. E. Firth, the president, in the chair, Mr. Joseph Stead (hon. secretary) reported that he had communicated with the secretary to the London and North-Western Railway Company, inquiring whether there was any truth in the rumour that they intended constructing a branch line from Heaton Lodge, Mirfield, across a portion of Spen Valley, to Leeds, but he had received no reply. The Council were unanimously agreed as to the desirability of the project, and the opinion was expressed that a new line of the sort indicated would be remunerative to the company and an inestimable boon to the public.—It was eventually resolved, on the motion of Ald. T. F. Firth, J.P., seconded by Mr. S. Wood, to memorialise the directors of the London and North-Western Railway Company to promote the construction of the suggested line, and to ask the Birstall and the Morley Chambers of Commerce to do likewise; and also to invite the co-operation in the matter of the Local Boards of Health in the districts interested.—Ald. Firth suggested that Mr. Maddock be asked whether any speedy action were likely to be taken between the Lancashire and Yorkshire and the Great Northern Railway Companies with regard to the Dewsbury junction, as communication by that route with Batley and with Leeds would be of great benefit to the district.—The Secretary promised to comply with the suggestion.