

Murray presiding—Stewart Scott, 13 years of age, and Peter Clark, 10 years of age, pleaded guilty to having stolen from one or more mineral waggons, while lying at the goods station, between the 30th ult. and 3d inst., four iron standard plates, six screw nails, and one bolt. The Procurator-Fiscal stated that this was one of the most ingenious and extraordinary cases of theft that had occurred in the burgh for many years, and considerable damage might have been done had the waggons been used before the theft was noticed. Both boys had previous convictions recorded against them. Clark was sentenced to receive six stripes with a birch rod, and Scott ten days' imprisonment, afterwards to be sent three years to the Kibble Reformatory at Paisley.