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SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

REDWOOD CITY, Oct. 4.—A grass fire broke out in **Union Cemetery** about 9 o'clock this morning and before the city fire department could stay the flames nearly a fourth of the beautiful cemetery had suffered damage. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The fire was discovered by some of the residents who live in the neighborhood of the cemetery and they notified the fire department by telephone. Many citizens also responded to the call and succeeded in confining the flames to the northwest corner of the cemetery by beating them with brush and wet sacks.

Many beautiful plats were completely spoiled by the flames, which destroyed the shrubbery and burned the ornamental fences about the graves, while in other places many of the stones were badly cracked and broken by the heat.

The potter's field was entirely burned over and the headboards, which were recently put up by the county, giving the names and as much data as could be gathered about each of the dead, were completely destroyed.

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YOUNG VANDALS ADMIT GUILTY.

REDWOOD CITY, Oct. 7.—Frank and Joseph Herm, the little sons of A. Herm, who were arrested Saturday for destroying the stones and fences in **Union Cemetery**, have admitted that they played truant from school on Friday, went to the cemetery to smoke cigarettes and then destroyed the fences.

SHERIFF FINDS NEW WAY TO PUNISH YOUNG OFFENDERS

**Youths Are Given a Good Whipping
and Told to Warn Other
Boys.**

REDWOOD CITY, Oct. 14.—Sheriff Mansfield has adopted a whipping post in connection with the County Jail which will be used in the future as a means of punishment for a number of young street urchins ranging from 10 to 15 years of age, who have given the authorities much trouble of late. The first to sample the Sheriff's new device was Frank Herm, who was arrested on Saturday with his brother Joe for destroying the headstones in **Union Cemetery**. The other boy, who was up for his first offense, watched the punishment meted out to his brother and both were told to warn the others boys of the punishment they would receive should they be caught away from school.