

IT WAS LIVELY.

Chinese Question in the Woman's Congress.

LITERATURE THE SUBJECT.

But Mrs. Carr Reflected on the Orientals.

IS A PERMANENT ASSOCIATION.

Literary and Art Questions That Were Discussed by Able Speakers at Yesterday's Session.

It was only the presence of mind of Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, acting as chairman, that prevented a pretty fight being precipitated in the Woman's Congress yesterday afternoon on the Chinese question.



FRONT ROW AT THE WOMEN'S CONGRESS.

and dwelt on the combination of conditions found in European countries and in the natural conditions of this coast. The essayist prophesied that the coast would some day be the home of the artist, the novelist, the plain liver and the high thinker.

are Chinese. They are certainly the best—beg your pardon," interrupted a lady in the middle of the audience, "would you kindly tell us what is the literary outlook for the Chinese?"

Convulsive roars of laughter shook the audience and drowned the reply of Mrs. Buckingham for the moment. The lady waited until the confusion subsided. "I could even do that," she said majestically, "in a little story had I the time, but I haven't."

opment of future genius as California. It lies with ourselves to apply the law to literature and show that beauty is God. Mrs. Carr said the paper answered almost every paper read in the Congress. Originality was necessary to build up a literature.

In the morning session Mrs. Sarah Gamble read the first paper devoted to "Pictorial and Applied Art." Her theme was "Painting." She sketched the careers of those women who have been identified with art.

Mrs. Frances G. Vance read a paper on "Sculpture," she said, is an evolution, less the child of beauty than of the soul. Modern sculpture, though often short of an ideal in its form, is a high ambition. The purpose of sculpture is eminently heroic.

RESULT OF THE CONGRESS. A Permanent Association Organized Yesterday. After the Woman's Congress was called to order yesterday afternoon Mrs. Ada C. Bowles read the constitution of the "Woman's Congress Association," which she considered one of the most important results of the congress.

GARROTERS' WORK

William Becker Choked and Robbed.

The Crime Committed on New Montgomery Street, Near the Palace Hotel.

William Becker, a farm laborer employed at Felton, in Santa Rosa County, came to this city Friday afternoon to see the sights and exchange his cash for experience.

Becker made his way to the old City Hall, and reported the robbery to the police. He was told that officers would be detailed to capture the thieves. He was delighted, and said he would procure a revolver and capture them himself if they came in his way.

Textbook Conference. An interesting programme for the textbook conference to be held at Golden Gate Hall on May 11 and 12 in connection with the educational congress has been prepared.

Joseph Macdonough Sues. Joseph Macdonough has sued the San Francisco and San Mateo Railroad Company for \$11,725, alleged to be due him for services rendered. Interest is demanded from the 1st of the present month.

A. N. Levy Fails. A. N. Levy, furniture-dealer, has filed a petition in insolvency. He owes \$3498 50, while his assets consist of household furniture and wearing apparel valued at \$90.

When the Girl is changed into a woman, the matter of utmost importance to her is the regularity with which nature purifies her system. She should avoid retention, suppression, or irregularity. When nature is balked, the blood becomes poisoned, heart, lungs, and kidneys effected, and you have a wreck of a beautiful life to mourn.

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