

BRAVERY REWARDED

A YOUTHFUL HERO HIGHLY HONORED.

Gifts to J. M. Long for Courage During the Clement School Fire.

James Madison Long, the fourteen-year-old boy who rescued flaxen-haired Mabel Barnert when she lay on the floor overcome with fright and exhaustion during the progress of the Clement Grammar School fire last Friday, received two handsome tributes to his heroism yesterday.

The Underwriters' Fire Patrol, recognizing the rare courage of the youth, had arranged to show their appreciation of his act, and to that end the pupils were requested at noon to march out into the yard back of the schoolhouse.

Not one of the boys and girls was more surprised at this unusual request than Master James himself, who never thought his act of bravery of enough importance to tell his father of it.

President F. A. Hyde of the Board of Education opened the exercises with an address to the children, dwelling at length on the boy's brave act and pointing out the lessons in life to be learned therefrom.

The pupils then saluted the flag as it was raised aloft over the head of the hero of the occasion, and a moment later their voices blended in the inspiring strains of "America."

James Madison Long, commonly known among his classmates as Matt, had been standing with bowed head all the while, hardly knowing where he was or why everybody cheered when his name was mentioned. The surprise reached the climax a moment later, when he was presented, on behalf of the Underwriters' Fire Patrol, with a handsome gold watch, chain and locket. Tiburcio Parrott thought this reward inadequate for so brave a deed, and to it he added a twenty-dollar-gold piece.

Everyone then called for little Mabel Barnert. In a moment she appeared upon the platform, and the jolly little folks cheered again. At the suggestion of a bystander Master Long took her childish form under his arm, as he did during the fire, and bore her from the platform. Three cheers were given for them both, and the exercises were over.

Among those present were: Rudolph Herold, John Scott Wilson, Isidor Gutte and John Cofron of the Underwriters' Patrol and Chief Sullivan of the Fire Department.