

## DROWNED.

### Sad Ending of a Bright and Promising Young Life.

Soon after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while F. L. Gomez, proprietor of the French bakery on Oregon street, and his two nephews, Alfred Veuillez and Henry Gemoets (cousins), were bathing in the Rio Grande, under the railroad bridge between this city and Juarez, the last named young man, while the other two had their attention diverted from him, suddenly disappeared beneath the water. When last seen he was playing with a dog in deep water, and when he sank the dog swam ashore. A large number of Mexicans were bathing near the opposite shore, and when Mr. Gomez called for help several of them swam over and began diving for the body, which they soon found in eight feet of water. As the young man in his dying struggle had seized with both hands some immovable object in the bottom of the pool they had considerable trouble in breaking his hold, and when they got him to the surface he was dead beyond revival.

The body was taken to the undertaking parlors of Emerson & Berrien, where Justice Farrell held an inquest, and a verdict was returned of accidental drowning, it being surmised that deceased was taken with cramp while swimming.

Deceased, Henry Gemoets, was a bright and promising young man but 21 years of age, and reached this city only about three months ago from his native Montsalga, Belgium, where he leaves a father, mother, eight brothers and two sisters. He was learning the baking business under his uncle F. L. Gomez.

The funeral will take place at 3:30 this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Emerson & Berrien, 405 El Paso street.

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(Note: F.L. 'Gomez' is actually F.L. Gemoets, owner of the 'Belgian Bakery'. He was going by 'Gomez' because no one around here could get his name correct, even painting 'Gomez' on his delivery wagon. Shortly after the death of his nephew, he changed the spelling on his wagon to 'Gemoetz'.