

SUICIDE OF O. HECKELMANN

FORMER EL PASOAN DIES BY HIS
OWN HAND.

Shot Himself on the Roof of His Home
in Mexico City Thursday.—Was
Once a Partner of D. W.
Reckhart of This City.

A clear case of acute neurasthenia was the suicide of Otto Heckelmann, an assayer and mining engineer, formerly of El Paso, but lately of Mexico City, member of the firm of Heckelmann & McCann, which occurred in that city last Thursday.

Happy in his home life, prosperous in business, it is clear that Heckelmann had everything to live for, had it not been for the nervous disease which warped his vision of life.

Heckelmann had been giving increased signs of nervous collapse ever since the last 4th of July celebration of the American colony. At that time he was chairman of the refreshment committee and he overworked himself in his efforts to acquit himself satisfactorily, in which he succeeded.

His nervousness preyed upon him and he had various delusions, which led him to suicide to escape them. He shot himself on the roof of his home a few minutes before noon last Thursday.

He had just received a letter from his brother in Germany and his wife was answering it for him, at his request, when she heard the shot.

Otto Heckelmann was the son of a prominent St. Louis physician and G. A. R. man and both his parents still reside there. He was about forty-two years of age. He graduated from the Washington College in St. Louis. He first came to this country about twelve years ago to examine some mines for Senator Tabor of Colorado and after completing the work opened the independent assay office at El Paso with D. W. Reckhart. While a resident at El Paso he married. He had been for the last seven years associated in the assay business with Mr. McCann in Mexico City.