

TWO GANGS OF SAFE CRACKERS

Greenhorns Made a "Water Haul"
At the Burton Coal Com-
pany's Office.

"PROS" GOT \$98 IN 5 MINUTES

Neat Trick Was Turned at W. F. Frank
Produce Company Warehouse
Last Night.

AMATEURS WRECKED THE PLACE

Burton's Safe Was Unlocked but The
Blew it Into Scrap Iron Without
Investigating.

Two gangs of safe crackers are at work in Salt Lake. One is composed of greenhorns; the other of experts or "professionals." This much was demonstrated since last midnight when two safes in the

The safe was unlocked but they did not take the trouble to determine whether it was or not. From the other safe they secured \$98.15. Both cases

are working on them.

ABSOLUTELY WRECKED.

The first cracking job reported occurred at the Burton Coal company

were pried open with a "jimmy" and entrance to the office was gained by breaking open a rear window. The robbers drilled a large hole down through the top of the safe, and with the use of a tin funnel they filled the hole with powder and ignited it.

The report of the explosion was heard for some distance around and people residing in the neighborhood informed the police that it happened about 6 o'clock. No particular attention was paid to it, and residents in the neighborhood did not know what it was.

SAFES WAS UNLOCKED.

While the officers were discussing the matter at police headquarters, the telephone bell rang, and word came from the W. F. Frank Produce company, 11 west First South, that their safe had been blown open and \$98.15 taken.

They first secured a punch, saw chisels and a sledge hammer from a blacksmith shop. Next they pried open a rear window, after first cutting the screen with the punch. The back door was unbarred. The men then went to the front office, where the safe sat immediately next to the window almost on the sidewalk. A dozen cuts with the sledge hammer were made in front of the safe and on top of it to muffle the sound of the explosion. With the sledge hammer the combination dial was knocked off, and the door was forced open. The safe was made. A fuse was attached and the hole plugged up with soap. The explosion was not heard by any one. The

books in the combination were shattered by the blow, the burglar, using the typewriter with three feet of the end, was not even scratched. The innards were now hewn to the safe was the smashed open, and the contents taken out. It is estimated by the thieves that the job did not take five minutes. The tools used by the crackmen were found by Sergt. Eddington. There were the hammer, the soap, the chisels and the punch. The books and papers were untouched. The thieves took cash only.

WOUND EARLY THIS MORNING.

"Business was not very good yesterday," said Mr. Frank this morning. "I had our receipts taken not as large as usual. I intended taking the money sent to the bank, but was detained, and when I went to the bank I found the money had been sent. I, therefore, returned the money to the safe. After the theater last night I came back here

From the work done on the two safes the police are certain that there were two gangs operating here last night. The Burton job was done by men who did not understand the business, they say, while the job at Frank's place was the work of experts.

EVIDENCE OF REPEATING

Both Parties Seem to Have Indulged in It in Denver.

Denver, Dec. 8.—Reports made to the supreme court today by handwriting experts who examined the ballot found in the box from precinct 6, ward 5, disclosed evidences of repeating for both the Democratic and Republican tickets at the late election.

Expert George C. King, employed by the state attorneys reported that of the 36 ballots found in the box 30 with the Democratic heading had been written by 18 persons, one of whom was

been written eight and another five. He said that 22 Republican ballots had been written by 10 individuals. Mr. King noted that the handwriting on some of the ballots was the same as on some ballots from precinct 9, ward 5, which he had previously examined. C. F. Reed, the Democratic expert, reported that he found that 5 Democratic ballots had been voted by 18 persons and 30 Republican ballots by 13 persons.