

Cocentry, the, votes in February 1877

Cocentry the votes for President and Vice  
President of the United States in the house of  
Representatives, for Hayes and Wheeler

For the first time in the  
history of the Senate, was the votes of the  
Several States, carried over from the  
Senate Chamber in wooden Boxes - to  
the House. They were formerly carried over  
in packages tied up with red tape.  
February 9, 1853. I carried the electoral votes over in a Morocco covered box  
and never before, had the person carrying  
them to be guarded, by a guard of  
Police. - on one occasion just

Just before the Senate started to go  
over to the House, there was a friend of  
mine came to me, and told me to be  
on my guard. to look out, that he  
was informed that they some body he  
has not told intended. When he  
reached the rotunda, to shoot  
me and take the boxes and destroy  
the lots I told him I had no  
fears that I did not believe any thing  
of the kind, that the American  
people had now since - then  
to attempt any thing of the kind  
and I was written, now effort was  
made. What ever -

<sup>the</sup> boxes. I handed one to Mr Gerry, as  
he was the originator of them, and he had  
them sent to his home in Michigan -

quite a laughful scene

took place in the House over  
the duplicate returns from the State of Vermont  
the Joint Comtee of both houses refused to receive  
it, and it disappeared very mysteriously. It seems that  
one of the pages of the Senate had possession of it  
and the House demanded him to tell how he  
came in possession of it he refused, and they  
kept him in custody for several days, and  
at last concluded it was of no importance, and  
let him go. His name is George McKear  
He still has it in his possession and  
it has never been open -