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The Fifth Revenue District.

GREENSBORO, Nov. 5.—I have just returned from Winston. Vague rumors are afloat there which indicate that President Arthur is not so favorably impressed with Dr. W. H. Wheeler's management of the collectorship of the Fifth Revenue District, and it seems that considerable doubts exist as to the coming Congress confirming his nomination. These reports have grown out of the continued presence in that city, for several weeks past, of special agents who have been sent down from Washington City by the department to look into the condition of the office. Dr. Wheeler passed through this place last week on his way to Washington, where he is now probably trying to get himself straight with the Administration.

It is said in Winston that Dr. Wheeler, during his last term, kept a "mighty dirty office," and much complaint is heard from the storekeepers about their salaries. It is further asserted that as he appoints incompetent persons to position under him, and as the district is now much larger than formerly, the office has got considerably behind in its business, necessitating excessive night work. And it is even said that the office is occupied on Sunday.

I was told that during his former administration much complaint was made by the storekeepers in the district, because they were not paid off in checks from the Government, but in dribbles and sometimes not at all. George Everett, during his regime, was very careful to pay up promptly and with the checks sent down by the department for that purpose.

I was made to understand that the Everett faction, which apparently has been slumbering submissively and peacefully, but has been working quietly and vigorously, intends to do all in its power to persuade Congress not

to confirm Wheeler's nomination, and, succeeding in this, to urge the appointment of Mr. H. X. Dwire. Mr. Dwire was formerly chief Deputy in Mr. Everett's office. In fact, it is said that he conducted the best part of the business. Before this he held a similar position in Statesville under Cooper. Consequently he is thoroughly familiar with the routine of revenue work, besides being a competent and popular officer.—Correspondence State Chronicle.

North Carolina News.

There is an oak tree in the yard of Mr. Rice P. Matthis, three miles from town, which makes a stretch of 114 feet from tip to tip of its limbs by actual measurement.—Clinton Caucasian.

We are pained to hear of the death of young Joseph Hale, son of Capt. E. J. Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer. He died at Fayetteville yesterday, of pneumonia, aged about 18 years. He was a most exemplary young man, and was greatly admired wherever known. The stricken parents have the sincere sympathy of many friends in this city.—Wilmington Star.

Several hundred N. Y. sportsmen are expected here soon with guns and hounds to spend several weeks in hunting. ... M. Jarrell has erected 19 dog houses to accommodate the hounds brought here by N. Y. sportsmen attending the Field Trial. ... Mr. F. M. Keith has returned from the general Wesleyan Methodist Conference, held at Syracuse, N. Y. He says a bill was passed recommending an appropriation for erecting a Theological College at High Point, to cost \$30,000, and that a committee will visit this place to select a site. Efforts will be made to collect the funds as soon as possible.—High Point Farm and Fireside.

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