PORTFOLIO HOLDERS.

NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT AND READY FOR BUSINESS.

The Senate Meets, Swears in a New Member, Confirms the Nominations, and Adjourns.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Harrison to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations:

SECRETARY OF STATE: JAMES G. BLAINE, of Maine.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY: WILLIAM WINDOM, of Minnesota.

SECRETARY OF WAR: REDFIELD PROCTOR, of Vermont.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY: BENJAMIN F. TRACY, of New York.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR: JOHN W. NOBLE, of Missouri.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL: JOHN WANAMAKER, of Pennsylvania.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL: W. H. H. MILLER, of Indiana.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE: JEREMIAH RUSK, of Wisconsin.

SENATE.

There was no diminution, but rather an increase, to-day of the crowds that have had possession of the Capitol for some days past. Long before noon every seat and standing-place in the galleries was filled, and the corridors and aisles were packed with people anxious to obtain even a peep into the Senate chamber. When Mr. Ingalls entered and took the seat which he used to occupy before being chosen presiding officer he was greeted with a round of applause from the spectators, and a like compliment was paid to Vice-President Morton as he came in with Mrs. Morton.

The opening prayer had allusions to a peaceful and fraternal exchange in the Administration of the Government. After the reading of yesterday's journal Mr. Edmunds reported that the committee which had been appointed yesterday to wait on the President of the United States and inform him of the meeting of the Senate in extraordinary session had performed that duty, and had been informed by the President that he would write to-day communicate with the Senate in writing.

Mr. Cockrell offered a resolution which went over till to-morrow, for the appointment of a committee of five senators on the business of business in the executive departments and the causes of delay in the transaction of business.

Mr. Spooner made the point of order that it is not within the competency of the Senate at this extraordinary session to receive or act upon that resolution. I am quite willing that the point of order shall stand over till to-morrow, and I hope it will then be considered and decided.

Mr. Sherman offered a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the business interests of the country require the prompt action of the Secretary of the Treasury in suspending weekly silver bullion purchases.

Messrs. Coggin and Harris made a point of order on the resolution, the latter stating that it was purely legislative in its character.

Mr. Davis: I will enter objection to its consideration, which will carry it over till to-morrow.

Mr. Harris: There is no objection to that. The resolution is over.

Mr. Davis presented the credentials of Mr. Martin, appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of Mr. Chandler's term, and he was sworn in. The resolutions were read.

Mr. Keyes: I shall make no motion to refer the resolutions to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, simply because on two occasions after a long discussion, the Senate supported by a large majority the question of the power of the Governor of a State to make an appointment under such circumstances as surround this case. But my opinion on that question is unchanged. With my view of the Constitution and of the law I should object to the swearing in of this appointee, but I cannot do it.

Mr. Hoar: I am aware of the great weight of precedent authority that is opposed to the previous decisions of the Senate on this question. But as the Senator from Missouri has stated, the Senate has twice, by large majorities, determined the constitutional question involved here against the views of the minority, composed of senators on both sides of the chamber. I deem it a question so constitutional as to require the Senator from Ohio, the Senator from Massachusetts, the Senator from Missouri, the Senator from Illinois, the Senator from Kansas, the Senator from Nebraska, the Senator from Oregon, the Senator from Nevada, the Senator from Colorado, the Senator from California