

lous centres of this country that some time there will be such a social upheaval as is scarcely dreamed of now. The great cities of Europe are doomed, he thinks, to the visitation of a similar calamity, but that the outbreak here will both be earlier and more furious than there, because of the greater intensification of social wrongs.

In uttering these views Mr. Kenworthy, probably without being fully aware of it, is in line with opinions that have been expressed by numbers of leading American thinkers.

### A SHORT LEGISLATIVE PRAYER.

THE shortest legislative prayer on record was made last week in the Senate branch of the New York Legislature at Albany. It took just five seconds for the minister to say: "O Lord! I invoke Thy divine blessings upon these legislators. Amen!" And for this prayer five dollars was paid, just one dollar a second.

It appears that the Gotham lawmakers have no regular chaplain, but prayers are formally said in both houses. The local parsons and priests in Troy and Albany take turns, subject to the call of the Senate and Assembly clerks. There is no distinction made in a denominational way, but those who make the shortest prayers are generally the most popular. Hence it is that the five second sprinter is now booked for a series of prayers during the ensuing session.

Sometimes a minister inject into his prayer a warm invocation for at spiritual regeneration of Democrats, then the Republicans close their eyes, smile inwardly and look outwardly serious. In other cases it is vice versa. There is no rule to guide the shape a prayer may take. During the present session one preacher asked God to put wisdom in the Senatorial head, so that the Excise bill would be defeated. He entered into a regular stump speech, and wound up with an exhortation to expel the Jesuits from the country. He received five dollars for his effort, but strict orders were issued never to call on him again. The whole arrangement seems very much like a burlesque.

### THE RECENT SPRING ELECTIONS.

BOTH the great parties are claiming advantages in the recent spring elections all through the East. Judging from the returns, however, the Republicans seem to have the best of it. In Ohio, Wisconsin and Michigan they have made decided gains. The cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Akron, and several others of the larger Ohio towns show decided gains for the Republicans.

Wisconsin has a Democratic governor and a Democratic legislature. The mayor of Milwaukee is a Democrat. Two years ago he was elected by a majority of 7000; on last Tuesday the same man received only 3000 majority. The German Lutherans who deserted the Republican party two years ago, owing to

the Bennett Compulsory education law, are returning. The Republican gains in Milwaukee are seen in the German Lutheran wards. Several of the smaller towns which gave Peck a majority for governor, went Republican.

In Michigan the cities of Jackson, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Bay City and a few others went Republican. Detroit, however, remains strongly Democratic. Michigan is regarded as one of the doubtful States, but owing to the Presidential elector bill passed by the last legislature, making electors returnable by congressional districts, the situation there is made still more interesting.

Though the Republicans are deriving much comfort from their recent successes, yet the Democrats contend that the reverses on their side are owing to purely local contentions, and that on national issues all these cities and towns are secure for their party.

### JOURNALISTIC RIGHTS AND COURTESIES.

WE find it necessary once more to refer to a matter which we hoped was settled and would not be revived. After the declaration of the First Presidency of the Church concerning the alleged "Church influence" at the Logan election was published, we made some comments on the subject and offered a few words of caution and advice to our friends of both parties.

The Logan Journal published the editorial with flaming headlines, saying: "The DESERET NEWS—Denounces the Disgraceful Methods by Which the Republican Party Carried the Logan Election.—Falsehood in Politics is Falsehood in Faith Saith the Church Organ." Our attention was drawn to these headlines by adherents of both parties, and we protested against the attachment of headlines to editorials from this paper which convey, by implication, a partizan meaning that we never intended and which is not warranted by the text of the articles." The Journal has seen fit to respond with the annexed editorial remarks, and that is why we refer to the matter again:

"The News finds fault with our headlines because they 'tend to color' articles over which they may be placed. We would respectfully remind that paper and all others that we write our own headlines, and arrange them to suit our own taste. We clip from other newspapers whatever we choose to republish, and we always give due credit to the paper from which such matter is taken. We are not as old in the newspaper business as some others, but we have yet to learn that any organ may stipulate the terms upon which its articles may be reproduced by another.

"It is not a rule of our making, but one which has existed since the freedom of the press has been recognized, that no public newspaper shall designate which of its productions shall be reproduced by other newspapers, nor declare the manner in which comment thereon shall be made.

"We claim the right to publish our own paper, to republish such articles from others as may strike our fancy, to place them on whatever page or in whatever column we see proper, to use whatever type that is pleasing to our taste, to make such comments as in our opinion they

deserve and to arrange whatever head for them we like.

"We wish it to be generally understood that while we are ever willing to be advised as to the policy of this paper, we cannot allow other editors to arrange its matter nor dictate as to what column or page, or in what type we set our comments on their productions."

That there may be no mistake as to what we said, we here append the article to which the Journal has taken exception:

"We are pleased to see articles taken from the DESERET NEWS republished by our country contemporaries. They are welcome to copy anything they find in our columns that suits them. The more they clip the better it will serve our purpose, which is, the spread of intelligence and the maintenance of truth and liberty. But we desire to enter a protest against the attachment of headlines to editorials from this paper, which convey by implication a partizan meaning that we never intended and which is not warranted by the text of the articles.

"To be plain, we refer now to an article which has appeared in recent issues of the Logan Journal, headed: 'The Deseret News—Denounces the Disgraceful Methods by Which the Republican Party Carried the Logan Election.' These headings displayed in bold type tend to color the whole article over which they appear. Without them, there is nothing to indicate that a reflection was sought to be cast by the DESERET NEWS on any party. We consider it unfair to this paper, and unfair to the party named, to construe in this manner our remarks as specially applicable and condemnatory of one party more than the other.

With the merits of the controversy between the two parties in Logan over the recent election we have nothing to say. And we think, with all candor and with due respect to both, that the sooner they drop the unprofitable contention the better. But on general principles, we have expressed our opposition to the use of the names of Church authorities to influence voters one way or another. No matter who has done this, it is wrong and to be strongly condemned.

But the DESERET NEWS has not said the Republican party or anybody belonging to it has done so. Therefore, while the Journal does not say exactly that we have, this is the natural inference from its headlines, and we hope this will not be continued. If editors wish to draw inferences or conclusions from any remarks of ours, they would be more appropriate in their own editorial columns. And even there, it would not be fair to apply specially to a person or a party, remarks we only intended for general application.

If our friends in Cache Valley will permit us to offer them a little friendly advice, without any design of infringing upon their perfect independence, we would say, brethren cease this contention over a past issue, accept the situation, avoid recrimination, build up your beautiful city with mutual effort, and advocate your respective political principles on rational grounds, free from personalities and those aggravating reflections that drive roots of bitterness deep down in the hearts of those who should be friends even if they do not see alike in all things.

We republish both articles that it