

*compos mentis*, if such facts are known to the agent filing such petition, and the public uses to which the United States desire to put the said land, and shall require all persons interested in the said land to come forward on a day to be specified in said notice, and file their objections, if any they have, to the proposed condemnation of said land.

An. Code, sec. 9. 1904, sec. 9. 1888, sec. 9. 1874, ch. 395, sec. 5.

9. At the time specified in said notice, or at the earliest convenient day thereafter, it shall be the duty of the said court to proceed to hear and determine upon said petition, and the objections, if any, filed against the proposed condemnation; and the said court may order such witnesses to be summoned, and hear such evidence as may be produced before it by the respective parties, to show the necessity or impropriety of the proposed condemnation; and if the said court shall determine that condemnation of the said lands or other real property ought not to be had, it shall dismiss said petition, at the cost of the United States; but if it shall determine that condemnation of the land in said petition described ought to be had by the United States, it shall pass an order directing the clerk of said court, under his hand and the seal of said court, to issue a warrant to the sheriff of the county wherein said land lies, requiring him to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said county not interested in the land to be valued to meet on or near the land to be valued on a day named in said summons, not less than ten nor more than twenty days after issuing the same; provided, five days' notice thereof be given to the owner, reputed owner or agent of such owner of the lands proposed to be condemned.

An. Code, sec. 10. 1904, sec. 10. 1888, sec. 10. 1874, ch. 395, sec. 6.

10. If at the time named in such summons any of said jurors summoned do not attend, the said sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make up the number of twenty, and from them each party or his agent, or if either be not present in person or by agent, the sheriff for said party may strike four jurors, and the remaining jurors shall act as the jury of inquest of damages.

An. Code, sec. 11. 1904, sec. 11. 1888, sec. 11. 1874, ch. 395, sec. 7.

11. Before the said jury shall proceed to act, the sheriff shall administer to each juror an oath that he will justly and impartially value the damages which the owner will sustain by the use or permanent occupation of the land required by the United States.

An. Code, sec. 12. 1904, sec. 12. 1888, sec. 12. 1874, ch. 395, sec. 8.

12. The jury shall summon such witnesses as the parties may require, and examine them on oath in relation to the value of the property to be condemned; and they shall reduce the testimony, if any be taken by them to writing, and after the testimony is closed, and without any unnecessary delay, they shall ascertain and determine the compensation which ought to